

snapper management issues and develop recommendations.

3:00 p.m.- 4:30 p.m.—Convene the Migratory Species Management Committee to consider a NMFS proposal for an area closed to pelagic longline fishing.

All other previously published information remains unchanged.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by January 10, 2000.

Dated: December 23, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 110299C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 932-1489-01

AGENCIES: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding and Response Program (MMHSRP), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, has been issued an amendment to scientific research and enhancement Permit No. 932-1489-01.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 25, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 14435) that a request for a scientific research and enhancement permit to take all species in the Orders Cetacea, Pinnipedia, Sirena, and polar bear, sea otter and marine otter had been submitted by the above-named organization. The permit was issued July 2, 1999 (64 FR 37933) under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-227), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*) to only take species of the Orders Cetacea and Pinnipedia (except walrus). The Permit is amended to include species of Order Sirenia and polar bear, sea and marine otters. The amendment is issued under authority of the above citations and the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), applicable regulations (50 CFR part 18), ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and applicable regulations (50 CFR part 17).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-9250 (978/281-9250);

Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070;

Southeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 9721

Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (727/570-5301);

Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 west Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001);

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/943-1221);

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (1-800-358-2104);

Field Supervisor, Jacksonville Field Office, 6620 South Point Drive South, Suite 310, Jacksonville, FL 32216-0312 [904-232-2580, Fax: 904-232-2404];

Field Supervisor, Ventura Field Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003 [805-644-1766, Fax: 805-644-3958]; and

Marine Mammals Management, 1101 E. Tudor Road, Anchorage, AK 99503-6199 [907-786-3800, Fax: 907-786-3816].

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: December 20, 1999.

Kristen Nelson,

Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120999G]

National Plan of Action for the Reduction of Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability; schedule change; public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States, through a collaborative effort of NMFS and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (FWS), announces the availability of a draft National Plan of Action for the Reduction of Incidental Catch of Seabirds in Longline Fisheries (NPOA-Seabirds). The United States, through