

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the 81st Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held July 21, through 25, 1996, at Westin Canal Place, New Orleans, Louisiana. The meeting is open to the public. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the states, counties, and cities of the United States, and private sector representatives. The interim meeting of the conference, held in January, 1996, as well as the annual meeting, bring together enforcement officials, other government officials, and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations to discuss subjects that relate to the field of weights and measures technology and administration.

Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 272(B)(6)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology acts as a sponsor of the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the States in the complex of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the States of commercial weighting and measuring. **DATE:** The meeting will be held July 21–25, 1996.

LOCATION: Westin Canal Place New Orleans, Louisiana.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gibril M. Ugiansky, Executive Secretary, National Conference on Weights and Measures, P.O. Box 4025, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20885. Telephone: (301) 975–4005.

Dated: July 8, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on August 13–15, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Caravelle Hotel, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands.

Council address: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, PR 00918–2577.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council; telephone: (787) 766–5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 89th regular public meeting to discuss the First Amendment to the Coral Fishery Management Plan, among other topics.

The Council will convene on August 14, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and August 15, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, approximately.

The Administrative Committee will meet on August 13, 1996, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to discuss administrative matters regarding Council operation.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or requests for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 8, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,
Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee, Surfclam Ocean Quahog Committee, and Surfclam Ocean Quahog Advisory Panel will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 23, 1996, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Days Inn, 4101 Island Avenue,

Philadelphia, PA, telephone 215–492–0400.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review Stock Assessment Review Committee issues raised concerning methods, models, and surveys; review National Fisheries Institute/NMFS Data Needs meeting held in Woods Hole; review of proposals submitted for research work aboard commercial vessels; review of modeling, field studies, and assessment schedules.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: July 8, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification 4 to permit 847 (P211E) and modification 4 to permit 822 (P500B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued modifications to two permits that authorize takes of Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) and the Fish Passage Center at Portland, OR (FPC).

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modifications to permits were issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on April 1, 1996 (61 FR 14296) that an application had been filed by ODFW (P211E) for modification 4 to scientific research/enhancement permit 847. Modification 4 to permit 847 was issued to ODFW on June 28, 1996. Permit 847 authorizes ODFW annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with supplementation programs at the Imnaha River and Lookingglass Creek Hatcheries. For Modification 4, ODFW is authorized to retain 50 percent of the adult, ESA-listed, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated salmon that return to the Imnaha River weir in 1996 for hatchery broodstock; to release the adult, ESA-listed, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated salmon not retained for broodstock above the weir for natural spawning as long as the number of hatchery-produced adult releases does not exceed the number of naturally-produced adult releases; and to retain two naturally-produced jacks (age three males) and two artificially-propagated jacks for broodstock for every five females retained, up to a maximum fertilization of 10 percent of the 1996 brood eggs. ODFW is also authorized to release all of the naturally-produced jacks not retained for broodstock above the weir for natural spawning and to sacrifice all of the surplus hatchery jacks so that they do not dominate the population of males above the weir site. Modification 4 is valid in 1996 only.

Permit 847 expires on March 31, 1998.

Notice was published on May 7, 1996 (61 FR 20514) that an application had been filed by FPC (P500B) for modification 4 to scientific research/monitoring permit 822. Modification 4 to permit 822 was issued to FPC on July 3, 1996. Permit 822 authorizes FPC annual takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, endangered, Snake River

sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with scientific research/monitoring activities at upstream locations and at the hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. For Modification 4, FPC is authorized an increase in the number of juvenile, ESA-listed, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the operation of a second airlift sampler at John Day Dam during the annual juvenile outmigration. Also for modification 4, FPC is authorized an increase in the number of juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River sockeye salmon to be captured and handled, and an increase in the resulting indirect mortality of these fish, associated with an increase in the estimate of the number of ESA-listed sockeye salmon juveniles expected to outmigrate in 1996. In addition, FPC is authorized an incidental take of adult and jack, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with fallbacks through the juvenile bypass systems at Bonneville and John Day Dams on the Columbia River. FPC is also authorized a modification of their sampling protocol for monitoring juvenile salmonids for symptoms of nitrogen gas bubble trauma. Modification 4 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 822 expires on December 31, 1997.

Issuance of the permit modifications, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: July 5, 1996.
Robert C. Ziobro,
Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 928 (P351E)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 928 submitted by Ms. Olga von Ziegesar, North Gulf Oceanic Society, P.O. Box 15244, Homer, AK 99603, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 20, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 25210) that an amendment of permit no. 928, issued July 18, 1994 (59 FR 37745), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of 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.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 928 authorizes the harassment of up to 100 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually during repeated approaches for photo-identification studies in Prince William Sound and in the area from the Copper River Delta to Kachemak Bay, Alaska.

Amendment No. 1 to permit no. 928 authorizes the harassment of up to 400 humpback whales per year during photo-identification studies, of which up to 100 whales may be biopsy sampled over a four year period; export of the biopsy samples collected; and expansion of the research area to include all Alaskan waters.

Issuance of this Permit as required by the ESA of 1973 was based on a finding that the 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.