

approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 26, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,  
*Acting Departmental Forms Clearance  
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## **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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### **Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council), its Administrative Committee, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and the Advisory Panel (AP) will hold meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on March 25-28, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Marriott's Frenchman's Reef Beach Resort, St. Thomas, 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: (809) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will hold its 88th regular public meeting to discuss the Third Amendment to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and the First Amendment to the Coral FMP, among other topics.

The Council will convene on March 27, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on March 28, from 9:00 a.m. until approximately 12:00 noon.

The Administrative Committee will meet on March 26, from 2:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m., to discuss administrative matters regarding Council operations.

The SSC and AP will meet on March 25, 1996, from 10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., to discuss the management alternatives for amendments to the Coral and Reef Fish FMPs.

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. There will be simultaneous translation (Spanish-English) at the AP meeting only.

### **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.

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Richard H. Schaefer,  
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Management, National Marine Fisheries  
Service.*

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### **Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 20, 1996, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn-Fort Brown, 1900 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, TX; telephone: 210-546-2201.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Atran, Biologist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Law Enforcement Advisory Panel will review preliminary versions of two draft amendments to fishery management plans (FMP). Draft Amendment 9 to the Shrimp FMP addresses shrimp trawl bycatch and possible requirements for bycatch reduction devices. Draft Amendment 14 to the Reef Fish FMP addresses a possible permanent license limitation system for fish trap users and options for a ban on fish traps in Federal waters off of southwest Florida. This amendment also contains options to revise the reef fish framework procedure for setting total allowable catch, and to change the transferability provisions for reef fish vessel permits when transferring between vessel owners and

operators who are the income qualifiers for the permit.

### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is 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 **ADDRESSES**) by March 13, 1996.

Dated: February 22, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,  
*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and  
Management, National Marine Fisheries  
Service.*

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### **Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of reports; notice of public meetings and hearings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 1996 ocean salmon fisheries. This notice announces the availability of Council documents and the dates and locations of Council meetings and public hearings. These actions comprise the complete schedule of events followed by the Council for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon management measures.

**DATES:** Written comments on the season options must be received by April 3, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations of public meetings and hearings.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Coon, Salmon Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

March 1, 1996: Council reports that summarize the 1995 salmon season and project the expected salmon stock abundance for 1996 are available to the public from the Council office.

March 11-15, 1996: Council and advisory entities meet at the Red Lion Hotel Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR, to

adopt 1996 regulatory options for public review.

March 25, 1996: Report with proposed management options and public hearing schedule is mailed to the public. (The report includes options, rationale, and summary of biological and economic impacts.)

April 1–2, 1996: Public hearings are held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery regulatory options adopted by the Council. All public hearings begin at 7 p.m. on the dates and at the locations specified below.

April 1, 1996: Westport High School Commons, 2850 S. Montesano Street, Westport, WA.

April 1, 1996: Pony Village Motor Inn, Ballroom, Virginia Avenue, North Bend, OR.

April 2, 1996: Red Lion Inn, Chinook Room, 400 Industry, Astoria, OR.

April 2, 1996: Red Lion Inn, Evergreen Room, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA.

April 8–12, 1996: Council and its advisory entities meet at the Holiday Inn San Francisco International Airport North, South San Francisco, CA, to adopt final 1996 regulatory measures.

April 18, 1996: Newsletter describing adopted ocean salmon fishing management measures is mailed to the public.

April 12–23, 1996: Salmon Technical Team completes "Preseason Report III Analysis of Council Adopted Regulatory Measures for 1996 Ocean Salmon Fisheries."

May 1, 1996: Federal regulations implemented and preseason report III available for distribution to the public.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326–6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Richard H. Schaefer,  
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Service.

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of a request to extend permit 962 (P509B), and

issuance of modification 2 to permit 878.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Carlos Diez and Robert van Dam from the University of Central Florida (P509B) have applied in due form to extend Permit 962. Notice is also given that modification 2 has been issued to permit 878, held by Florida Department of Environmental Protection (P553). Both permits authorize the take of listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 must be received on or before April 1, 1996.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226 (301–713–1401);

or  
Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432 (813–893–3141).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The holders of Permit 962 request an extension from 1 year to 5 years, under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217–227). No other change to the current authorization is requested. The current permit authorizes the hand capture of 200 listed hawksbill sea turtles (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and 20 listed green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*), to be examined, photographed, measured, and tagged. The research location is Mona and Monito Islands, PR (18°05' N., 67°54' W.). Some of the turtles may be lavaged, have blood or scute samples taken, or have time-depth recorders attached. A four-year extension would authorize this take annually until May 31, 2000. The goal of the research is to provide information on the ecology and population dynamics of the hawksbill that will make it possible to improve the effectiveness of management efforts, addressing the following recovery plan priorities: (1) The identification of important marine habitats, (2) the determination of adult and juvenile

distribution and abundance, (3) the determination of sex ratios in the juvenile population, (4) the evaluation of the extent of ingestion of persistent marine debris, (5) the determination of growth rates and age at sexual maturity, and (6) the quantification of threats to adults and juveniles on foraging grounds. In justification for the extension of this permit, recovery plans and other publications indicate that studies such as abundance, distribution, growth rates, and sex ratios should be conducted for at least 10 years.

Permit 878 authorizes research on loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill, and leatherback sea turtles in Florida waters. Some turtles are authorized for blood samples, laparoscopic examinations, lavage, and tumor collection. The purpose of the research is to investigate life histories, habitat requirements, migratory behaviors, and threats to the species. On February 20, 1996, Modification 2 was issued to Permit 878, increasing the number of listed sea turtles authorized to receive telemeters from 15 to 30. Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such modification: (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of this modification, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the request to extend Permit 962 should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these permit summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

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of Protected Resources, National Marine  
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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for modifications to three scientific