

**INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Mansfield and Danvers, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978)465-0492.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Meeting Dates and Agendas**

*Friday, February 22, 2002, 9:30 a.m.--* Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting.

*Location:* Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508)339-2200.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to discuss Amendment 10 to the Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The Committee will first discuss Amendment 10 to the Scallop FMP. The committee will evaluate habitat and bycatch technical advice from the joint meeting of the Habitat Technical Team, the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT), and the Scallop PDT. Recommendations will be developed for draft alternatives in Scallop FMP Amendment 10 to minimize, to the extent practicable, bycatch and habitat impacts from scallop fishing.

The Committee will then discuss Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. Amendment 13 will establish rebuilding programs for overfished groundfish stocks, and will also end overfishing on stocks in that condition. The Committee will review available information on the biological objectives for the FMP, including the mortality and biomass targets for stocks such as Gulf of Maine cod. The Committee will also explore alternatives for crafting management recommendations for Amendment 13 that will incorporate additional input and advice from New England fishermen. The Committee is considering an approach that would have management measures in geographic areas developed by fishermen that fish in those areas. The details, advantages, and limitations of this approach will be discussed and the Committee will prepare a recommendation for the Council. Finally, the Committee will continue its review and development of specific management alternatives for further analysis.

The Committee's discussion on Amendment 13 may be influenced by a pending court order in the matter of Conservation Law Foundation et al. v. Donald Evans et al. Should a court order be issued prior to the meeting, the Committee's discussions will include an evaluation of the impacts of that order on the development of Amendment 13. This court order may also constrain or expand the Committee's discussions on measures that are to be used for Amendment 13.

*Monday, February 25, 2002, 9:30 a.m.--* Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

*Location:* Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

The Oversight Committee will continue development of management alternatives for Draft Amendment 10 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The committee will evaluate habitat and bycatch technical advice from the joint meeting of the Habitat Technical Team, the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT), and the Scallop PDT. Recommendations will be developed for draft alternatives in Scallop FMP Amendment 10 to minimize, to the extent practicable, bycatch and habitat impacts from scallop fishing. Other issues and measures associated with Amendment 10 may also be developed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

February 4, 2002.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 020402A]

#### **Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued permit 1303 to Dr. R. Michael Laurs, of Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) (1303).

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, F/PR1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-2289, fax: 301-713-0376).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Becker, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-2319, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Lillian.Becker@noaa.gov)

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Electronic Access**

To view the final version of Permit 1303 go to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot-res/PR1/Permits/pr1permits-review.html>.

##### **Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

**Sea Turtles: Species Covered in This Notice**

The following species are covered in this notice:

- Threatened and endangered green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)
- Endangered leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
- Threatened loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)
- Threatened and endangered Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)

**Permit Issued**

Notice was published on May 10, 2001 (66 FR 23882) that Dr. R. Michael Laurs, of Southwest Fisheries Science Center applied for a scientific research permit (1303). The applicant requested authorization to allow take of listed sea turtles while conducting experiments on methods for reducing sea turtle take by longline fisheries in the Pacific Ocean and to allow import of living, deeply hooked sea turtles for treatment and rehabilitation. Permit 1303 expires December 31, 2005.

Dated: February 5, 2002.

**David Cottingham,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0101]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Drug-Free Workplace**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning drug-free workplace. The clearance currently expires April 30, 2002.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0101, Drug-Free Workplace, in all correspondence.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Laura Smith, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 208-7279.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****A. Purpose**

The FAR clause at FAR 52.223-6, Drug-Free Workplace, requires (1) contract employees to notify their employer of any criminal drug statute conviction for a violation occurring in the workplace; and (2) Government contractors, after receiving notice of such conviction, to notify the contracting officer.

The information provided to the Government is used to determine contractor compliance with the statutory requirements to maintain a drug-free workplace.

**B. Annual Reporting Burden**

*Respondents:* 600.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 600.

*Hours Per Response:* .17.

*Total Burden Hours:* 102.

**Obtaining Copies of Proposals**

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVP), Room 4035, 1800 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0101, Drug-Free Workplace, in all correspondence.

Dated: February 5, 2002.

**Al Matera,**

*Director, Acquisition Policy Division.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION****NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION**

[OMB Control No. 9000-0056]

**Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Report of Shipment**

**AGENCIES:** Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

**ACTION:** Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning report of shipment. The clearance currently expires on April 30, 2002.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Linda Klein, Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.