

4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Stram, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Workgroup will receive background information on salmon bycatch patterns, stock of origin information and methodology for establishment of previous catch limits for salmon species in the Bering Sea Aleutian Island trawl fisheries. Plans for development of Workgroup recommendations for options of catch limits (hard caps and trigger caps) by species during the May Workgroup meeting.

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 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 5, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040507E]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel and Golden Crab Advisory Panel, in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meetings will take place May 1-3, 2007. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: (800) 334-6660 or (843) 571-1000; fax: (843) 766-9444.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel will meet from 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. on May 1, 2007, and from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on May 2, 2007.

The Rock Shrimp Advisory Panel will meet jointly with the Golden Crab Advisory Panel from 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. on May 2, 2007. The Golden Crab Advisory Panel will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on May 3, 2007.

Both the Rock Shrimp and Golden Crab Advisory Panels (APs) will receive the following presentations: (1) an overview of the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan (FEP), (2) deepwater coral habitats in the South Atlantic Region, and (3) Vessel Monitoring Systems and electronic logbooks currently in use by the Gulf of Mexico shrimp fishery. Following the presentations, advisory panel members will discuss and provide recommendations on the development of allowable gear zones and designations of deepwater coral areas as Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs) as alternatives to be included in the Council's Comprehensive Amendment to the FEP. The Rock Shrimp AP and Golden Crab AP will meet jointly to discuss common fishing areas.

In addition, the Rock Shrimp AP will provide recommendations regarding the current "Use it or Lose it" provision for the rock shrimp fishery. The provision, created as part of a limited access program for the rock shrimp fishery through Amendment 5 to the Shrimp Fishery management Plan (FMP) for the South Atlantic Region, states that if a limited access rock shrimp permit is "not active" during a 48 month period (4 calendar years) it will not be renewed and criteria will be applied to put the permit back in the limited access rock shrimp fishery. A rock shrimp limited access permit is defined as inactive when the vessel it is attached to has less

than 15,000 pounds of documented rock shrimp harvest from the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) within the South Atlantic Council's area of jurisdiction in a calendar year. The Rock Shrimp AP will also provide a description of the rock shrimp fishery and the royal red shrimp fishery for inclusion in the FEP. The Golden Crab AP will provide a description of the golden crab fishery for the FEP as well.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, 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 Fishery Conservation and Management 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 auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meetings. Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: April 5, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.040407A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1814-01

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Center for Ocean Health - Long Marine Laboratory, University of California, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 984-1814.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Swails or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 15, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 7419) that an amendment of Permit No. 984-1814, issued June 21, 2006 (71 FR 37060), 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 984-1814 authorized the permit holder to capture up to 20 adult Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) and disturb up to 30 adult and 10 juvenile seals annually in McMurdo Sound, Antarctica. The animals have a data logger/video system attached, muscle biopsies and blood samples collected, and blubber thickness measured. The permit also authorizes up to 3 research-related mortalities per year. The amendment changes the field season for this project from five August to December field seasons over 5 years to three back to back field seasons over the course of two research years. Researchers will capture 50 Weddell seals annually for 2 years instead of 20 annually over the course of 5 years. Researchers will attach data logger/video systems to 24 adult seals and another 24 seals will have time-depth recorders attached annually. Researchers will measure metabolic rates of all captured seals using open-flow respirometry.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 5, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030507C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 373-1868

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Point Reyes Bird Observatory (PRBO) Conservation Science (Dr. William J. Sydeman, Responsible Party), 3820 Cypress Drive, # 11 Petaluma, CA 94954 has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on pinnipeds in California.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jaclyn Daly or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 6, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 64943) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

A permit has been issued to PRBO to conduct scientific research on pinnipeds. A maximum of 300 harbor seals and 3,050 elephant seals will be captured or handled per year over a five year period, and an estimated 300 elephant seals, 5,150 harbor seals, 600 California sea lions, and five northern fur seals per year will be incidentally disturbed during pinniped research operations.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42

U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 4, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Patent and Trademark Financial Transactions

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 11, 2007.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0043 comment" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

- *Mail:* Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information should be directed to Tamara McClure, Office of Finance, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 571-272-6345; or by e-mail to Tamara.McClure@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

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