

Each evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meetings during the site visits.

DATES AND TIMES: The Hudson River (New York) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held December 1–4, 2008. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Hudson River National Estuarine Research Reserve, Norrie Point Environmental Center, 256 Norrie Point Way, Staatsburg, New York.

The California Coastal Commission evaluation site visit will be held December 8–12, 2008. Two public meetings will be held during the week. The first public meeting will be held on Monday, December 8, 2008, at 7 p.m. at the Ventura County Board of Supervisors Chambers, 800 South Victoria Avenue, Ventura, California. The second public meeting will be held on Friday, December 12, 2008, at 9 a.m. at San Francisco City Hall, Legislative Chamber Room 250, 1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place, San Francisco, California.

ADDRESSES: Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the last public meeting held for a Program. Please direct written comments to Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Florida, Alaska, and Alabama Coastal Management Programs (CMP) and the San Francisco Bay (CA) National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing

review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The states of Florida, Alaska, and Alabama were found to be implementing and enforcing their federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. The San Francisco Bay NERR was found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or Kate.Barba@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563–1182.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: November 4, 2008.

Christopher C. Cartwright,
CFO/CAO, NOAA's National Ocean Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XL79

Marine Mammals; File No. 87–1851

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Daniel P. Costa, Department of Biology and Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz, CA, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 87–1851–00.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before December 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available 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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427–2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 87–1851.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams,
(301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment is requested 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. 87–1851–00, issued on January 29, 2007 (72 FR 5680), authorizes tagging studies and physiological research on seals in Antarctica, including crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), and Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*). The permit also authorizes research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) to investigate foraging, diving, energetics, food habits, and at-sea distribution along the California coast. Incidental harassment of California sea lions, harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga augustirostris*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) is authorized. The permit expires on January 31, 2012.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to expand the geographic area where research is conducted in Antarctica to include the Weddell Sea. No other changes are requested. The permit holder requests the changes proposed in the amendment be for the duration of the permit.

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

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

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

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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) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 9–10, 2008. The Council will convene on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Administrative Committee will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., on that same day. The Council will reconvene on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., approximately.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Hotel, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 129th regular Council meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

December 9, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Consideration of the 128th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription
Executive Director's Report
Bajo de Sico Scoping Meeting Results
Queen Conch Manual - Final Report
Nassau Grouper Initiative Report
-Nassau Grouper Workshop Report
-WECAFC
-Aquaculture Project in Colombia
Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) National Workshop
ACLs National Guidelines Update

December 9, 2008, 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Administrative Committee Meeting
-Advisory Panel (AP)/SSC/Habitat AP Membership
-Budget 2008/09
-SOPPs Amendment(s)
-Other Business

December 10, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PARFISH Update
Lion Fish Update
Enforcement Reports
-Puerto Rico - DNER
-U.S. Virgin Islands - DPNR
-NOAA/NMFS
-U.S. Coast Guard
Administrative Committee

Recommendations

Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (5-minute presentations)
Other Business

Next Council Meeting
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.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during these meetings. Actions 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 that 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.

For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920; telephone: (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

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

RIN 0648-XL71

North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, December 10–16, 2008, in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10 continuing through Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 8 and continue through Friday December 12. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 8 and continue through Wednesday, December 10, 2008. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 9, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include