

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 December 11–12, 1996.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Ponce Hilton Hotel, Ponce, Puerto Rico.

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 90th regular public meeting to discuss the Third Amendment to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan, and the Queen Conch Survey, among other topics.

The Council will convene on December 11, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and December 12, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to noon, approximately.

The Administrative Committee will meet on December 10, 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: November 25, 1996.

George H. Darcy,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 111496B]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P772#70)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038–0271, has applied in due form for a permit to take all species of cetacea, pinnipedia, sirenia and marine and sea otters for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before January 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses.

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), 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.*), the regulations governing the taking,

importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant proposes to obtain samples from all species of cetacea (whales, porpoises and dolphins), pinnipedia (seals and walrus), sirenia (manatees and dugongs), and marine and sea otters. Samples will be collected, imported, exported and re-imported from salvaged individuals that were: Directly taken in fisheries for such animals in countries and situations where such taking is legal; killed incidental to fishing or other operations; found dead at sea or beached; found dead of natural causes; and/or collected from captive animals.

Documentation is available at the following locations:

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213 (310/980–4001);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bin C15700, Seattle Washington 98115–0070 (206/526–6150);

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298 (508/281–9250);

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432 (813/570–5301);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668 (907/586–7221); and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Room 432, Arlington, VA 22203 (1–800–358–2104).

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

Dated: November 14, 1996.

Margaret Tieger,

Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of Management Authority, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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