

4. 1996 NWHI lobster quota;
5. Federal-State trap mesh size;
6. Concerns from the region (American Samoa, Guam/Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii);
7. Crustaceans Fishery Management Plan Milestones (1997-1999);
8. Lobster research;
9. Vessel Monitoring System evaluation; and
10. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

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

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Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 27 and 28, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Executive Center, 1088 Bishop St., Room 4003, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 539-3000.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. 1995 annual report (including recommendations from American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii and region-wide; improvement and standardization of models);
2. Status of Department of Land and Natural Resources progress with

management plan for overfished Main Hawaiian Island onaga and ehu;

3. Reconsideration of Northwestern Hawaiian Islands management system (including biological and economic reviews);

4. Bottomfish Fishery Management Plan Milestones (1997-1999); and

5. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

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

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Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Pelagics Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 20-21, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Executive Center, 1088 Bishop St., Room 4003, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 539-3000.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The plan team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. 1995 annual report (including recommendations from American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii and region-wide; improvements to modules);
2. Pelagics Fishery Management Plan Milestones (1997-1999);

3. Status of Small Boat Pelagic Fisheries Working Group recommendations;

4. Explanation of 1994 decline in Hawaii swordfish landings;

5. Longline observer program: sampling design and 1-year data;

6. Longline bycatch issues (turtles, albatross, sharks);

7. Status of Pelagic Fisheries Research Program;

8. Swordfish research plans; and

10. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

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

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits 984 and 986.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued Permit 984 to Drs. Mary Moser and Steve Ross of the University of North Carolina (P423B), and Permit 986 to the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Both permits authorize the take of listed shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on December 4, 1995 (60 FR 62075) that an application had been filed by Drs. Mary Moser and Steve W. Ross of the Center for Marine Science

Research, NC, to take listed shortnose sturgeon as authorized by 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 217-222). The applicants requested a 2-year permit to take shortnose sturgeon in the rivers of NC, to determine their distribution and habitat use. Adult shortnose sturgeon will be collected by gillnetting, weighed, measured, photographed, tagged, have tissue samples taken, and be released. Up to 10 of these adult shortnose sturgeon will be tagged with an ultrasonic transmitter, and tracked. Eggs and larvae will be collected to gather information on spawning sites. On February 14, 1996, as authorized by the ESA, NMFS issued Permit 984 authorizing this research.

Notice was published on September 28, 1995 (60 FR 50189) that an application had been filed by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. The applicant requested authorization for a 5-year scientific research permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon in the Southeast US. The purpose of the research is to develop strategies that can be applied by fisheries managers to aid in the recovery of shortnose sturgeon populations. Research will be conducted mainly on non-releasable captive shortnose sturgeon and their progeny, with a maximum take in the wild of 50 adult fish annually for population assessment and biological comparison with hatchery fish. Wild fish will be released following measurement, tagging, and the collection of tissue samples. On February 23, 1996, as authorized by the ESA, NMFS issued Permit 986 for this research.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that is the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 27, 1996.

Russell J. Bellmer,
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office
of Protected Resources, National Marine
Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 987 (P598).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Jim Darling, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, British Columbia, Canada VOR 2Z0., has been issued a permit to take (harass) humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

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

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/955-8831).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 25, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 2232) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to take up to 200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) over a 2-year period, by harassment in the course of behavioral and photo-identification studies and biopsy sampling in waters of the Hawaiian Islands. 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 1, 1996.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Additions to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee has received proposals to add to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

COMMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE: April 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions.

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, all entities of the Federal Government (except as otherwise indicated) will be required to procure the commodities and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.