

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 081800I]****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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Plan Development Team (HMS PDT) will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be Tuesday, September 26, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, September 27, 2000, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, September 28, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: On Tuesday and Wednesday, the work session will be held in the large conference room at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, Room D-203, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271; telephone: (619) 546-7000. On Thursday, the HMS PDT will meet at the Hubbs-SeaWorld Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109-7902; telephone: (619) 226-3870.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council; (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the work session is to continue development of the draft fishery management plan (FMP) for highly migratory species (HMS). Specific agenda topics include: review of FMP development to date; progress reports and presentations (stock assessments, maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and MSY proxy determination, shared stocks); Council guidance to the HMS PDT; bycatch; management data issues, current international and state regulations; analysis of pelagic longlines; and new work assignments.

Management measures that may be adopted in the FMP for HMS fisheries off the West Coast include permit and reporting requirements for commercial and recreational harvest of HMS resources, time and/or area closures to minimize gear conflicts or bycatch, adoption or confirmation of state

regulations for HMS fisheries, and allocations of some species to noncommercial use. The FMP is likely to include a framework management process to add future new measures, including the potential for collaborative management efforts with other regional fishery management councils with interest in HMS resources. It would also include essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern, including fishing and nonfishing threats, as well as other components of FMPs required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

The proposed FMP and its associated regulatory analyses would be the Council's fourth FMP for the exclusive economic zone off the West Coast. Development of the FMP is timely, considering the new mandates under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, efforts by the United Nations to promote conservation and management of HMS resources through domestic and international programs, and the increased scope of activity of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission in HMS fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the HMS PDT meeting agenda may come before the HMS PDT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal HMS PDT action during these meetings. HMS PDT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 HMS PDT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 18, 2000.

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.081500B]****Marine Mammals; File No. 358-1585**

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Wayne L. Regelin (Principal Investigator: Robert Small), Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 333 Raspberry Road, Anchorage, Alaska 99518, has applied in due form for a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), spotted seals (*Phoca largha*), ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*), and ribbon seals (*Phoca fasciata*) for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before September 25, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Simona Roberts or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests authority to take harbor seals, spotted seals, ringed seals, bearded seals and ribbon seals in Alaska. The applicant proposes to capture, sample and tag a total of 1,000 harbor seals, 500 spotted seals, 250 ringed seals, 250 bearded seals and 250 ribbon seals over a 5-year period throughout Alaska. Additionally, harbor seals may be incidentally harassed during scat collection and aerial surveys. Export of biological samples worldwide and collection of biological samples from subsistence harvested animals is also proposed.

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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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 request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

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: August 21, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Performance Review Board

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In conformance with the Civil Service Reform Act of 1978, 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the United States Patent and Trademark Office announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of its Performance Review Board.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Director, Office of Human Resources, United States Patent and Trademark Office, One Crystal Park, Suite 707, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sydney Rose at (703) 305-8062.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The membership of the United States Patent and Trademark Office Performance Review Board is as follows:

Clarence Crawford, Chair, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Administrative Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 2003

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H. Dieter Hoinkes, Deputy Administrator for Legislative and International Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 2003

Gerald R. Lucas, Deputy Chief Financial Officer/Administrative Officer, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20231, Term—expires September 30, 2001

Bruce Campbell, Executive Associate Director, Operations Support Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency, Washington, DC 20742, Term—expires September 30, 2002.

Dated: August 21, 2000.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Adaptation of Virus to Vertebrate Cells

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent Application Serial Number 09/534,724 entitled "Adaptation of Virus to Vertebrate Cells", filed March 24, 2000. Foreign rights are also available. This patent application has been assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army.

ADDRESSES: Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664. Both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The invention provides a method for replicating virus to higher titer in cultured mammalian cells by infecting the mammalian cells with the high titer virus strain to obtain infected cells. Specifically, attenuated dengue virus strains of serotype 1,2,3, and 4. The resulting replicated virus is suitable for use in vaccines and vaccination methods which are also provided by the invention.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Application Concerning Anthrax Vaccine

AGENCY: U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.