

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 091800B]****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 will convene its 75th meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will be held October 10-12, 2000. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone: (808-522-8220). *Council Address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items here. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

Tuesday, October 10, 2000, from 9 to 5 p.m.

1. Precious corals fishery
 - A. Status of 1999 framework adjustment regarding new harvesting requirements
 - B. Status of 2000 framework adjustment regarding Hawaiian Islands exploratory area quota increase
 - C. Process of defining new beds
 - D. September Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) research surveys
 - E. Precious Corals Plan Team/Advisory Panel recommendations
 - F. Review of Precious Corals Environmental Impact Statement(EIS)
2. Crustaceans Fishery Management Plan (FMP) issues
 - A. Status of research and stock assessment activities and plans
 - B. Plans for experimental fishery in NWHI
 - C. 5-Year review of Amendment 9
 - D. Status of litigation
 - E. Overcapitalization of the NWHI fishery
 - F. Review of the Crustaceans EIS

3. Bottomfish FMP issues
 - A. Status of litigation/observer program
 - B. Review of Bottomfish EIS

Wednesday, October 11, 2000, from 8:30 to 5 p.m.

1. Pelagic FMP issues
 - A. 2nd quarter 2000 Hawaii and American Samoa longline fishery report
 - B. American Samoan framework measure
 - C. Recreational fisheries
 - (i) Marine Recreational Fishing Statistical Survey
 - D. Shark management
 - (i) Blue shark stock assessment
 - (ii) Status of amendment 9
 - E. Seabird management
 - (i) Status of framework measures/biological opinion on Short-tail albatross
 - F. Turtle management
 - (i) Ongoing litigation
 - (ii) Draft EIS
 - (iii) Turtle Mitigation Working Group
 - G. NMFS overfishing/Maximum Sustainable Yield workshop
 - H. Transition Zone Chlorophyll Front
 - I. Pelagics research/ecological simulation model
 - J. Pelagics FMP 5-year review: Terms-of-reference
 - K. Palmyra Atoll- recreational/longline/handline area closures
 - L. International:
 - (i) Outcome of Multilateral High Level Conference 7
 - (ii) Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish 13
 - (iii) Food & Agricultural Organization consultation on illegal, unreported and unregulated fishing
 - M. Other issues

Thursday, October 12, 2000, from 8:30 to 5 p.m.

1. Ecosystem and Habitat
 - A. Draft Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP draft EIS
 - (i) Summary
 - (ii) Review of (initial) public comments
 - B. President's vision for NWHI coral reefs
 - (i) Department of Commerce/Department of the Interior recommendations
 - (ii) President's action
 - C. Other issues
 2. Other business
 - A. Status of Congressional legislation
 - B. Magnuson-Stevens Act legislation
 - C. Draft amendments to add fisheries off the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and the Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIA) to FMPs
 - D. Sustainable Fisheries Act overfishing amendments to FMPs

E. Status of bioprospecting operations
Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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

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 the meeting date.

Dated: September 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. 091100H]****Marine Mammals**

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment and request for emergency relocation of Hawaiian monk seals.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Honolulu Laboratory, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2396, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 848-1335 to allow for the emergency relocation of two Hawaiian monk seal (*Monachus schauinslandi*) pups.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI (808/973-2937).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to permit No. 848-1335, issued on June 10, 1997 (62 FR 32586) 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 (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).

The permit holder is currently authorized to conduct population assessment, disease assessment, recovery actions, and pelagic ecology studies of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll, through May 31, 2002. The permit holder is now requesting that the permit be amended to authorize the emergency relocation of two weaned Hawaiian monk seal pups in order to protect their health and well-being. The permit has been amended to authorize the relocation of the two animals, pursuant to § 216.33(e)(6) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216) which allows waiver of the 30-day public comment period. The remainder of the pending amendment application for this action is being processed according to 50 CFR 216.39.

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.

NMFS has forwarded copies of this amendment request to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 18, 2000.

Ann D. TerBush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 083100A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 981-1578-00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Peter L. Tyack, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Biology Department, 46 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has been issued a permit to take several species of cetaceans for scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 30, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 40613) that a request for a scientific research permit to take several species of cetaceans had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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 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 parts 222—226).

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.

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).

Dated: August 31, 2000.

Eugene Nitta,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 00-C0015]

Riello Corporation of America, a Corporation, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20. Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Riello Corporation of America, a corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$125,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by October 10, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 00-C0015, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jimmie L. Williams, Jr., Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, 1376.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: September 18, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

Settlement Agreement and Order

1. Riello Corporation of America ("RCA"), a corporation, enters into this Settlement Agreement and Order with the staff ("the staff") of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission ("the Commission") in accordance with 16 CFR part 1118 Section 20 of the Commission's Procedures for Investigations, Inspections, and Inquiries under the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA").