

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (NPFMC) will hold an essential fish habitat (EFH) committee meeting to review NMFS draft summary of EFH scoping comments, to identify significant issues and preliminary alternatives, and to determine staffing needs.

DATES: The EFH committee will meet at 12:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 18, 2001, and at 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 19, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The committee will meet in Sitka, AK, at the Northern Southeast Regional Aquaculture Association (NSRAA), 1308 Sawmill Creek Road, in the conference room.

Questions should be addressed to NMFS, Habitat Conservation Division, ATTN: Cindy Hartmann, 709 West 9th, Suite 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cindy Hartmann, NMFS, (907) 586-7585, e-mail: Cindy.Hartmann@noaa.gov; or Cathy Coon, NPFMC, (907) 271-2809, e-mail: Cathy.Coon@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The NPFMC's EFH committee was formally established by the NPFMC's acting executive director in May 2001. The committee was established in response to the need to prepare a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the EFH fishery management plan amendments. For further information about the SEIS, see the notice of intent to prepare an SEIS published in the Proposed Rules section of the **Federal Register** (66 FR 30396, June 6, 2001).

The function of the EFH Committee is to serve as a steering committee for the EFH EIS process. The Committee's overarching goal is to facilitate input by the industry, conservation community, Council, and general public to the EFH EIS process. More specifically, the Committee will assist in identifying: (1) The "significant issues" used to develop and evaluate proposed alternatives; (2) The alternatives for describing, identifying, and protecting EFH; (3) The means of determining possible fishery impacts on habitat; (4) and Interpreting existing information for development

and analysis of alternatives; (5) The alternatives for mitigating fishing gear impacts on habitat; (6) Alternative criteria and approaches that could be used to designate and manage HAPC areas; and (7) Identify and prioritize future research needs. Additionally, the committee will assist the agency with appointing and working with technical teams. This will be the third meeting of the EFH Committee. Prior meetings were held May 30 and August 13 and 14, 2001.

Agenda items for this meeting include:

1. Discussion of NMFS preliminary draft scoping report;
2. Committee recommendations to the NPFMC on significant issues;
3. Discussion of technical teams and their composition; and
4. EFH Committee tasks, timetable and next meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action 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 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 Cindy Hartmann, (907) 586-7235, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 24, 2001.

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. 082401E]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research/enhancement permit (1346).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received an application for a research/enhancement permit from Mr. Thomas McCormick, of Channel Islands Marine Resource Institute (CIMRI).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on October 1, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated here. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (phone:301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10 (a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS

regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this document should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Document

The following species are covered in this notice:

Mollusks

White Abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*)

New Applications Received

Application 1346

The applicant requests a 5-year permit to maintain captive bred white abalone for scientific research and enhancement at the CIMRI Hatchery. Research Activities include feeding studies, propagation studies and studies identified as goals for the long term recovery of the white abalone.

Dated: August 27, 2001.

Kellie Carter,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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[Docket No. A–2001–16; FRL–7042–4]

Draft Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols Manual

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Department of Energy, Environmental Protection Agency, Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability with request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD), Department of Energy (DOE), Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) are announcing for public comment the availability of a draft document, entitled the “Multi-Agency Radiological Laboratory Analytical Protocols” (MARLAP) Manual. MARLAP provides guidance for the planning, implementation and assessment phases of those projects which require laboratory analysis of radionuclides. The guidance is intended for project planners, managers and laboratory personnel. The MARLAP, when finalized, will be a multi-agency consensus document. The agencies are seeking public comment in order to receive feedback from the widest range of interested parties and to ensure that all information relevant to developing the document is received. The agencies will review public comments received on the draft MARLAP as well as comments from a concurrent, independent, scientific peer review.

Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in response to those comments.

DATES: Comments received by December 15, 2001 will be considered. Comments received after that date will be considered if it is practical to do so, but no assurance can be given for consideration of late comments.

ADDRESSES: Members of the public are invited and encouraged to submit comments to the following website <http://www.eml.doe.gov/marlap/>. Comments may also be submitted to either the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, ATTN: Air and Radiation Docket, Mail Stop 6102, Docket Number A–2001–16, Room M1500, First Floor Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460 or to the Chief, Rules and Directives Branch, Division of Administrative Services, Mail Stop T6D59, U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Washington, DC 20555–0001. All comments received will be reviewed by the entire MARLAP Workgroup. Copies of the draft MARLAP manual and all comments received may be examined or copied for a fee at the EPA Docket Room M1500, Docket Number A–2001–16, First Floor Waterside Mall, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; and the NRC Public Document Room, at U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission, Public Document Room, Washington, DC 20555. The EPA docket may be inspected from 8 am to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, excluding Federal holidays, in Room M1500 at the address above. The document is also available through the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). The NTIS document number is PB2001–106745, and the NTIS Sales Desk can be reached between 8:30 a.m. and 6 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday at 1–800–553–6847; TDD (hearing impaired only) at (703) 487–4639.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any of the following points of contact for each agency for technical information: EPA: John Griggs, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air, NAREL, 540 South Morris Avenue, Montgomery, AL 36115–2601, Phone Number: (334)270–3450, Email: griggs.john@epamail.epa.gov; Eric Reynolds, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Emergency and Remedial Response, Phone Number: (703)603–9928, Email: reynolds.eric@epamail.epa.gov; DoD: Air Force: Dale Thomas, Detachment 1, Human Systems Center/OEBA, 2402 E. Drive, Brooks AFB, TX 78235–5114, Phone Number: (210)536–5816, Email: