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In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at one of the following addresses:

1. *Submissions Via Express/Package Delivery Services:* Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building—Suite 4100W, 1099 14th St., NW., Washington, DC 20005; or

2. *Submissions Via the U.S. Postal Service:* Foreign-Trade-Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, FCB—Suite 4100W, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The closing period for their receipt is July 6, 2004. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to July 20, 2004).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at address Number 1 listed above, and at the U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, 521 East Morehead Street, Suite 435, Charlotte, NC 28217.

Dated: April 29, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 17-2004]

Foreign-Trade Zone 84—Houston, TX; Application for Subzone, Michelin North America (Tire and Tire Accessories Distribution), Houston, TX

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the Port of Houston Authority, grantee of FTZ 84, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the tire and tire accessory warehousing/distribution facility of Michelin North America (MNA), in Houston, Texas. The facility is located within the Houston-Galveston CBP port of entry. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-

81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR part 400). It was formally filed on April 29, 2004.

The MNA facility (1 building, 660,000 sq. ft. on 40.6 acres) is located at 8800 City Park Loop, Houston (Harris County), Texas. The facility (50 employees) is used for the warehousing and distribution of tires and tire accessories (including tire flaps, inner tubes and gaskets), activities which MNA intends to perform under FTZ procedures. Some 30 percent of the tires are sourced abroad. About 10 percent of MNA's tire sales are currently exported.

Zone procedures would exempt MNA from Customs duty payments on foreign products that are re-exported. On domestic sales, the company would be able to defer payments until merchandise is shipped from the plant. FTZ designation would further allow MNA to utilize certain Customs procedures resulting in increased efficiencies for its logistics and distribution operations. MNA would be able to avoid duty on foreign inputs which become scrap/waste, estimated at 1-3 percent of total inventory. FTZ status may also make a site eligible for benefits provided under State/local programs. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures will help improve the plant's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

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15600 John F. Kennedy Blvd., Suite 530, Houston, TX 77032.

Dated: April 29, 2004.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042904A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on May 17-20, 2004.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Westin Beach Resort, 97000 South Overseas Highway, Key Largo, FL; telephone: (305) 852-5553.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

May 19, 2004

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m.-11 a.m.—Receive public testimony on the Draft Reef Fish Amendment 22 (Red Snapper Rebuilding Plan) and Applications for Exempted Fishing Permits (if any).

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the National Mercury Working Group.

1 p.m.-1:30 p.m.—Receive the Habitat Protection Committee report.

1:30 p.m.-4 p.m.—Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

4 p.m.-4:30 p.m.—Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

4:30 p.m.-4:45 p.m.—(Closed Session) Receive the report of the Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee.

4:45 p.m.-5:15 p.m.—(Closed Session)—Receive the report of the Personnel Committee.

5:15 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—(Closed Session)—Receive the report of the

Council's Southeast Data and Review (SEDAR) Committee.

May 20, 2004

8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.—Receive the AP Selection Committee Report.

9 a.m.-9:15 a.m.—Receive the Personnel Committee report.

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.—Receive the Council SEDAR Committee report.

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.—Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committee report.

9:45 a.m.-10 a.m.—Receive a report on the Gulf States Marine Fishery Commission's Red Drum Meeting.

10 a.m.-10:15 a.m.—Receive a report on the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) Advisory Committee meeting.

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—Receive the report on Council Chairs meeting.

10:30 a.m.-10:45 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

10:45 a.m.-11 a.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

11 a.m.-11:30 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

11:30 a.m.-11:45 a.m.—Other Business

Committees

May 17, 2004

8:30 a.m.-9 a.m.—Convene the AP Selection Committee to appoint members of an Ad Hoc Advisory Panel for Offshore Marine Aquaculture.

9 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to receive a presentation by NMFS on impacts of liquefied natural gas facilities; receive a report on the Kemp's Ridley turtle meeting; and discuss the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP).

10:30 a.m.-12 noon—Convene the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Management Committee to review hearing comments on the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel Limited Access Scoping Document. The committees will also review and revise a Draft Scoping Document for Extension of the Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium.

1:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.—Convene with the Reef Fish Management Committee to discuss the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center's (SEFSC) bycatch reduction device (BRD) analyses. The committee will also review and take final action on the Final Reef Fish Amendment 22 (red snapper rebuilding program) and review the Public Hearing Draft of Vermilion Snapper Amendment 23 that contains alternatives for arresting overfishing of that stock by commercial and recreational fishermen. An options paper for Reef Fish Amendment 18 pertaining to the

grouper fishery will be discussed. The committee will also consider using the current red snapper individual fishing quota (IFQ) profile as a scoping document. The Committee will develop recommendations for consideration by full Council on Wednesday afternoon.

May 18, 2004

8:30 a.m.-10:30 a.m.—Continue with the Reef Fish Management Committee.

10:30 a.m.-12 noon—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review Draft Shrimp Amendment 13.

1:30 p.m.-2:15 p.m.—(Closed Session)—Receive a briefing on Litigation.

2:15 p.m.-4 p.m.—Convene the Personnel Committee.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the untimely completion of discussion relevant to other agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Trish Kennedy at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by May 10, 2004.

Dated: April 30, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042804C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1054-1731

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Florida, Aquatic Animal Program, College of Veterinary Medicine, Gainesville, FL 32610 (Ruth Francis-Floyd, DVM, Principal Investigator), has applied in due form for a permit to acquire, import, and export marine mammal specimens for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 7, 2004.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1054-1731.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the