

K–12 education and non-living resources research. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary.

Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 3-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by November 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Application information may be obtained from Becky Shortland, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, Georgia 31411; telephone (912) 598-2381; e-mail

Becky.Shortland@noaa.gov.

Applications should be sent to the attention of GRNMS Manager, Reed Bohne at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Shortland, 10 Ocean Science Circle, Savannah, Georgia 31411; telephone (912) 598-2381; e-mail *Becky.Shortland@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: GRNMS is one of the largest nearshore live-bottom reefs off the southeastern United States, encompassing approximately 17 square nautical miles. The area earned sanctuary designation in 1981. The sanctuary consists of a series of sandstone outcroppings and ledges up to 10 feet in height, in a predominantly sandy, flat-bottomed sea floor. The live bottom and ledge habitat support an abundant reef fish and invertebrate community. Loggerhead sea turtles, a threatened species, also use GRNMS year-round for foraging and resting, and the reef is within the known winter calving ground for the highly endangered Northern right whale. The GRNMS Advisory Council was established in August 1999 to provide advice and recommendations on management and protection of the sanctuary. The Council through its members also serves as liaison to the community regarding sanctuary issues, and represents community interests, concerns, and management needs to the sanctuary and NOAA.

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Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (Reserve) is seeking applicants and alternates for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): (1) Conservation, (1) Research, (1) Commercial Fishing, (1) Ocean-Related Tourism, and (1) Native Hawaiian. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by October 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Hoku Johnson, 6600 Kalanianaʻole Hwy., Suite 300, Honolulu, HI 96825 (808) 397-2660 or online at <http://hawaiiireef.noaa.gov>. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Aulani Wilhelm, 6600 Kalanianaʻole Hwy., Suite 300, Honolulu, HI 96825 (808) 397-2660, *Aulani.Wilhelm@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is a marine protected area designed to conserve and protect the coral reef ecosystem and related natural and cultural resources of the area. The Reserve was established by Executive Order pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-513). The NWHI Reserve was established by Executive Order 13178 (12/00) and Executive Order 13196 (1/01).

The Reserve encompasses an area of the marine waters and submerged lands

of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, extending approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. The Reserve is adjacent to and seaward of the seaward boundary of Hawaii State waters and submerged lands and the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, and includes the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge to the extent it extends beyond Hawaii State waters and submerged lands. The Reserve is managed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and the Executive Orders. The Secretary has also initiated the process to designate the Reserve as a National Marine Sanctuary. The management principles and implementation strategy and requirements for the Reserve are found in the enabling Executive Orders, which are part of the application kit and can be found on the Web site listed above.

In designating the Reserve, the Secretary of Commerce was directed to establish a Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council, pursuant to section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the Reserve Operations Plan and the proposal to designate and manage a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary by the Secretary.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) has established the Reserve Advisory Council and is now accepting applications from interested individuals for Council Representatives and Alternates for each of the following citizen/constituent positions on the Council:

1. One (1) representative from the non-Federal science community (Research) with experience specific to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and with expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- A. Marine mammal science;
- B. Coral reef ecology;
- C. Native marine flora and fauna of the Hawaiian Islands;
- D. Oceanography;
- E. Any other scientific discipline the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

2. One (1) representative from a non-governmental wildlife/marine life, environmental, and/or conservation organization (Conservation).

3. One (1) representative from the commercial fishing industry that conducts activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (Commercial Fishing).

4. One (1) representative from the ocean-related tourism industry (Ocean-Related Tourism).

5. One (1) representative from the Native Hawaiian community, with

experience or knowledge regarding Native Hawaiian subsistence, cultural, religious, or other activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (Native Hawaiian).

Current Reserve Council Representatives and Alternates may re-apply for these vacant seats.

The Council consists of 25 members, 14 of which are non-government voting members (the State of Hawaii representative is a voting member) and 10 of which are government non-voting members. The voting members are representatives of the following constituencies: Conservation, Citizen-At-Large, Ocean-Related Tourism, Recreational Fishing, Research, Commercial Fishing, Education, State of Hawaii and Native Hawaiian. The government non-voting seats are represented by the following agencies: Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Department of State, Marine Mammal Commission, NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and NOAA's National Ocean Service.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit 1517.

SUMMARY: On July 7, 2005, NMFS' Northwest Region issued permit 1517 under authority of the Endangered Species Act (ESA), allowing the take of threatened species for enhancement of survival actions.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review during business hours by appointment at NMFS' Washington

State Branch Office, Habitat Conservation Division, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, WA 98503 (phone: 360-753-9530)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Stephanie Ehinger, Lacey, WA (phone: 360-534-9341, fax: 360-753-9517, e-mail: stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov); or Dan Guy at the same office (phone: 360-534-9342, email: dan.guy@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543), 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 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). Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following ESA-listed species and evolutionary significant units (ESUs) are covered in this notice:

Threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR) Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

Threatened LCR Steelhead (*O. mykiss*)

Threatened LCR coho salmon (*O. kisutch*)

Notice was published on December 28, 2004 (69 FR 77730) that the Lower Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group, a non-profit organization based in southwest Washington State, applied for an enhancement of survival permit under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. NMFS issued permit 1517 on July 7, 2005, authorizing annual takes of the threatened salmonids listed above in freshwater areas in Southwest Washington. Permit 1517 expires on July 10, 2010.

Dated: September 28, 2005.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Amendment 14 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico and Amendment 27 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico; Scoping Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare a draft supplemental environmental impact statement; notice of scoping meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) intends to prepare a draft supplemental environmental impact statement (DSEIS) to describe and analyze management alternatives to be included in a joint amendment to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico (Shrimp FMP) and the FMP for the Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (Reef Fish FMP). These alternatives will consider measures to reduce red snapper fishing mortality and bycatch in the shrimp and reef fish fisheries. The purpose of this notice of intent is to solicit public comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the DSEIS.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of issues to be addressed in the DSEIS must be received by the Council by November 3, 2005. A series of scoping meetings will be held in October 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the scope of the DSEIS, and requests for additional information on the joint amendment, should be sent to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; phone: 813-348-1630; fax: 813-348-1711. Comments may also be sent by e-mail to: rick.leard@gulfcouncil.org.

The locations of all scoping meetings are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Leard by phone: 813-348-1630, by fax: 813-348-1711, or by e-mail: rick.leard@gulfcouncil.org.