

loans, grants, benefits, or contracts under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), the requirements of section 553 do not apply.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Regulatory Flexibility Act does not apply to this notice of policy change because the notice was not required to be promulgated as a proposed rule before issuance in final form by 5 U.S.C. § 553 or by any other law. As a result, neither an initial nor final Regulatory Analysis was required, and none has been prepared.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice involves a collection of information which has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0640-0006.

Executive Order 12612

This policy statement does not contain policies with Federalism implications sufficient to warrant preparation of a Federalism assessment under Executive Order 12612.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Elio E. Muller, Jr.,

*Associate Director for Strategic Planning,
Minority Business Development Agency.*

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051796D]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Agenda Addition

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

ACTION: Addition to meeting agenda.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the meeting of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council which is scheduled for June 11-16, 1996, in Portland, OR, was published on May 28, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for an addition to the meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: Portland Red Lion Hotel, 310 S.W. Lincoln, Portland, OR 97201.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda published on May 28, 1996 (61

FR 13285). The following addition is to be included in the agenda for the Council meeting:

An initial review of a regulatory amendment to implement specific electronic reporting requirements for onshore and offshore processors will be added to the previously published agenda.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 28, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
Conservation and Management, National
Marine Fisheries Service*

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National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service Transition From GOES TAP/GOES Fax Transmission of Satellite Imagery to Alternative Methods of Delivery

AGENCIES: National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS), National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice publishes the NESDIS and the NWS plan to transition from the current GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax (telephone-based) analog service to new digital-data transmission modes including NOAAPORT point-to-multipoint broadcast and the Internet. No changes will occur without several advance notifications. A minimum 6-month notification is planned for the user community.

ADDRESSES: Information concerning this Notice is available upon request. GOES-Tap users can send inquires to NESDIS, Satellite Services Division, 5200 Auth Road, Room 607, Camp Springs, Maryland 20748.

For GOES-Fax users, requests for information should be sent to the NWS, Telecommunications and Dissemination Branch, 1325 East-West Highway, Suite 17444, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Paquette (GOES-Tap) at 301-763-8051, e-mail at

jpaquette@ssd.wvb.noaa.gov or Herb Hawkins (GOES-FAX) at 301-713-0425

or e-mail at hhawkins@smtpgate.ssmc.noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established in the mid 1970's, the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) Telecommunications Access Program (GOES-Tap) has provided Weather Service Forecast Offices (WSFO) with near real-time, high quality analog environmental satellite imagery from geostationary and polar-orbiting satellites. Many other Federal Government and private weather users also access this satellite imagery via regional Satellite Field Distribution Facilities directly as GOES-Tap customers or are connected to a WSFO as a secondary GOES-Fax customer.

In support of the NWS modernization, NESDIS plans to meet new expanded NWS operational data requirements by transitioning from the analog GOES-Tap to a digital GOES data relay through a commercial satellite. This satellite point-to-multipoint broadcast is referred to as NOAAPORT and will cover the United States, including Hawaii and Alaska.

Scheduled for full deployment near the end of the decade, NOAAPORT will provide users with real-time transmission of high resolution digital sectorized data from both GOES and other satellite platforms. Currently, NOAA is also examining additional means of digital satellite data delivery including the Internet.

NOAA plans to decommission GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax during calendar years 1997 and 1998. These planning dates could be moved up. All known GOES-Tap/GOES-Fax users will be updated on specific decommissioning dates at least 6 months prior to termination of these services. GOES-Tap and GOES-Fax customers are encouraged to begin making preparations for this transition.

Dated: May 24, 1996.

Robert S. Winokur,

*Assistant Administrator for Satellite and
Information Services.*

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application to modify permit no. 926 (P562).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Marine Mammal Research

Group, victoria, B.C., Canada, V8P 5L5, has requested a modification to Permit No. 926.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 1, 1996.

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

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

Director, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA (206/526-6150).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 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.

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

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

The Permit Holder is currently authority to take (i.e., harass) up to 300 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) annually, up to 25 of which may be radio tagged via suction cups annually, in waters off Washington state, over a five year period. The purpose of the research is to study killer whale behavior and ecology.

The Holder is now requesting that the Permit be modified to authorize the harassment and suction cup radio tagging Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), in order to study that species' diving behavior. Up to 100 animals may be radio tagged annually. Up to 200 non-target animals may be inadvertently harassed annually during tagging activities. Activities will be undertaken in the waters of Juan de Fuca Strait, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, Georgia Strait, and the waters surrounding the San Juan Islands.

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: May 22, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 778 (P772#59)

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on April 29, 1996, permit no. 778, issued to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center, La Jolla, CA 92038, was modified.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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 (301/712-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682202396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the regulations of the governing the taking and importing (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit 778 authorizes the conduct of several research/enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*). The permit has been modified to extend the duration of the permit through October 31, 1996.

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.

Dated: May 23, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 5, 1996, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (61 FR 15225) of proposed additions to the Procurement List. After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the services.