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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 848-1335)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Honolulu Laboratory, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2396, has applied in due form for a permit to take Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before April 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application 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);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit 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 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 222.23).

The application encompasses all research and enhancement activities to be conducted on Hawaiian monk seals by the NMFS Honolulu Laboratory for

the next 5 years. The proposed activities will also include all takes currently authorized under the Center's Permit No. 898, thereby making that permit null and void. Research activities will involve population assessment, disease assessment, recovery action, and pelagic ecology studies.

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.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the provisions of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the following meeting of the Board of Directors of the Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation).

Date and Time: Thursday, March 13, 1997, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Place: The Ritz Carlton Hotel, 401 Ward Parkway, Kansas City, MO 64112.

Status: The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room, except that Board deliberations addressing personnel matters will be closed, pursuant to exemptions (c)(2) and (4) of the Government in the Sunshine Act. The basis for this partial closing has been certified by the Corporation's Deputy General Counsel. A copy of the certification will be posted for public inspection at the Corporation's headquarters at 1201 New York Avenue NW, Suite 8200, Washington, DC 20525, and will otherwise be available upon request.

Matters To Be Considered: The Board of Directors of the Corporation will meet to review (1) reports from committees of the Board of Directors on Corporation activities, (2) a report from the Chief Executive Officer, and (3) the status of Corporation initiatives.

Accommodations: Those needing interpreters or other accommodations should notify the Corporation by March 10, 1997. This notice may be requested in an alternative format for the visually impaired.

For Further Information: Contact Rhonda Taylor, Associate Director of Special Projects and Initiatives, the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW, 8th Floor, Washington, DC 20525. Telephone (202) 606-5000 ext. 282.

Dated: March 4, 1997.

Stewart Davis,

Deputy General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Military Health Care Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Military Health Care Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the forthcoming meeting of the Military Health Care Advisory Committee. This is the sixth meeting of the Committee. The purpose of the meeting is to have discussions centering around medical personnel for the Military Health Service System which will include recruitment, retention, and support for readiness; and the healthcare benefit; and approaches to meeting medical personnel requirements. A meeting session will be held and will be open to the public.

DATES: March 25, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Crystal City Hotel, 1800 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA, unless otherwise published.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Gary A. Christopherson, Senior Advisor or Commander Sid Rodgers, Special Assistant to PDASD, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs), 1200 Defense Pentagon, Room 3E346, Washington, DC 20301-1200; telephone (703) 697-2111.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Business sessions are scheduled between 9:30 am and 5:00 pm, on Tuesday, March 25, 1997. Contact Elaine L. Powell, CMP, in the MHCAC Conference Support Office at (703) 575-5024, if you are interested in attending or need additional information concerning the agenda, directions, and maps to the meeting location.

Dated: February 28, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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