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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department sponsors DOC PS 20-94 under procedures established in Part 10 of Title 15 of the Code of Federal Regulations and administered by NIST. The ALSC is the Standing Committee for PS 20-94 and is responsible for maintaining the standard. The Committee will meet on November 6, 1998, to discuss and vote upon a draft revision of DOC PS 20-94. The draft was developed by an ALSC Task Group after it had considered comments received from Committee members and other interested parties who responded to NIST's announcement of March 30, 1998, in the *NIST Update*. In the NIST announcement, NIST indicated that as part of the Department's 5-year review, mandated by the DOC procedures, it was seeking comments on the standard to determine its technical adequacy, the level of acceptability the standard's compatibility with existing law and established public policy, and the benefits that would be derived from PS 20-94 versus any alternatives. Based upon the recommendation of the ALSC, NIST will reaffirm, revise, or withdraw the standard, as appropriate.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 272.

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**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 093098C]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Marine Reserves Scientific and Statistical Committee (MRSSC).

**DATES:** The meeting of the MRSSC will begin at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, October 21, 1998 and conclude by 12:00 noon on Thursday, October 22.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225

Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MRSSC will convene to prepare a scoping document on the possible use of marine reserves in the Gulf of Mexico. The purpose of the MRSSC is to work with Council staff in developing the scoping document in order to help managers and the public become better informed about marine reserves and their application. The target audience for this document is the Council, resource user groups, and others interested in the marine environment and its resources. Once the scoping document is completed, the Council will conduct a series of public scoping workshops.

The MRSSC is composed of biologists, economists, sociologists, a lawyer, and an enforcement officer who are knowledgeable about marine reserves and their potential for use in the Gulf of Mexico.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The committee actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 14, 1998.

Dated: October 2, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 093098D]

#### 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 meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

**DATES:** A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, October 22, and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on Friday October 23, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEP members will meet to review available social and economic data on red snapper, and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches (ABC) recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP). The SEP may recommend to the Council a total allowable catch (TAC) for the 1999 fishing year. The SEP will also discuss issues raised by the Sustainable Fisheries Act. Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 15, 1998.

Dated: October 2, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092898B]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1108, 1109, 1110, 1117, 1121, 1154, 1163, 1164, 1165, 1170, 1172), enhancement permits (1077, 1078, 1084, 1171), scientific research and enhancement permit (1090); receipt of requests to modify scientific research permits (1041, 1045, 1046, 1055, 1059, 1066, 1075, 1080, 1097, 1103, 1105).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following entities have applied for permits authorizing the take of endangered or threatened species:

For scientific research: the Monterey Bay Water Management District (MBWMD) in Monterey, CA (1108), California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) in San Diego, CA (1109), National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Region (SWR), Long Beach, CA (1110), Carmel River Steelhead Association (CRSA), Carmel, CA (1117), Santa Clara Valley Water District (SCVWD), San Jose, CA (1121), National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC), Seattle, WA (1154), East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD), Lodi, CA (1163), U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Ventura, CA (1164), U.S. Forest Service (USFS), Goleta, CA (1165), U.S. Geological Survey (USGS), Sacramento, CA (1170), and Environmental Science Associates (EnSci), San Francisco, CA.

For enhancement: the Salmon Restoration Association (SRA), Fort Bragg, CA (1077, 1084), the Rowdy Creek Hatchery (RCH), Crescent City, CA (1078), and Annette Thompson, Oakland, CA (1171).

For research/enhancement: the Mattole Watershed Salmon Support Group (MSG) in Petrolia, CA (1090).

Notice is also given that the following entities have applied for modifications to their existing permits: California Department of Transportation, District 4

(CalTrans), Oakland, CA (1041), Michael Fawcett, Bodega Bay, CA (1045), U.S. National Park Service (NPS), San Francisco, CA (1046), Amy Harris, Sacramento, CA (1055), Carl Page, Cotati, CA (1059), D.W. Alley and Associates (DWAA), Brookdale, CA (1066), Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA), Miranda, CA (1075), Jerry Smith, San Jose, CA (1080), Scott Cressey, El Cerrito, CA (1097), California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDFFP), Santa Rosa, CA (1103), and Hagar Environmental Science (HES), Richmond, CA.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before November 9, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the following office, by appointment:

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

All 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 (301-713-1401);

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tom Hablett, Protected Species Division, NMFS, Santa Rosa Office (707-575-6066).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Authority

The permit applicants identified in the preceding **SUMMARY** section of this Notice request permits and/or modifications to permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

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

#### Species and Activities Covered Under This Notice

This notice covers the following species: central California coast (CCC) and southern Oregon/northern California coast (SONCC) coho salmon

(*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), southern California coast (SoCC), south-central California coast (SCCC), central California coast (CCC), and Central Valley (CV) steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*), and Sacramento River winter-run (SaRWR) chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*).

The scientific studies listed below consist of adult and/or juvenile distribution/abundance surveys, genetic studies, and spawner surveys. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified, measured, and sampled for tissues), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed fish carcasses are proposed to be collected, measured and sampled for tissues, and returned to the water. ESA-listed adult and/or juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested. Enhancement activities include obtaining adult coho salmon broodstock for propagation purposes, and releasing artificially-reared juveniles coho salmon into area watersheds. All initial permit requests are for a five-year duration.

#### Permits Requested

MBWMD (1108) requests takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, steelhead associated with fish population, migration, and spawning studies, and the rescue of stranded fish in the Carmel River within the SCCC steelhead Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU).

CDFG (1109) requests takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, steelhead associated with presence/absence studies in the San Luis Rey River, the Santa Margarita River and San Mateo Creek within the SoCC steelhead ESU.

SWR (1110) requests takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, steelhead associated with presence/absence studies throughout the SoCC steelhead ESU.

CRSA (1117) requests takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, steelhead associated with the rescue of stranded fish in the Carmel River within the SCCC steelhead ESU.

SCVWD (1121) requests takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, steelhead associated with fish population, migration, and spawning studies, and the rescue of stranded fish in the Santa Clara County jurisdictional waters within the CCC and SCCC steelhead ESUs.

NWFSC (1154) requests takes of juvenile, threatened, coho salmon, adult and juvenile, threatened steelhead, and adult and juvenile, endangered, chinook salmon associated with the National