

II. Method of Collection

Final reports must be submitted in electronic form unless an exemption is granted. The other documentation is in paper form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0135.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected public: Not-for-profit institutions, business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and state, local, or tribal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 210.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour for a project summary form, 1 hour for a budget form, 2.5 hours for a semi-annual report, and 13 hours for a final report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 985.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.041801A]

Marine Mammals; File No.782-1613

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that The National Marine Mammal Laboratory, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., Seattle, Washington 98115-0070, has been issued a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), and to incidentally harass northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 14, 2001, notice was published in the Federal Register (66 FR 10272) that a request for a scientific research permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), and to incidentally harass northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Dated: April 24, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041801D]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a workshop to review market squid stock assessment methods.

DATES: The workshop is scheduled for Monday, May 14, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, May 15, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, May 16, 2001, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, May 17, 2001, from 8 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92038.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A workshop will be held to review market squid stock assessment methods. The workshop is, in part, to address disapproved provisions in the Council's Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP); specifically, maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for market squid. Since the development of the FMP, research conducted on squid life history along with enhanced fishery data (port sampling and logbooks) have provided significant new information. A principal goal of the stock assessment review (STAR) is to integrate the ongoing squid research into the Council's CPS FMP. Terms of reference for the STAR Panel address the MSY issue as well as control rules for practical management of the squid fishery.

Draft Agenda

Monday, May 14, 2001

A. Welcome, introductions, and logistics.

B. Review terms of reference and agenda. Assignment of rapporteurs.

C. Presentation of working papers.

Lunch

D. Presentation of working papers—continued.

E. Discussion of recent biological findings as they relate to stock assessment and management (Section 2 of the STAR Panel Report).

F. Requests for additional information and/or data from working paper authors (as necessary).

Tuesday, May 15, 2001

G. Discussion of newly developed fisheries-related data as they relate to stock assessment and management (Section 3 of the STAR Panel Report). Requests for additional information and/or data from working paper authors (as necessary).

H. Discussion of MSY estimation for squid and the SFA requirements (Section 4). Requests for additional analysis and/or data from authors (as necessary).

Lunch

I. Discussion of management measures including operationally-practical control rules, long-term monitoring programs, and inseason adjustment mechanisms (Section 5). Requests for additional analysis and/or data from authors (as necessary).

J. Review additional data and analyses, as requested from working paper authors.

Wednesday, May 16, 2001

K. Review additional data and analyses, as requested from working paper authors.

L. Review draft rapporteur's report on biology and life history findings (Section 2).

M. Review draft rapporteur's report on fisheries-related data (Section 3).

N. Continue review of additional data and analyses, as requested from working paper authors.

O. Review draft rapporteur's report on MSY estimation (Section 4).

P. Review draft of rapporteur's report on control rules and other management measures (Section 5).

Q. Drafting session for full STAR Panel draft report.

Thursday, May 17, 2001

R. Drafting session for full STAR Panel draft report— continued.

S. Discussion of research and data needs (Section 6 of the STAR Panel Report).

T. Review full STAR Panel draft report.

U. Discuss procedures for completion of the final STAR Panel report.

Adjournment

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may arise during the workshop, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meetings. Formal action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management

Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 25, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041801F]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's Crustaceans Plan Team and the 77th meeting of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Monday, May 14, 2001, and Thursday, May 17, 2001. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808-522-8220).

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates, Times, and Agendas

9-5 p.m.- Monday, May 14, 2001

The Crustaceans Plan Team will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items shown here. The order in

which agenda items will be addressed can change.

1. Annual report/status of the stocks
2. Status of the fishery closures
 - A. Court actions
 - B. NMFS actions
 - C. Executive Orders for Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Reserve
 - D. Impacts/Fishery Disaster Relief
3. NMFS plans for research and charter cruises
4. Recommendations of Monk Seal Recovery Team
5. Status of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)/Biological Opinion (BO)
6. Scope-of-Work for 5-year Review of Fishery Management Plan (FMP)
 - A. Reasons for implementing Amendment 9
 - B. Basic elements of Amendment 9
 - C. Modification since Amendment 9
 - D. Future considerations and needs
 - E. Overcapitalization study
 - F. Previous SSC and Council recommendations
 - G. Technical Review Panel/assessment model
7. Research priorities for lobster fisheries
8. Other business

9-5 p.m.- Tuesday May 15, 2001

The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

1. Precious corals fisheries
 - A. Gold coral growth rates and minimum (possibly maximum) size
 - B. Framework adjustment regarding the exploratory area and the management of undiscovered sites
 - C. Current and future research on precious corals
 - D. Refinement of Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY) models
 - E. Status of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)
 - F. Precious Corals Plan Team recommendations
2. Crustaceans fisheries (NWHI lobsters)
 - A. Crustaceans Plan Team recommendations
3. Bottomfish fisheries
 - A. Summary of 2000 annual report modules and recommendations
 - B. Plan Team recommendations
 - C. Status of litigation, BO, observer program
 - D. DEIS public comments (if available)