

DATES: The meeting will convene on February 5, 2008, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn on February 6, 2008, at 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. All visitors to the NIST site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Denise Herbert no later than Friday, February 1, 2008, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Herbert's e-mail address is denise.herbert@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Denise Herbert, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

Dated: January 9, 2008.

Richard Kayser,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE97

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Issuance of a scientific research permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued Permit 10017 to California Department of Parks and Recreation (CDPR) in Half Moon Bay, California.

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, and related documents are available for review by appointment at: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 315, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 (ph: 707-575-6097, fax: 707-578-3435, e-mail at: Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov)

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeffrey Jahn at 707-575-6097, or e-mail: Jeffrey.Jahn@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

The issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16

U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), 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. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations (50 CFR parts 222-226) governing listed fish and wildlife permits.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) and threatened Central California Coast steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Permit Issued

A notice of the receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (10017) was published in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 2007 (72 FR 40119). Permit 10017 was issued to CDPR on November 27, 2007.

Permit 10017 authorizes: (1) unintentional non-lethal capture (by beach seine and dipnet), and release of adult Central California Coast coho salmon and adult Central California Coast steelhead; (2) capture (by backpack electrofishing, beach seine, dip-net, and fyke-net trap), handling, and release of juvenile Central California Coast coho salmon; (3) capture (by backpack electrofishing, beach seine, dip-net, and fyke-net trap), handling, marking (using fin-clips, PIT tags, or VIE tags), and release of juvenile Central California Coast steelhead; (4) capture (by beach seine or dip-net), lethal sacrifice, and collection of sick or injured juvenile Central California Coast steelhead; and (5) capture (by beach seine or dip-net) and collection of previously dead juvenile Central California Coast steelhead.

Permit 10017 authorizes unintentional lethal take of: juvenile Central California Coast steelhead not to exceed 2 percent of juvenile Central California Coast steelhead captured. Permit 10017 does not authorize any lethal take of adult Central California Coast coho salmon and adult Central California Coast steelhead. Permit 10017 authorizes intentional lethal take of five juvenile Central California Coast steelhead that appear to be sick or injured (appear lethargic, are unresponsive to disturbance, or swim rapidly in a circular or erratic manner) as a result of fish die-off events in

Pescadero Lagoon, San Mateo County, California.

Permit 10017 is for research to be conducted in the lagoons and streams of San Gregorio Creek, Pomponio Creek, and Pescadero Creek in San Mateo County, California. The purpose of the research is to provide ESA-listed salmonid population, distribution, and habitat assessment data which will: (1) contribute to the general body of scientific knowledge pertaining to ESA-listed salmonids; (2) assess the effects of chronic hypoxia and annual fish die-off events on the status of juvenile ESA-listed salmonid populations and habitat use in Pescadero Lagoon; (3) guide habitat restoration and management actions to prevent future fish die-off events in Pescadero Lagoon; and (4) evaluate the effects of wetland restoration and altered sandbar regimes on juvenile ESA-listed salmonid populations and lagoon habitat to guide future restoration and management activities. Permit 10017 expires on November 30, 2012.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

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

RIN 0648-XF00

Marine Mammals; File No. 642-1536-03

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

ACTION: Notice; withdrawal of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Joseph R. Mobley, Ph.D., University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2528 McCarthy Mall, Webster 404, Honolulu, HI 96822 has withdrawn his application for an amendment to his existing scientific research permit.

ADDRESSES: The documents related to this action are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI

96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Swails or Amy Hapeman, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 4, 2007 a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 30775) that an application had been filed by Dr. Mobley for an amendment to Permit No. 642-1536.

Permit No. 642-1536 authorizes the permit holder to conduct aerial and vessel-based research, including surface and underwater photography/videography for identification and sex verification, on North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and several other species of cetaceans in Hawaiian waters.

The withdrawn amendment request was for authorization to use sound playback on up to 250 humpback whales annually in the waters off West Maui and possibly other inshore areas among the main Hawaiian Islands. After completing revisions the applicant plans to resubmit the application at a later date.

Dated: January 9, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XF02

South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a series of public scoping meetings regarding a proposed Comprehensive Allocation Amendment, Amendment 17 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for the South Atlantic, Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper FMP for the South Atlantic, and commercial allocation of the South Atlantic king mackerel quota. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The series of 5 public scoping meetings will be held February 4 - 7,

2008 and February 20, 2008. All scoping meetings will be open from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. and from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Council staff and area Council members will be available for informal round table discussions and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record at any time during the meeting hours to record their comments on the scoping issues for Council consideration. Written comments must be received in the South Atlantic Council's office by 5 p.m. on February 22, 2008. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405, or via email to: CompAllocScoping@safmc.net for the Comprehensive Allocation Amendment; SGAm17Scoping@safmc.net for Amendment 17 to the Snapper Grouper FMP; SGAm18Scoping@safmc.net for Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper FMP; and Mack16Scoping@safmc.net for the commercial king mackerel quota allocation comments. Copies of the scoping documents are available from Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10. Copies will also be available online at www.safmc.net as they become available.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email address: kim.iverson@safmc.net

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Locations:

The scoping meetings will be held at the following locations:

1. *February 4, 2008* - The Mutiny Hotel, 2951 South Bayshore Drive, Coconut Grove, FL 33133, telephone: (305) 441-2100;
2. *February 5, 2008* - Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, telephone: (321) 784-0000;
3. *February 6, 2008* - Quality Inn, 125 Venure Drive, Brunswick, GA 31525, telephone: (912) 265-4600;
4. *February 7, 2008* - Sheraton New Bern, 100 Middle Street, New Bern, NC 28560, telephone: (252) 638-3585;
5. *February 20, 2008* - Hilton Garden Inn, 5265 International Blvd., North

Charleston, South CA 29418, telephone: (843) 308-9331.

The public scoping meetings will address overlapping fisheries issues for the South Atlantic region. These include: (1) A Comprehensive Allocation Amendment - the Council is considering this amendment to address commercial and recreational sector allocations of species under its jurisdiction in order to meet the Annual Catch Limit requirements; (2) Amendment 17 to the Snapper Grouper FMP - addressing requirements to establish Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures for overfished species by 2010 as specified in the Reauthorized Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, reduction of bycatch for deepwater snapper grouper species, options for the black sea bass pot and longline gear snapper grouper fisheries, changes to the golden tilefish fishing year, a 6-month winter closure for the snowy grouper fishery, extension of the management unit (and regulations) through the Mid-Atlantic Council's area of jurisdiction, golden tilefish allocations, and possible removal of some species from the snapper grouper fishery management unit; (3) Amendment 18 to the Snapper Grouper FMP - addressing possible Limited Access Privilege Programs for the commercial snapper grouper fishery; and (4) Commercial allocation of the commercial king mackerel fishery. With possible reductions in the Total Allowable Catch (TAC) for South Atlantic king mackerel, the Council is looking at options to ensure allocations of the commercial quota are fairly distributed from North Carolina to Florida.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by 3 days prior to the start of each meeting.

Dated: January 10, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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