

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the North Carolina and Old Woman Creek (Ohio) National Estuarine Research Reserves.

The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluations will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR Part 921, Subpart E and Part 923, Subpart L. Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

Each evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings. Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meetings during the site visits.

Dates and Times: The Old Woman Creek (Ohio) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held October 6–9, 2009. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 7, 2009, at 6 p.m. at the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, Visitor Center, 2514 Cleveland Road East, Huron, Ohio.

The North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held December 7–11, 2009. Two public meetings will be held during the week. The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009, at 7 p.m., at the University of North Carolina-

Wilmington, Center for Marine Science Auditorium, 5600 Marvin K. Moss Lane, Wilmington, North Carolina. The second public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at 7 p.m., at the Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research, NOAA/NCNERR Administration Building Auditorium, 101 Pivers Island Road, Beaufort, North Carolina.

ADDRESSES: Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the last public meeting held for a Program. Please direct written comments to Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563–1182.

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David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Marine Mammals; File No. 14301

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Alaska Museum of the North, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775–6960 (Dr. Link E. Olson, Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to collect, acquire, import and export various marine

mammal and endangered species specimens, including partial and whole carcasses under the jurisdiction of NMFS for the purpose of curating samples for future scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 2, 2009.

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

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)713–0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668; phone (907)586–7221; fax (907)586–7249.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713–0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The University of Alaska Museum of the North functions as an archive for scientific specimens of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries and is a major repository of marine mammal material from the Arctic and North Pacific oceans. Under the proposed permit, the applicant would (1) import/export marine mammal parts (bones and organ tissue samples) from dead beach-cast carcasses, (2) receive/archive and export samples of marine mammals taken by

Alaskan Native subsistence hunters, and (3) receive, import/export specimens from scientists in academic, federal, and state institutions involved in marine mammal research under their own permits. Unlimited samples from up to 1240 pinnipeds (35 species; excluding walrus) and 1700 cetaceans (81 species) would be collected, received, imported, or exported annually. Import/export activities would occur world-wide. No live animals would be harassed or taken, lethally or otherwise, under the requested permit. The permit is requested for a five-year period.

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.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 27, 2009.

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

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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); First Fall Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In preparation for the 2009 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will convene the first of two fall meetings.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 17-18, 2009. There will be an open session on Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 9 a.m. thru 12:45 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Written comments can be presented during the open session. There will be no opportunity for oral public comments during the meeting. Written comments on issues being considered at the meeting should be received no later than September 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments should be sent to Melanie King at NOAA Fisheries, Office of International Affairs, Room 12641, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments can also be provided via fax (301-713-2313) or email (melanie.king@noaa.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie King, 301-713-9090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive updates on domestic highly migratory fisheries management matters, issues related to the March 2010 meeting of the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species, and stock status and other scientific information regarding Atlantic highly migratory species, particularly, albacore, swordfish, sailfish, sharks, tropical tunas, and other species such as seabirds. There will be no opportunity for oral public comment during the open session, although written comments are welcome and may be submitted in person during the open session or in advance by mail, fax, or email. Written comments submitted in advance should be received by September 14, 2009 (see **ADDRESSES**).

During its first fall meeting, the Advisory Committee will also meet in two executive sessions to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming international negotiations regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic highly migratory species, including compliance matters and issues related to recreational fishing and strengthening ICCAT. These sessions are closed to the public. The first executive session will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on September 17, 2009, and a second executive session will be held from 8:30 pm to 12:30 p.m. on September 18, 2009.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Melanie King at (301) 713-9090 by at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 27, 2009.

Christopher Rogers,

Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting September 23-24, 2009.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), a Federal Advisory Committee, will be holding a public meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on September 23 and 24, 2009. The meeting is contingent on renewal of the HSRP charter.

Date and Time: The public meeting will be held September 23-24, 2009, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 23 and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 24. The times and agenda topics are subject to change. For the most current meeting agenda, refer to the HSRP Web site: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

Location: The meeting is open to the public and will be held in Duluth, Minnesota. For the location of the meeting facility, refer to the HSRP Web site for specific information (<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>) or contact Rebecca Arenson at Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or 301-713-2780 x158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Arenson, NOAA, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service (NOS), NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301-713-2780 x158, e-mail: Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) was established by the Secretary of Commerce to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other