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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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 (Council) will hold its 90th meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 7-9, 1996. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Kaluakoi Hotel, Hoaloha Room, Molokai, HI; telephone: (808) 552-2555.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI, 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Standing Committees will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on August 7. The full Council will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 8-9. There will be a Community Meeting at the Mitchell Pauole Center from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. on August 8.

The Council will discuss and may take action on the following agenda items:

1. Reports from the islands;
2. Reports from fishery agencies and organizations;
3. Ecosystems and Habitat, including:
 - (a) Summary of recent issues and activities, and
 - (b) Project update on large scale transplant of live corals in Hawaii;
4. Pelagic fishery issues, including:
 - (a) 1995 annual report island-area summaries,
 - (b) Status of NMFS Pelagic Research,
 - (c) Bycatch issues,
 - (d) Status of request for single-Council designation for management of domestic pelagic fisheries in the Pacific,
 - (e) Status of Albatross Workshop,
 - (f) Pelagics data amendment, and
 - (g) Status of shark, turtle and albatross assessment;

5. Crustaceans Milestones 1997-1999;
6. Bottomfish issues, including:
 - (a) 1995 annual report island-area summaries,
 - (b) Status of Department of Land and Natural Resources management plan for Main Hawaiian Island onaga and ehu,
 - (c) Council's preliminary management plan for Main Hawaiian Island Onaga and Ehu stocks,
 - (d) Limited entry alternatives for the Mau Zone, and
 - (e) Milestones 1997-1999;
7. Enforcement issues, including:
 - (a) NMFS activities and Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) update,
 - (b) Status of violations, and
 - (c) Amendment to require VMS on all foreign vessels;
8. Native rights and indigenous fishing issues, including:
 - (a) Status of relevant Magnuson Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act) amendments, and
 - (b) Molokai subsistence demonstration project;
9. Program planning, including:
 - (a) Status of Magnuson Act re-authorization,
 - (b) Status of Western Pacific Fisheries Information Network (WPacFIN), and
 - (c) Milestones;
10. Administrative matters; and
11. Other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 7 to scientific research permit 825 (P513).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Columbia River Inter-tribal Fish Commission at Portland, OR (CRITFC) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit to take

endangered and threatened species for the purpose of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before August 2, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: CRITFC requests a modification to a permit 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).

CRITFC (P513) requests modification 7 to permit 825 for authorization to take juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) annually associated with a study designed to monitor the extent of dissolved nitrogen gas supersaturation effects on outmigrating juvenile anadromous fish in the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. Permit 825 authorizes an annual take of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with several scientific research studies including the dissolved nitrogen gas supersaturation study. Juvenile fall chinook salmon are proposed to be captured, anesthetized, examined, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. The probability of a juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River fall chinook salmon indirect mortality associated with the study is negligible. Modification 7 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 825 expires on December 31, 1997.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of

the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: June 27, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 987 (P598)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 987 submitted by Dr. Jim Darling, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, British Columbia, Canada VOR 2Z0, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 20, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 25209) that an amendment of permit No. 987, issued March 1, 1996 (61 FR 9438), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of 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.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 222).

Permit No. 987 authorizes the taking (i.e., harassment) of up to 200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in the course of behavioral and photo-identification studies and biopsy sampling, in the waters around the main Hawaiian Islands, primarily off of Maui, Hawaii, over a period of 2 years. Amendment No. 1 to Permit No. 987, authorizes: 1) An increase in the total number of harassment takes authorized from 200 to up to 1000 animals annually, in Hawaii waters, up to 100 of which may be biopsy sampled annually; 2) an increase in the duration of the permit from two to three years; 3) the biopsy of 10 cows with calves or yearlings (biopsy of calves/yearlings is not requested); 4) the opportunistic collection of biopsy samples from dead stranded whales and retrieve humpback whale carcasses for necropsy; 5) the inclusion of Southeast Alaska, specifically Frederick Sound and Stephens Passage as research locations; and 6) in the requested Alaska locations, the take by harassment of up to 500 humpback whales annually, up to 100 of which may be biopsy sampled annually.

Issuance of this Permit as required by the ESA of 1973 was based on a finding that the permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

William Windom,

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Division, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Patent and Trademark Office

Renewal and Amendment of the Charter of the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1976), and after consultation with GSA, it has been determined that the renewal and amendment of the charter of the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. The charter was renewed on May

23, 1996. Charter amendments will allow the Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks (Assistant Secretary) to select organizations which are representative of the Intellectual Property community. Each selected organization will, in turn, be able to appoint a designated number of members to the Committee. Committee membership will be limited to no more than 15 members. These members will serve staggered 3-year terms.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was first chartered in January 1973 and is now being renewed and its charter amended. The Committee's purpose is to advise the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on ways to increase the Office's efficiency and effectiveness and to provide a continuing flow of knowledge from the private sector or the Office in the area of international and domestic trademark law.

The Office is amending the charter of the Committee to make the Committee more diverse and more representative of trademark owners, trademark practitioners and the Intellectual Property community as a whole. The Assistant Secretary will select representative organizations from among intellectual property organizations, bar groups, business-related organizations and academia, and determine the number of Committee members each organization can choose.

Allowing each representative organization to select its own Committee member(s) will ensure that the Committee represents the concerns of each member organization. Members will serve staggered three-year terms. No member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

The size of the Committee is being reduced from its former level of 18 members to 15 members. After experience with both an 18-member and a 15-member Committee, the smaller number seems to work better.

The Committee Chair will be selected by the Assistant Secretary and will serve a one-year term. No individual may be the Chair for more than two consecutive terms.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lynne G. Beresford at (703) 308-8900, by fax at (703) 308-7220, or by mail marked to her attention and addressed to:

Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513. Any organization which has an interest in the Committee should contact Ms. Beresford. A list of interested