

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows: Standing and Special Red Drum Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), September 4, 1996, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Standing and Special Reef Fish SSC, September 5, 1996, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Crown Plaza, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 4, beginning at 10:00 a.m., the Red Drum SSC will review an assessment on status of the red drum stock in the Gulf of Mexico. They will also review a report of a Scientific Stock Assessment Panel which will recommend a range of acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the Gulf fishery.

On September 5, beginning at 8:00 a.m. the Reef Fish SSC will review an assessment prepared by LGL Ecological Research Associates, Inc. of Bryan, Texas, of the assessment procedure and data utilized by NMFS in preparing the annual stock assessment for Gulf red snapper. They will also review the comments of NMFS and Council Scientific Stock Assessment Panel on the LGL assessment.

The SSC will develop its recommendations on these two issues for consideration by the Council at its September 9-13, 1996 meeting in New Orleans.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 August 28, 1996.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) plan teams will hold meetings the week of August 26, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. on August 26, and continue through August 30.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Building 4, Room 2079, Seattle, WA,.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dave Witherell or Jane DiCosimo, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meetings will include the following subjects.

1. Review available stock assessments and catch statistics and prepare preliminary stock and economic assessment documents for the 1997 groundfish fisheries in the GOA and BSAI.

2. Review proposals for amendments to the groundfish fishery management plans for the GOA and BSAI.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Improved Retention/Improved Utilization Committee (Committee) will meet September 5-6, 1996, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: September 5-6, 1996, beginning at 8:30 a.m. on September 5, and concluding by 5:00 p.m. on September 6.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Room 2079, Building 4, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Oliver, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review comments received on the draft analysis of measures to improve retention and utilization in the groundfish fisheries and prepare recommendations to provide to the Council at their meeting, September 18-22, 1996, in Sitka, Alaska.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 6, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Permits; Foreign Fishing

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of State, the National Marine Fisheries Service publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to operate in the Exclusive

Economic Zone under provisions of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct a joint venture in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean for Atlantic mackerel. The factory ship ALEKSANDROVSK SAKHALINSKIY is identified as the vessel that will receive Atlantic mackerel from U.S. vessels. Send comments on this application to:

NOAA - National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; and/or to one or both of the Regional Fishery Management Councils listed below:

Douglas G. Marshall, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906, (617) 231-0422; David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19901-6790, (302) 674-2331.

For further information contact Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, (301) 713-2337.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 841 (P129J)

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 Permit No. 841 submitted by Bruce R. Mate, Oregon State University, Newport, Oregon 97365-5296 has been granted to tag an additional 50 blue whales over the next 3 years.

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, NOAA, 1315 East-West Hwy., Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4015); and

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 22, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 11809) that a amendment of Permit No. 841 issued on June 24, 1993, had been requested by the above-named individual. The amendment has been granted under authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (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 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 217-222).

Issuance of this Permit, as required by the ESA of 1973, is based on a finding that the Permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) does 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 of 1973.

Dated: June 28, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources.

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National Technical Information Service

Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Monday, September 9, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, September 10, 1996, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The session on Tuesday, September 10, will be closed to the Public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and

information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will include a progress report on NTIS activities, an update on the progress of FedWorld, and a discussion of NTIS' long range plans. The closed session discussion is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 3:00 p.m. on September 10, 1996. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

DATES: The meeting will convene on September 9, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. and convene again on September 10, 1996, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 2029 Sills Building, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation on September 9, 1996, and closed on September 10, 1996. Approximately thirty minutes will be set aside on September 9, 1996 for comments or questions from the public. Seats will be available for the public and for the media on a first-come, first-served basis. Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time. Copies of the minutes of the open session meeting will be available within thirty days of the meeting from the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Lucas, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161 Telephone: (703) 487-4636; Fax (703) 487-4093.

Dated: August 7, 1996.

Donald W. Corrigan,

Deputy Director.

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Patent and Trademark Office

Patent Cooperation Treaty; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this