

significant, cumulatively, than human, wildlife and pet disturbances including motorized vessels.

**Comment 2:** The MMC states that it should be made clear that the authorization is automatically rescinded if a marine mammal is killed as a result of the authorized activity.

**Response:** No marine mammals are anticipated to be killed or seriously injured as a result of launchings of Delta II rockets. However, while section 101(a)(5)(D)(iv) of the MMPA provides NMFS authority to modify, suspend, or revoke an authorization if it is found that the provisions of the section are not being met, for IHA suspensions, NMFS follows procedures established for suspension of Letters of Authorization (LOAs) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA. In that regard, an IHA may be suspended without notice and comment if emergency conditions exist that pose a significant risk to the well-being of the marine mammal stock, or if holder of an IHA is not in compliance with the conditions of the IHA. However, prior to revocation of an IHA, NMFS must satisfy the statutory notice and comment requirement. While section 101(a)(5)(B) allows NMFS to withdraw (revoke) or "suspend for a time certain" an LOA, subsequent to notice and comment, section 101(a)(5)(C) does not waive the notice and comment requirement where NMFS seeks to withdraw the authorization. Conditions for suspension or withdrawal of an LOA or IHA are described in 50 CFR 216.106 and 107.

#### Conclusion

Based upon the information provided in the proposed authorization, NMFS has determined that the short-term impact of the launching of Delta II rockets is expected to result at worst, in a minor, temporary reduction in utilization of the haulout as seals or sea lions leave the beach for the safety of the water. These launchings are not expected to result in any reduction in the number of pinnipeds, and they are expected to continue to occupy the same area. In addition, there will not be any impact on the habitat itself. Based upon studies conducted for previous space vehicle launches at Vandenberg, significant long-term impacts on pinnipeds at Vandenberg and the northern Channel Islands are unlikely.

Therefore, since NMFS is assured that the taking will not result in more than the harassment (as defined by the MMPA Amendments of 1994) of a small number of harbor seals, California sea lions, and northern elephant seals; would have only a negligible impact on the species, and would result in the

least practicable impact on the stock, NMFS determined that the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) had been met and the incidental harassment authorization was issued.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

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

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#### Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; U.S. Coast Guard

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

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the notice of receipt of application (I.D. 100896B) that was published on October 17, 1996 (61 FR 54157). These corrections are necessary to inform the public of the correct sequence of events in the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) application for a small take authorization and its submission of the requested documents to NMFS.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the USCG application may be obtained by writing to Michael Payne, Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 17, 1996, NMFS published a notice (61 FR 54157) that NMFS had received a request from USCG for a small take of certain marine mammal species incidental to USCG vessel and aircraft operations off the U.S. Atlantic shoreline over the next 5 years. This application was in response to an order dated May 2, 1995, in *Strahan v. Linnon* wherein the presiding District Court judge ordered USCG to apply by May 31, 1995, under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), for a small take of northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

#### Need for Correction

As published, the notice contains errors to the dates that may prove to be misleading and are in need of

clarification. First, NMFS clarifies that the USCG application was hand-delivered to NMFS on May 31, 1996, not on June 2, 1996, as stated. Second, NMFS corrects an error concerning the date of the court order. The order in *Strahan v. Linnon* actually was dated May 2, 1995, and was revised by an order issued on May 19, 1995.

#### Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on October 17, 1996, of the notice of receipt of application (I.D. 100896B), which was the subject of FR Doc. 96-26634, is corrected as follows:

On page 54158, in the first column, under the heading Summary of Request, paragraph one, line one, is corrected to read: "On May 31, 1995, NMFS received an" and line 10 is corrected to read: "dated May 2, 1995, and was revised by an order dated May 19, 1995, in *Strahan v.*"

In the third column, paragraph two, lines 14 and 15 are corrected to read: "USCG. For that reason, the USCG's May 31, 1995, application for a small take"

Dated: November 15, 1996.

Patricia Montanio,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee Economic Subcommittee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin on December 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m., and will recess when business for the day has been completed. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on December 4, 1996, and will adjourn by 3:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The primary purpose of this meeting is to begin work on development of a Council economic data plan.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 15, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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### National Estuarine Research Reserve System; Public Meetings on Site Selection Process for Nomination of Candidate Site in Alaska

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings in Seldovia and Homer, Alaska, on the site selection process for the nomination of a candidate site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the State of Alaska and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) intend to conduct public meetings on December 10 and 11, 1996, in Seldovia and Homer, Alaska, respectively, as part of NOAA's site selection process for the nomination of a candidate site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) System.

**DATE AND TIME:** Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 6:30 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Seldovia Library Building, Multi-purpose Room, 260 Seldovia Street, Seldovia, Alaska 99663.

**DATE AND TIME:** Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** Homer City Hall, City Council Chambers, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Moser, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, at (907) 267-2341, or Matt Menashes, Program Specialist, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 117.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NERR System is dedicated to fostering a system of estuarine reserves that represents the wide range of coastal and estuarine habitats found in the United

States. NOAA has developed a classification scheme and typology of national estuarine areas that places the coastlines of the United States into biogeographic regions and subareas.

Site selection criteria are based on ecological representativeness, value for research and education, and practical coastal management considerations. The site ultimately designated will be used by researchers, educators, and the general public to study estuarine ecology and coastal issues that can aid in coastal policy making and management decisions.

During the past year, the State of Alaska, in consultation with NOAA, has undertaken a process to identify a site which adequately represents the major estuarine characteristics of Southcentral Alaskan coastal ecosystems. An estuary located in Southcentral Alaska would be the first site to represent the Fjord Biogeographic Region.

After consideration of several possible sites along the Southcentral Alaska coast, the Southcentral Alaska National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection Committee has selected the Kachemak Bay area of Southcentral Alaska as its candidate site for nomination as a potential NERR. These public meetings are being held to provide details and solicit comments on this proposed site.

At the public meetings, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will provide an overview of the national NERR Program; provide a summary of the Southcentral Alaska NERR initiative, including the site selection process and a description of the proposed site; and conduct an open question and answer period.

Following the public meetings, a site nomination document will be developed based on existing research documents and literature, and comments received from NOAA, the Southcentral Alaska National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection Committee, and the general public. The final site selection document will then be sent to the Governor of Alaska for his approval. If approved, the Governor will forward the site selection package and a nomination letter to NOAA for approval. After NOAA approves the State's proposed site, a draft and final Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan must be prepared prior to final site designation.

The public meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at the Seldovia Library Building, Seldovia, Alaska, and at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 1996, at the Homer City Hall, Homer, Alaska.

Interested parties who wish to comment on the site selection are invited to attend. For more information contact Janet Moser, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, at (907) 267-2341 or Matt Menashes, Program Specialist, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 117.

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### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

#### Applications of the New York Cotton Exchange as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta Cross Rate

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The New York Cotton Exchange (NYCE or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and options on the Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta cross rate. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 23, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the NYCE Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta cross rate contracts.