

of permits that have been issued and disapproved, the status of the golden crab resource, and a report on golden crab data collection. The committee and advisory panel will discuss potential need for framework action or plan amendment for the golden crab fishery.

June 16, 1997, 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Joint Spiny Lobster Committee and Advisory Panel

The committee and advisory panel will hear reports on the status of the Florida trap certificate program and the status of the spiny lobster resource, and discuss potential need for framework action or plan amendment.

June 16, 1997, 6:00 p.m. until all business is complete—Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program Scoping Meeting (ACCSP)

As a partner in the ACCSP, the Council will hold a scoping meeting to solicit public input on ways to improve commercial and recreational fisheries data collection.

June 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel

The committee will review the timeframe for development of the Council Habitat Plan, discuss the national habitat workshop, review the Habitat Advisory Panel's recommendations, and review the draft Habitat Plan outline.

June 17, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Calico Scallop Committee

The committee will meet to review previous scoping meeting information, review requests for management action from industry, discuss a preliminary options paper, and develop measures to be included in the Calico Scallop FMP.

June 18, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee

The committee will meet to hear a report on the Red Snapper Assessment and clarify management measures in Amendment 9 to the Snapper Grouper FMP if deemed necessary.

June 18, 1997, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Controlled Access Committee

The committee will meet to clarify the Council's intent for NMFS on issues that arise in the interim period before implementation of Amendment 8 to the Snapper Grouper FMP.

June 18, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Mackerel Committee

The committee will meet to hear the status of Mackerel Amendment 8 and framework action, review the Mackerel Amendment 9 options paper, and develop South Atlantic Council management measures for Amendment 9 and recommendations for Gulf Council measures.

June 19, 1997, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.—Council Session

The full Council will convene to review public scoping comments on the issue of sale of bag limit (recreational) caught fish, review the options paper on this issue, and take action on how to proceed with this issue; hear the Snapper Grouper Committee Report and clarify management measures in Snapper Grouper Amendment 9 if necessary; hear the Controlled Access Committee report and clarify the Council's intent for NMFS on issues that arise in the interim period before implementation of Snapper Grouper Amendment 8; hear the Mackerel Committee report and decide on management measures to include in Mackerel Amendment 9; hear the Golden Crab Committee report and decide if there is need for framework action or plan amendment; hear the Spiny Lobster Committee report and decide if there is need for framework action or plan amendment; and hear the Calico Scallop Committee report before deciding which management measures to include in the FMP.

June 20, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.—Council Session

The full Council will convene to hear the Habitat Committee report, receive an update on Magnuson-Stevens Act Implementation, hear a status report on the Atlantic Coastal Cooperative Statistics Program, hear agency and liaison reports, and discuss other business.

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 June 9, 1997.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052797E]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P770

#73) and an request to modify permit 1010 (P503S).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed Snake River salmon, and that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game has applied in due form for a modification to Permit 1010.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before July 9, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, 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 on either application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division (P770 #73) requests a five-year scientific research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). This permit would be a continuation of work covered under Permit 852, and is to monitor wild smolt migrations of Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and to conduct genetic analysis. The applicant requests authorization to capture, PIT-tag, and release up to 30,000 wild juveniles, with 450 indirect mortalities, per year. The applicant also wishes to lethally take up to 800 wild juveniles (80 from each of 10 different populations) and up to 300 (100 from each of 3 different populations) listed hatchery juveniles per year. In low abundance years, lethal take will be suspended, and replaced with non-lethal fin clip for DNA analysis.

Idaho Department of Fish and Game (P503S) requests a modification to existing permit 1010, to allow the release of maturing spring chinook salmon from their captive rearing program.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular

application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: May 30, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052397E]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 662-1345.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ms. Dena Matkin, Box 22, Gustavus, Alaska 99826, has been issued a permit to "take" by harassment, humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 709 West 9th Street, Federal Building, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907-586-7221).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 20, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 13368) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to take (inadvertently harass) up to 400 killer whales and up to 100 humpback whales for purposes of scientific research, over a 5-year period. The purpose of the research is to continue long-term, year-round photo-identification work in Southeastern Alaska to define the population size, structure and range of killer whales, and to obtain identification of photographs of humpback whales opportunistically

in conjunction with the killer whale research. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such 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: May 30, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Public Forum on Certificate Authorities and Digital Signatures: Enhancing Global Electronic Commerce

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public forum and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce requests public comments on various aspects of the public key infrastructure related to certificate authorities and digital signatures. This request for public comment will enable the Department, and other Executive Branch agencies, to benefit from the expertise and views of the private sector, states, localities, non-profits, industry associations and other national and international entities. Specific questions that the Department seeks public comments on are listed in "Supplementary Information". A "Public Forum on Certificate Authorities and Digital Signatures: Enhancing Global Electronic Commerce" is being sponsored by the Department on this topic. The comments received by the Department will aid in effectively supporting Administration initiatives on electronic commerce issues.

DATES: The "Public Forum on Certificate Authorities and Digital Signatures: Enhancing Global Electronic

Commerce" will be held on July 24, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Advanced registration for the "Public Forum" is due by July 16, 1997.

Written comments are due by July 16, 1997.

Requests to participate as a panelist in the "Public Forum" are due by July 2, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The "Public Forum on Certificate Authorities and Digital Signatures: Enhancing Global Electronic Commerce" will take place at the Green Auditorium, Administration Building, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

Written comments should be sent to: Director, Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: "Public Forum on Certificate Authorities and Digital Signatures", Technology Building, Room A231, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

Electronic comments may be sent to ECFORUM@NIST.GOV. Electronic comments should be in ASCII, MS word or WordPerfect formats. No comments will be accepted by voice phone or by fax.

PUBLIC INFORMATION: The Department, based on comments received and expressions of interest, will organize the Public Forum as a series of panels, with short presentations and then a period for questions from the audience. Not all issues included in this notice may be covered in the public forum, and the Department may organize the program along lines different than the questions are presented. Members of the public who are interested in serving on a panel are asked to contact the individual listed in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below. Due to time and physical constraints, and in order to develop an effective program, not all requests can be honored.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Roback, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 820, Room 426, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001. (301) 975-3696.

For planning purposes, advanced registration is requested by July 16, 1997. To register, please fax your name, postal address, telephone and e-mail address to: 301-948-1233, ATTN: "July 24 Public Forum". Space permitting, registration will also be available at the door. The July 24th meeting is open to the public. There is no registration fee for the Public Forum.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The "Public Forum" on Certificate Authorities and Digital Signatures: