

party's case or rebuttal briefs. Written arguments should be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38 and will be considered if received within the time limits specified above. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. If this investigation proceeds normally, we will make our final determination on October 14, 1997.

This determination is published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 771(i) of the Act.

Dated: July 28, 1997.

**Jeffrey P. Bialos,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071497C]

#### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife: Draft Recovery Plan for Shortnose Sturgeon

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of a Draft Recovery Plan; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is announcing the availability of the draft recovery plan for shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*). NMFS is soliciting review and comment from the public on the draft plan, and will consider these comments in the approval of a final recovery plan.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft recovery plan must be received on or before September 3, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Request a copy of the draft recovery plan from Mary Colligan, Habitat and Protected Resources Division, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Written comments and materials regarding the plan should also be directed to Mary Colligan at the above address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Colligan at 508-281-9116.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

The shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*, is an endangered fish species that occurs in large coastal rivers of eastern North America. It

inhabits 18 rivers ranging from the Saint John River in New Brunswick, Canada to the St. Johns River, Fl. The Endangered Species Act (ESA) requires NMFS to develop and implement recovery plans for most species that are listed under the ESA as threatened or endangered and that are under the jurisdiction of NMFS. In May 1997, the Shortnose Sturgeon Recovery Team submitted its final draft of the recovery plan to NMFS.

The draft recovery plan includes a synopsis of the biology and distribution of shortnose sturgeon, a description of factors affecting species recovery, an outline of actions needed to recover the species and an implementation schedule for completing specific recovery tasks.

#### Public Comments Solicited

NMFS intends that the final recovery plan will take advantage of information and recommendations from all interested parties. Therefore, comments and suggestions are solicited from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, and any other person concerned with the draft recovery plan.

Dated: July 30, 1997.

**Patricia A. Montanio,**

*Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072897C]

#### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of Letters of Confirmation to conduct scientific research under the General Authorization.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act, as amended, (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, specifically, 104(c)(3)(C)) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216.45) letters of confirmation (LOC) to conduct level B harassment of marine mammals in the wild under authority of the General Authorization for Scientific Research have been issued. Level B harassment, as defined in section 216.3, means any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which

has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering but which does not have the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild. The following letters of confirmation were issued to individuals or organizations from January 1, 1996, through June 30, 1997:

Dr. Paul H. Forestell, Pacific Whale Foundation, Associate Professor and Director, Psychobiology Program, Social Science Division, Montauk 222, Long Island University, Southampton, Long Island, NY 11968 (LOC No. 21);

Dr. Robert F. Young, Assistant Professor, Marine Science Department, Coastal Carolina University, P.O. Box 1954,

Conway, SC 29526 (LOC No. 22);

Dr. Andrew J. Read, Assistant Professor, Duke University Marine Laboratory, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28516 (LOC No. 23);

Howard W. Braham, Ph.D., Director, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 4, Room 2149, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (LOC Nos. 782-1306, 782-1360, and 782-1352);

Mr. John J. Burns, Living Resources, Inc., P.O. Box 83570, Fairbanks, AK 99708-3570 (LOC No. 25);

Dr. Andrew J. Read, Assistant Professor, Duke University Marine Laboratory, c/o Clearwater Marine Aquarium, 249 Windward Passage, Clearwater, FL 34630 (LOC No. 26);

Mr. Kenneth C. Balcomb, III, Center for Whale Research, Inc., 1359 Smuggler's Cove Road, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 (LOC No. 27);

Mr. T. David Schofield, Senior Mammalogist/Marine Animal Rescue Coordinator, National Aquarium in Baltimore, Pier 3, 501 East Pratt Street, Baltimore, MD 21202-3194 (LOC No. 28);

Mr. Shane Guan, Grice Marine Biological Laboratory, University of Charleston, 205 Fort Johnson, Charleston, SC 29412 (LOC No. 29);

Dr. Harold N. Cones, Professor and Chairman, Department of Biology, Chemistry and Environmental Sciences, Christopher Newport University, 30 Shoe Lane, Newport News, VA 23606-2998 (LOC No. 30);

Dr. Bernd Wursig, Director, Marine Mammal Research Program, Texas A&M University, 4700 Avenue U/Building 303, Galveston, TX 77551 (LOC No. 31);

Ms. Marilyn Mazzoil, 17630 NW 67th Avenue #1211, Miami, FL 33015 (LOC No. 32);

Mr. Daniel E. Eastman, Proprietor, Adventures West Consulting, 2907 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, WA 98112 (LOC No. 33);

Dr. W. John Richardson, LGL Ltd., Environmental Research Associates, 22 Fisher Street, P.O. Box 280, King City, Ontario L7B 1A6, Canada (LOC No. 481-1382);

Dr. John G. Morris, Department of Biological Sciences, Florida Institute of Technology, 150 West University Blvd., Melbourne, FL 32905 (LOC No. 819-1336);

Dr. Daniel K. Odell, Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, FL 32821-8097 (LOC No. 752-1333);

Dr. Bradford E. Brown, Director, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 (LOC No. 779-1334);

Dr. James T. Harvey, Associate Professor, Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA 95039-0450 (LOC No. 555-1389); and

Ms. Maddalena Hearzi, 13955 Tahiti Way, # 257, Marina del Ray, CA 90292 (LOC No. 856-1366).

**ADDRESSES:** These authorizations and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment, in the Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson (F/PR1), Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289).

Dated: July 29, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Notice Of Sea Grant Review Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Sea Grant Review Panel. The members of the Review Panel and other participants will discuss matters related to the functions and operations of the Review Panel, issues related to strategic

planning and program evaluation, the status of on-going Sea Grant programs and initiatives, and recommendations on the application for designation of a Sea Grant College.

**DATES:** The announced meeting is scheduled during two days: August 13 and 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 West Dayton Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Ronald C. Baird, Director, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11716, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2448.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Panel, which consists of balanced representation from academia, industry, state government, and citizen's groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128) and advises the Secretary of Commerce, the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and the Administrator of NOAA, and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

*Wednesday, August 13, 1997*

8:30 a.m. Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

8:45 a.m. NOAA Update

9:15 a.m. Year of the Ocean Update

10:15 a.m. National Sea Grant Office Update

12:00 p.m. Congressional Update

12:15 p.m. *Lunch*

1:30 p.m. Sea Grant Review Panel Subcommittee Reports (Program Evaluation; Long Range Planning; Liaison Reports)

5:00 p.m. Sea Grant Review Panel Bylaws Discussion

5:30 p.m. *Adjourn*

*Thursday, August 14, 1997*

8:00 a.m. Report from the Sea Grant Association

8:20 a.m. Illinois/Indiana Sea Grant College Application Discussion

9:30 a.m. Change of Chair

9:45 a.m. Chair-Elect Election

10:30 a.m. Planning for Next Year

11:30 a.m. Old/New Business Discussion

12:00 p.m. *Adjourn.*

The meeting will be open to the public.

Dated: July 25, 1997.

**Elbert W. Friday,**

Assistant Administrator, for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Meeting of the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office is announcing, in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), an open meeting of the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, September 22, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, 2121 Crystal Drive, Crystal Park 2, Room 912, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** David E. Bucher, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Trademark Policy and Projects, by mail marked to his attention and addressed to Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, 2900 Crystal Drive, South Tower Building, Suite 10B10, Arlington, VA 22202-3513; by telephone at (703) 308-9100, ext. 20; by fax at (703) 308-9099; or by e-mail to dave.bucher@uspto.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to public observation. Accordingly, seating will be available to members of the public on a first-come-first-served basis. Members of the public will be permitted to make oral comments of three (3) minutes each. Written comments and suggestions will be accepted before or after the meeting on any of the matters discussed. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

(1) Current Trademark Office Performance.

(2) Policy Issues.

(3) TTAB Issues, including update on Rules Package.

(4) Finance.

(5) Automation.

(6) Domestic Legislation.

(7) International Trademark Issues.