

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of its Stone Crab Advisory Panel and Scientific and Statistical Committee via conference call on Monday, December 15, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m. eastern standard time.

**ADDRESSES:** A listening phone will be located at each of the following locations:

NMFS Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL; telephone: 813-570-5301;

NMFS Miami Laboratory, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Room 200, Miami, FL; telephone: 305-361-4259.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is being held to review Draft Amendment 6 to the Stone Crab Fishery Management Plan. The amendment proposes to extend a moratorium on registration on commercial stone crab vessels by the Regional Administrator of NMFS for a period not to exceed 4 years. The purpose of the moratorium is to provide time for the state of Florida to implement a limited access system for the fishery and for the Council to develop and implement an amendment extending the limited access system to the exclusive economic zone.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panel/Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel/Committee action during this meeting. Panel/Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

### Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 8, 1997.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of three applications (1071, 1081, 1093) and one modification (1044) for scientific research permits; issuance of modifications to two scientific research permits (1028, 1051).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Research Station (USFS) in Arcata, CA (1071), the U.S. National Park Service, Redwood National and State Parks (NPS) in Orick, CA (1081), and the U.S. Geological Survey, Humboldt Cooperative Fishery Research Unit (USGS) in Arcata, CA (1093) have applied in due form for permits, and the National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) in Tiburon, CA (1044) has applied in due form for a permit modification authorizing takes of a threatened species for scientific research purposes. Notice is hereby also given that on November 12, 1997, NMFS issued Modification #1 of Permit #1028 to Mr. Steven Serfling, of Mote Marine Laboratory, and that on November 19, 1997, NMFS issued Modification #1 of Permit #1051 to Mr. Jorgen Skjeveland, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the applications or the modification request must be received on or before December 29, 1997.

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

Applications for Permits 1071, 1081, and 1093, and modification request for permit 1044: Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

Modification requests and Permits 1028 and 1051: Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive

Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

All documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For Permits 1044, 1071, 1081, and 1093: Tom Hablett, Protected Resources Division, NMFS Santa Rosa Office (707-575-6066).

For Permits 1028 and 1051: Terri Jordan, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, (301-713-1401).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** USFS (1071), NPS (1081), USGS (1093) and SWFSC (1044) have requested permits or modifications to permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). NMFS has issued modifications to permits held by Mr. Steven Serfling, of Mote Marine Laboratory (1028), and by Mr. Jorgen Skjeveland, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (1051) under the authority of section 10 of the ESA and NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits. USFS (1071) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, southern Oregon/northern California coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population studies in the Eel and Van Duzen River Drainages within the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). The studies consist of juvenile coho salmon distribution for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed juvenile fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified, and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed juvenile salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

NPS (1081) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population studies in NPS regulated drainages within the ESU. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) habitat quality evaluation, and 4) spawner surveys. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

USGS (1093) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with defined fish population studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, 4) genetic sampling, and 5) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

SWFSC (1044) requests a modification to its five-year permit to include takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, SONCC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: 1) Presence/absence, 2) population estimates, 3) spawner surveys, 4) genetic sampling, and 5) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish will be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities are also requested.

Mr. Serfling is authorized under Permit 1028 to hold shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) eggs and yolk-sac fry obtained from the Huntsman Marine Laboratory, in St. Andrews, New Brunswick, Canada, at Mote Marine Laboratory in Florida to determine the effects of toxins on egg viability and yolk-sac survival rates. These viability and survival rates will be compared against those of fish from the USFWS hatchery in South Carolina and the St. Johns, St. Marys and Altamaha Rivers in Florida and Georgia, the collection of which was previously permitted on March 6, 1997. The volume of eggs and fry will not exceed 1.0 liter in volume.

Mr. Skjeveland is authorized under Permit 1051 to take up to thirty (30) listed shortnose sturgeon from the Chesapeake Bay, an increase of 5 from the original permit, and to take up to thirty (30) listed shortnose sturgeon from the Delaware Bay/River estuary to determine the genetic relationship of these two stocks and to determine if there is migration back and forth between the Chesapeake and Delaware Canal. The sturgeon will be measured, tagged, tissue sampled, and released.

Issuance of these modifications, as required by the ESA, were based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the

permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on these requests for permits should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

**Nancy Chu,**

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

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### AmeriCorps: National, Indian Tribes, and U.S. Territories Programs

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds for new and renewal grants, notice of availability of 1998 application guidelines.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of funds for new and renewal AmeriCorps program grants in the approximate amounts of: (1) \$40 million for AmeriCorps National program grants (CFDA # 94.004); and (2) \$4.5 million for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories program grants (CFDA # 94.004). The application forms and guidelines for completing new applications are contained in (1) the "AmeriCorps National 1998 Application Guidelines", and (2) the "1998 AmeriCorps Application Guidelines for Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories" respectively. Grantees in their first or second year of operation should contact their Corporation program officer for information about the renewal process.

**DATES:** Applicants for new AmeriCorps National grants must be received by 3:30 p.m. (E.S.T.), February 6, 1998. Notice regarding the renewal application deadline for AmeriCorps National grants will be provided to existing grantees at a later date. All AmeriCorps Indian Tribe and U.S. Territory applications must be received by 3:30 p.m. (E.S.T.), May 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** All applications should be submitted to the Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Box ACD (for AmeriCorps National), Box ITT (for AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories), Washington, D.C. 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Copies of the "AmeriCorps National 1998 Application Guidelines" may be requested by calling (202) 606-5000, ext. 125. Copies of the "1998 AmeriCorps Application Guidelines for Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories" may be requested by calling (202) 606-5000, ext. 475. If potential applicants have questions about the AmeriCorps National application guidelines or the application process, they should contact the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps Direct, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20525. Phone: (202) 606-5000, ext. 125. If potential applicants have questions about the AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories application guidelines or the application process, they should contact the Corporation for National Service, AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20525. Phone: (202) 606-5000, ext. 188. Organizations interested in applying for AmeriCorps National program funds may participate in a conference call on Monday, December 15, 1997, during which Corporation staff will provide technical assistance to potential applicants. The call will begin at 1:00 P.M. and end at 3:00 P.M. (E.S.T.). To register for this call, please contact Jimmie Bonah at (202) 606-5000, extension 286. The Corporation staff will also conduct conference calls to provide technical assistance to potential applicants seeking AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories program funds on February 3, 1998, and February 10, 1998. Both calls will begin at 4:00 P.M. (E.S.T.). To register for these calls, please contact Pattie Howell at (202)-606-5000, extension 188. In addition, there will be technical assistance conferences for potential applicants seeking AmeriCorps Indian Tribes and U.S. Territories program funds on January 9, 1998, in Las Vegas, NV and on February 6, 1998 in Memphis, TN. To register for either of the conferences, please call Pattie Howell, at (202) 606-5000, ext. 188. The Corporation's T.D.D. number is (202) 565-2799.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Corporation's requirements for AmeriCorps programs are set forth in the Corporation's authorizing statute (42