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(13) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance number is 11.115.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

E. Vivian Spathopoulos,

Deputy Director, US&FCS/Russia—NIS Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071598E]

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 will convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP).

DATES: This meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday, August 4 and conclude by 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 6, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel members will meet to review the NMFS Gulf of Mexico gag stock assessment that was prepared in October 1997. The RFSAP conducted a preliminary review of this assessment in October 1997, but was unable to complete the review due to insufficient time.

The RFSAP will also review a new Gulf of Mexico vermilion snapper stock assessment by NMFS, and will recommend a range of allowable

biological catch (ABC) to prevent overfishing from occurring. Vermilion snapper in the Gulf of Mexico were identified by NMFS in its September 1997 Report to Congress on the Status of Fisheries of the United States as a stock that is approaching an overfished condition. A stock is considered to be approaching an overfished condition if, based on trends in fishing effort, fishery resource size, and other appropriate factors, NMFS estimates that the fishery will become overfished within two years. As a result of this designation, the Council is required to take action within one year to prevent overfishing from occurring in the fishery.

In addition to reviewing the stock assessments, the RFSAP may review overfishing definitions and proxies for maximum sustainable yield (MSY) for gag and vermilion snapper, as required under the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

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

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 July 28, 1998.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Weather Service; Notice of Opportunity for Public Comment on the Strategic Network Plan

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Opportunity for Public Comment on the Strategic Network Plan.

SUMMARY: The NWS is announcing its interest in obtaining public comments on its future networking plans.

DATES: Comments will be accepted until September 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the Strategic Network Plan should be made via the Internet at: <http://www.nws.noaa.gov/snp>. The following is the sequence of steps: access the Internet at the above address; register your organization as directed at the Internet site; receive a password from the NWS; review the Strategic Network Plan; submit your comments via the Internet to michael.sikorski@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael T. Sikorski at 301-713-1737x221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Systems Operations of the NWS has recently completed a review of existing and planned NWS data communication networks and current and anticipated data distribution requirements and has developed a preliminary strategy for accomplishing future integration of these networks, including the central collection of radar data. The NWS is interested in obtaining outside comments on its networking plans for the future. Accordingly, interested parties are invited to review preliminary NWS plans and offer their views and suggestions on future networking directions that the NWS should consider.

Dated: July 16, 1998.

John J. Kelly, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071498B]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Dan Engelhaupt, 9195 Jamaica Beach, Galveston, TX 77554, has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before August 21, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The applicant seeks authorization to conduct photo-identification and skin biopsy sampling activities on up to: 250 sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*); 150 Pantropical spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*); 150 melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*); and 30 individuals of each of the following species: Bryde's whales (*Balaenoptera edeni*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), Fraser's dolphins (*Lagenodelphis hosei*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), pygmy killer whales (*Feresa attenuata*), dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia simus*), pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia breviceps*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Blainville's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Gervais' beaked whales

(*Mesoplodon europaeus*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), Clymene dolphins (*Stenella clymene*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), and Atlantic spotted dolphins (*Stenella frontalis*). Samples collected via the above biopsy dart sampling as well as extant samples of stored material obtained from National Marine Fisheries Services' Southeast Region would be exported to England for genetic analyses. The focus of the proposed study is to compare genotypic and phenotypic variability within and between cetacean populations in the Gulf of Mexico, and would be conducted over a 5-year period.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 15, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, July 29, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Options for Multi-Purpose (Utility) Lighters

The staff will brief the Commission on a draft notice of proposed rulemaking for multi-purpose lighters (also known as utility lighters) to address the hazard of fires started by young children who operate such lighters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: July 20, 1998.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Associated Form, and OMB Number: Application for Training Leading to Commission in the United States Air Force; AF Form 56; P<B Number 0701-0001.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.
Number of Respondents: 2,900.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 2,900.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 967.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary for providing information to determine if applicant meets qualifications established for training leading to a commission. Air Force selection boards use the information to determine suitability for officer training. Information contained on AF Form 56 supports the Air Force as it applies to officer training (procurement) programs for civilian and military applicants. It is imperative that only persons fully qualified for receipt of Air Force commissions are selected for the training leading to commissioning. Data supports the Air Force in verifying the eligibility of applicants and in the selection of those best qualified for dedication of funding and training resources. Eligibility requirements are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2013, "Officer Training School (OTS) and Airman Commissioning Programs."

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On occasion.