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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082698C]

#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of rescheduled public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) has rescheduled its 95th Council meeting.

**DATES:** The Council meeting will be held on October 6, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Best Western Pierre Hotel, at the De Diego Avenue, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926; fax: (787) 766-6239.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council has rescheduled its 95th regular public meeting to discuss the Draft Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Generic Amendment to the Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) of the U.S. Caribbean, and will take final action on these items. This meeting was previously scheduled for September 29, 1998 and was cancelled due to Hurricane Georges. This meeting was previously published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 47268).

The Council will meet on Tuesday, October 6, 1998, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral and written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this

Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or requests for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon at the Council (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 1, 1998.

**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. 093098A]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Scheduled Teleconference

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

**ACTION:** Notice of scheduled teleconference.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Budget Committee will hold a telephone conference call.

**DATES:** The conference call will be held on October 19, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. (Pacific Daylight Time).

**ADDRESSES:** The telephone conference will originate from the Council office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the conference call is to adopt an initial budget request for the operation of the Council during calendar year 1999. At it's September 14-18, 1998 meeting, the Council instructed the Budget Committee to confer after the amount available to the

Regional Fishery Management Councils was determined by Congress and NMFS. The initial amount available to the Pacific Council should be known in advance of the October 19, 1998 conference call.

Members of the public wishing to listen to this conference or desiring further information should contact Mr. Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council 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.

The teleconference is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the teleconference date.

Dated: September 30, 1998.

**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. 092198A]

#### Marine Mammals, Endangered or Threatened Species, Scientific Research Permit No. 587-001472-00

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Dan R. Salden, Box 1772, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1772, has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera*

*novaeangliae*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), and spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 4, 1998.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Regional Office, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office, 709 W. 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Federal Building, room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7221); and

Protected Resources Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

**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 (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222.23).

The applicant proposes to conduct photo-identification and behavioral observations, including sound recordings, of North Pacific humpback whales in Hawaii and Alaska waters over a five-year period. Photo-identification and observations of bottlenose dolphins, spinner dolphins, spotted dolphins, false killer whales,

pilot whales, and killer whales would be conducted on an opportunistic basis. The research is a continuation of a long-term study of association patterns and directed communication behaviors of the North Pacific humpback whale.

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: September 29, 1998.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090198A]

#### Recreational Fishing; Code of Angling Ethics

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed code of angling ethics.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is seeking public comment on a proposed Code of Angling Ethics. The adoption of this Code of Angling Ethics would implement the public education strategy required under the NMFS-specific Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by November 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed Code of Angling Ethics should be sent to Richard H. Schaefer, Office of Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries; 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 425; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard H. Schaefer, 301-427-2014.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 7, 1995, the President signed Executive Order 12962 (EO) - Recreational Fisheries. The EO recognized the social,

cultural, and economic importance of recreational fishing to the nation and directed Federal agencies to "improve the quantity, function, sustainable productivity, and distribution of U.S. aquatic resources for increased recreational fishing opportunities." Further, the EO established the National Recreational Fisheries Coordination Council (NRFCC) consisting of Secretarial designees from the Departments of Commerce, Interior, Agriculture, Defense, Energy, and Transportation, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The NRFCC was directed under the EO to produce a Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan (National Plan). The National Plan, completed June 3, 1996, directed each Federal agency to develop an agency-specific implementation plan that identifies actions necessary to meet the goals and objectives of the National Plan. The NMFS-specific Recreational Fishery Resources Conservation Plan, unveiled December 31, 1996, dictates four Implementation Strategies as policy to achieve the goals of the National Plan. Implementation Strategy III, Public Education, states that NMFS will support, develop, and implement programs designed to enhance public awareness and understanding of marine conservation issues relevant to the well-being of marine recreational fishing. One output listed under this Implementation Strategy is "NMFS will develop, promote and distribute a 'Code of Conduct for Recreational Fishing.'"

The following Code of Angling Ethics is proposed for adoption by NMFS:

#### THE CODE OF ANGLING ETHICS

1. Promotes, through education and practice, ethical behavior in the use of aquatic resources.
2. Values and respects the aquatic environment and all living things in it.
3. Avoids spilling, and never dumps, any pollutants, such as gasoline and oil, into the aquatic environment.
4. Disposes of all trash, including worn-out lines, leaders, and hooks, in appropriate containers, and helps to keep fishing sites litter-free.
5. Takes all precautionary measures necessary to prevent the spread of exotic plants and animals, including live baitfish, into non-native habitats.
6. Learns and obeys angling and boating regulations, and treats other anglers, boaters, and property owners with courtesy and respect.
7. Respects property rights, and never trespasses on private lands or waters.
8. Keeps no more fish than needed for consumption, and never wastefully discards fish that are retained.
9. Practices conservation by carefully handling and releasing alive all fish that