

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 122799B]****Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings**

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of reports; public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 2000 ocean salmon fisheries. This document announces the availability of Council documents as well as the dates and locations of Council meetings and public hearings that comprise the Council's complete schedule of events for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon management measures. The agendas for the March and April Council meetings will be published in subsequent **Federal Register** documents prior to the actual meetings.

DATES: Written comments on the season options will be accepted until March 29, 2000, at 12:00 noon Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: Documents will be available from and comments should be sent to Jim Lone, Chairman, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, Oregon, 97201; phone: 503-326-6831 or fax: 503-326-6831. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet. For specific meeting and hearing locations, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Coon, Salmon Management Coordinator, at 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Schedule For Document Completion and Availability**

February 29, 2000: "Review of 1999 Ocean Salmon Fisheries and Preseason Report I-Stock Abundance Analysis for 2000 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" will be available to the public from the Council office.

March 21, 2000: "Preseason Report II" and public hearing schedule will be mailed to the public. The report will include options, rationale, and summary of biological and economic impacts.

April 14, 2000: Newsletter describing adopted ocean salmon fishing

management measures will be mailed to the public.

April 14, 2000: Salmon Technical Team (STT) will complete "Preseason Report III-Analysis of Council Adopted Regulatory Measures for 2000 Ocean Salmon Fisheries."

Dates, Times, and Location for Meetings and Hearings

January 18-21, 2000: STT will meet at the Council office in a public work session to draft "Review of 1999 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2000 ocean salmon fisheries.

February 15-18, 2000: STT will meet at the Council office in a public work session to draft "Preseason Report I-Stock Abundance Analysis for 2000 Ocean Salmon Fisheries" and to consider any other estimation or methodology issues pertinent to the 2000 ocean salmon fisheries.

March 6-10, 2000: Council and advisory entities will meet at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, Sacramento, CA, to adopt 2000 management options for public review.

March 27-28, 2000: Public hearings will be held to receive comments on the proposed ocean salmon fishery management options adopted by the Council. All public hearings will begin at 7:00 p.m. on the dates and at the locations specified here.

March 27, 2000: Chateau Westport, 710 W Hancock, Westport, WA.

March 27, 2000: Pony Village Motor Lodge, Virginia Avenue, North Bend, OR.

March 27, 2000: Flamingo Resort Hotel and Conference Center, 2777 4th Street, Santa Rosa, CA.

March 28, 2000: Shilo Inn, 2535 N. Main, Tillamook, OR.

March 28, 2000: Red Lion Hotel Eureka, 1929 Fourth Street, Eureka, CA.

April 3-7, 2000: Council and advisory entities will meet at the Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR, to adopt 2000 management options for public review.

April 4, 2000: Testimony on the management options will be taken during the Council meeting at the Doubletree Hotel - Columbia River, 1401 North Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR.

May 1, 2000: Federal regulations will be implemented and "Preseason Report III" will be available for distribution to the public.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the STT meeting agendas may come before the STT for

discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STT action during these meetings. STT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and to any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the STT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at 503-326-352 (voice), or 503-326-6831 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. *et seq.*

Dated: January 5, 2000.

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****[I.D. 111899D]****Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 522-1527-00)**

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Randall S. Wells, Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, FL 34236, has been issued a permit to take bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) 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, Southeast Region, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312)

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 23, 1999, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (64 FR 51519) that a request for a scientific research permit to harass up to 100 Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) annually in Florida waters during the conduct of photo-identification and biopsy sampling activities, over a five year period, had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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.*) and 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.*).

Dated: December 29, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

ARMS Initiative Implementation; Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Army, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC charters the development of new and innovative methods to optimize the asset value of the Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated ammunition industrial base for peacetime and national emergency requirements, while ensuring—economical and efficient processes at minimal operating costs, matching critical skills, balancing community economic benefits, and becoming a “model” for defense conversion. This meeting will update the EAC and public on the status of ongoing actions, new items of interest, and suggested future direction/actions. Topics for this meeting will include—Logistic Support Facility (LSF) Award using ARMS facility contract model; Office of Installation/Environmental and Pendulum Management Company LLC Team—Leasing Comparison presentation; tenant transition process

at “excessed” facilities; the Industrial Operations Command Strategic Plan; procedures for competition of facilities; EAC nominations; tenant proposal evaluation; facility requirements due to threatcon level “A” or higher security requirements; and PricewaterhouseCoopers “Best of Breed” presentation. This meeting is open to the public.

DATE OF MEETING: February 8–9, 2000.

PLACE OF MEETING: Xerox Document University (XDU), Routes 7 and 659, Leesburg, Virginia 20176.

TIME OF MEETING: 8 AM–5 PM on February 8 and 8 AM–2 PM on February 9.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Elwood H. Weber, ARMS Task Force, HQ Army Materiel Command, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria Virginia 22333; Phone (703) 617-9788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To assist in the EAC Meeting administrative support requirements, request that all attendees provide their desired overnight accommodations (2, 1 or 0 nights) to Mr. Elwood Weber, telephone (703) 617-9788/email eweber@hqamc.army.mil alternatively, Ms. Susan Alten, telephone (703) 617-4718/email susan.alten@hqda.army.mil. XDU is a multifunctional and secure campus type atmosphere, which requires attendees advance notification. To insure your immediate accessibility and expeditious registration, we request your attendance confirmation with this office by January 19, 2000. After January 19, accommodations must be made directly with XDU, but grouping with ARMS EAC (aka PPTF) meeting attendees may not be available. Corporate casual is meeting attire.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Proposed Rueter-Hess Reservoir, Parker, Colorado

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) is preparing an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the direct, indirect and

cumulative effects of constructing and operating the proposed Rueter-Hess Reservoir. The basic purpose of the proposed action is to provide a safe, adequate and sustainable municipal water supply to Parker Water and Sanitation District, Parker, CO, which is capable of meeting the peak demands for the District's service area for the next 50 years. The construction of the proposed project would result in temporary and permanent impacts to wetlands and other waters of the United States, requiring a section 404 permit. To familiarize the public and interested organizations with the project and potential environmental issues that may be involved, the COE has prepared a scoping document for the project. This document includes a project description, preliminary list of alternatives and various environmental/resource issues that will be addressed in the EIS. Copies of the scoping document will be available at the public scoping meetings or can be requested by mail. The EIS will be prepared according to the COE's procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(C), and consistent with the COE's policy to facilitate public understanding and review of agency proposals.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the proposed action and EIS can be addressed to Rodney Schwartz, EIS Project Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 215 North 17th Street, Omaha, NE 68102-4978 or at 402-221-4143.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Parker Water and Sanitation District proposes to construct and operate Rueter-Hess Reservoir and the associated water delivery system in order to provide a safe, adequate and sustainable municipal water supply, which is capable of meeting the peak demands for the District's service area for the next 50 years. The proposed reservoir is located in Douglas County, Colorado approximately 12 miles southeast of Denver and 3 miles southwest of the town of Parker. The construction of the 120-foot high, 2,600-foot long dam would impound 15,000 acre-feet of water and inundate approximately 385 acres in and around Newlin Gulch, an intermittent tributary to Cherry Creek.

The water supply system would be designed to be capable of capturing, reusing and storing seasonal high flows in nearby Cherry Creek and also capable of capturing and reusing Advanced Wastewater Treatment (AWT) return flows currently discharged into Cherry Creek. The water system would provide