

Western Pacific are required to provide certain information about their fishing activities. The information is needed for the management of the fishery.

**Affected Public:** Businesses and other for-profit organizations, and individuals.

**Frequency:** On occasion.

**Respondent's Obligation:** Mandatory.

**OMB Desk Officer:** David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [lengelme@doc.gov](mailto:lengelme@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: June 23, 2000.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062700A]

#### South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold meetings of its Marine Reserves Advisory Panel (AP), Rock Shrimp AP, and Dolphin Wahoo AP in Charleston, South Carolina.

**DATES:** These meetings will be held July 26–August 3, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC 29407; telephone: 843-571-1000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: [kim.iverson@noaa.gov](mailto:kim.iverson@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meetings are scheduled as follows:

Wednesday, July 26, 2000, 8:30–5 p.m. and Thursday, July 27, 2000, 8:30–3 p.m.—The Marine Reserves AP.

The Marine Reserves AP will meet to review comments received during the informal meeting and public scoping process and will discuss the advisory panel's recommendation as to which direction the Council should move regarding the use of marine reserves as a management tool.

Tuesday, August 1, 2000, 1:30–5 p.m. and Wednesday, August 2, 2000, 8 a.m.–12 noon—The Rock Shrimp AP.

The Rock Shrimp AP will meet to review landings and permit information for the rock shrimp fishery and discuss issues and develop preliminary recommendations regarding development of a limited entry system for the fishery.

Wednesday, August 2, 2000, 1:30–5 p.m. and Thursday, August 3, 2000, 8 a.m.–12 noon—The Dolphin Wahoo AP.

The Dolphin Wahoo AP will meet to review public comments received during the public hearing and informal review process and provide the Council with panel member comments on the public hearing draft of the Dolphin and Wahoo Fishery Management Plan. The public comment period for this document ends on July 7, 2000.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during these meetings. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice 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 Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (See **ADDRESSES**) by July 17, 2000.

Dated: June 27, 2000.

**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. 061300A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 981-1578

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Peter L. Tyack, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Biology Department, 46 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before July 31, 2000.

**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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289).

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.

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 by 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 (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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The applicant is requesting to harass the species of cetaceans listed below in the North Atlantic and Mediterranean Sea during the course of research on the impact of noise on marine mammals. The research will involve a variety of potential takes by harassment including: close approach for tagging; attachment of tags; focal follows; and playbacks of sound. In addition, the applicant requests authorization to import to the U.S. and export to foreign countries skin samples collected during the course of suction-cup tag retrieval. Incidental harassment of all species of cetaceans may occur through vessel approach, photographic identification and behavioral research. The research will be carried out over a five-year period.

The following species may be taken by harassment during the course of the research: Minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), Sei whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*), Blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), Finback whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), Common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), Short-finned pilot whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), Long-finned pilot whale (*Globicephala melas*), Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), Killer whale (*Orcinus orca*), False killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*), Striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Rough-toothed dolphin (*Steno bredanensis*), Bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), Pygmy sperm whale (*Kogia breviceps*), Dwarf sperm whale (*Kogia simus*), Sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), Bottlenose whale (*Hyperoodon ampullatus*), Blainville's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Gervais' beaked whale (*Mesoplodon europaeus*), Sowerby's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon bidens*), True's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon mirus*), and Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS is preparing an environmental assessment which will be available from the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, at the address listed above.

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: June 26, 2000.

**Ann D. TerBush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 000623194-0194-01]

RIN 0660-XX09

### Notice, Request for Comments on Ultrawideband Systems Test Plan

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute for Telecommunication Sciences (ITS) and the Office of Spectrum Management (OSM) of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) invite interested parties to review and comment on a proposed test plan for developing accurate, repeatable, and practical methods for characterizing the very narrow pulses (and pulse trains) of ultrawideband (UWB) systems and collecting the information to estimate or measure the potential for UWB systems to interfere with existing (narrowband, channelized, band-limited, and wideband) radio communications or sensing systems. This test plan covers the effects of UWB signals on selected Federal radio receivers, but does not include effects on Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers.<sup>1</sup>

The UWB test plan will be posted on the NTIA homepage at: <[www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome/uwbtestplan](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/osmhome/uwbtestplan)>. Interested parties may also obtain a copy of the test plan from ITS or OSM.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the test plan no later than July 17, 2000.

**SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:** The Department invites the public to submit comments on the UWB test plan in paper or electronic form. Comments may be mailed to Paul Roosa, Office of Spectrum Management, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Room 4099 HCHB, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230. Paper submissions should include a diskette in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version) or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name and version of the word

<sup>1</sup> NTIA is preparing a separate test plan to measure the effects of UWB signals on GPS receivers. NTIA intends to post that UWB-GPS test plan on the NTIA homepage in late-July and will seek public comment at that time.

processing program used to create the document.

In the alternative, comments may be submitted electronically to the following electronic mail address: <[uwbtestplan@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:uwbtestplan@ntia.doc.gov)>. Comments submitted via electronic mail should also be submitted in one or more of the formats specified above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. William Kissick, Institute for Telecommunication Sciences, telephone: (303) 497-7482; or electronic mail: <[billk@its.bldrdoc.gov](mailto:billk@its.bldrdoc.gov)>; or Paul Roosa, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, telephone: (202) 482-1559; or electronic mail: <[proosa@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:proosa@ntia.doc.gov)>. Media enquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, at (202) 482-7002.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Recent advances in microcircuit and other technologies have resulted in the development of pulsed radar and communications systems with very narrow pulse widths and very wide bandwidths. These ultrawideband (UWB) systems have instantaneous bandwidths of at least 25 percent of the center frequency of the device. UWB systems can perform a number of useful telecommunication functions that make them very appealing for both the commercial and government applications. These systems have very wide information bandwidths, are capable of accurately locating nearby objects, and can use processing technology with UWB pulses to "see through objects" and communicate using multiple propagation paths. The bandwidths of UWB devices, however, are so wide that, although their output powers in many cases are low enough to be authorized under the unlicensed device regulations of the NTIA and the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), some of the systems emit signals in bands in which such transmissions are not permitted because of potential harmful effects on critical radiocommunication services.

The NTIA and the FCC have developed spectrum management procedures for unlicensed devices (conventional electronic devices with narrow bandwidths), but these procedures do not currently address UWB devices, which were unknown when these procedures were adopted. Thus, NTIA and the FCC must work closely with each other, current users of the radio spectrum, and the UWB community to determine how UWB devices can operate without adversely impacting existing radio-