

scheduling public meetings of its Groundfish Committee, Monkfish Advisory Panel and Research Steering Committee in October 2000, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meetings will be held between Tuesday, October 24, 2000, and Thursday, October 26, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Danvers, MA; Wakefield, MA; and Warwick, RI. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978)465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates, Locations, and Agendas

Tuesday, October 24, 2000, 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, October 25, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton Ferncroft, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will continue its development of management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committee will consider comments from its Advisory Panel on the area management and sector allocation proposals and may make changes to those proposals based on the comments received. They will finalize recommendations for rebuilding plans for overfished stocks, measures to address capacity in the groundfish fishery, and recommendations for closed areas. In addition, the Committee will refine its proposals for a revised status quo, area management, and sector allocation alternatives. They will review access by other fisheries or gears to closed areas and may develop recommendations for changes to those vessels and gears that are currently allowed access to closed areas. They will also develop priorities for cooperative research proposals that will be forwarded to the Research Steering Committee. The Committee will meet in a closed session to review advisory panel applications.

Thursday, October 26, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—Monkfish Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401)739-3000.

The Panel will discuss monkfish trip limit options to address perceived inequities across fleet sectors and develop recommendations to the Monkfish Committee. It will also develop a statement of purpose and a range of alternatives for monkfish spawning area/time management, and will discuss possible options for bycatch control and minimizing discards of monkfish in small mesh fisheries.

Thursday, October 26, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—Research Steering Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton Colonial, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; telephone: (781) 245-9300.

The Research Committee will discuss priorities for funding regional research projects in 2001.

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate. Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: October 2, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 00-25648 Filed 10-4-00; 8:45 am]

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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: Issuance of scientific research permit (1253) and a modification to a scientific research permit (1190).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has issued permits to: Carlos Diez and Robert Van Dam, Puerto Rico DNR (PR-DNR) (1253); and NMFS has issued modifications to scientific research permits to: NMFS-Southwest Region (1190).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on November 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For permits 1253, 1190: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and

policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

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

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

Fish

Shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

Permits and Modifications Issued

Notice was published on May 23, 2000 (65 FR 34445) that Mr. Carlos E. Diez, of Department of Natural and Environmental Resources applied for a scientific research permit (1253). The purpose of the research is to provide information on the ecology and population dynamics of the hawksbill and green turtles that inhabit the waters surrounding Puerto Rico and its adjacent islands (Mona, Monito, Desecheo, Caja-de-Muertos, Viques and Culebra). This research will improve the effectiveness of management efforts by addressing priorities set forth in the recovery plans for both species: (1) identification of important marine habitats; (2) determination of adult and juvenile distribution and abundance; (3) determination of sex ratios in the juvenile population; (4) evaluation of the extent of ingestion of persistent marine debris; (5) determination of growth rates and age at sexual maturity, and (6) quantification of threats to adults and juveniles on foraging grounds. Permit 1253 was issued on September 22, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1253 expires July 31, 2005.

Notice was published on April 14, 2000 (65 FR 20138) that the Southwest Region, NMFS applied for a modification to 1190. Modification #1 authorizes and increase in the annual take of olive ridley turtles from 10 to 25. The purpose of the research is to document and evaluate the incidental take of pelagic turtles by the longline fishery, to help estimate the impact of the fishery on listed turtles as individuals and as populations, and to determine methods to reduce that impact. Research will evaluate how incidental captures affect sea turtle anatomy and physiology as a function of season, location of take, water temperature, species, size, time of day, and gear configuration. The results of the research will help NMFS to better meet the goals and objectives of the Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans, the Hooking Mortality Workshop, and the requirements of Section 7 Biological Opinions developed for this fishery, and ultimately, to fulfill ESA responsibilities to protect, conserve, and recover listed species.

Incidentally-captured turtles will be examined, tagged, weighed, measured, resuscitated using approved techniques, have tissue samples taken, and be released. Some of these turtles will have transmitters attached. Dead turtles will be removed from the marine environment for research purposes, including necropsy and collection of life history data. Tissue samples may be used lab studies including the following: toxicology, histopathology, and genetic studies to identify nesting origins of incidentally taken turtles. Modification #1 to Permit 1190 was issued on September 21, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1190 expires March 31, 2004.

Dated: September 29, 2000.

Wanda L. Cain,

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

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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 and OMB Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement Subparts 227.71, Rights in Technical Data: 227.72, Rights in Computer Software and Computer Software Documentation; and related clauses and provisions at 252.227; OMB Number 0704-0369.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 56,044.

Responses Per Respondent: 21 (average).

Annual Responses: 1,185,005.

Average Burden Per Response: 3.6 hours (average).

Annual Burden Hours: 4,320,447.

Needs and Uses: The Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Subparts 227.71 and 227.72 prescribe the use of solicitation provisions and contract clauses containing information collection requirements that are associated with rights in technical data and computer software. DoD needs this information to implement 10 U.S.C. 2320, Rights in Technical Data, and 10 U.S.C. 23321, Validation of Proprietary Data Restrictions. DoD uses the information to recognize and protect contractor rights in technical data and computer software that are associated with privately funded developments; and to ensure that technical data delivered under a contract is complete and accurate and satisfies contract requirements.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Lewis W. Oleinick. Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Oleinick at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD (Acquisition), Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Robert Cushing. Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 29, 2000.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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