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Dated: October 6, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of approval and availability of revision to the Final Revised Management Plan for the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, 2000-2005.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, has approved the revised Management Plan for the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve (OWCNERR). The OWCNERR was designated in 1980 and has been operating under a Management Plan approved in 1983. Pursuant to section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1461, and section 921.33(c) of the implementing regulations, a state must revise its management plan at least every five years, or more often if necessary. This revision is Ohio's effort to comply with this requirement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nathalie Peter, OCRM, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor (N/ORM5), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-3155, Extension 119.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Management Plan contains the program mission, goals and objectives of the OWCNERR and State Natural Preserve, and establishes policies that will protect the natural resources and ecological integrity of the reserve. It provides guidance for administration of the reserve's operation, management, research, education and public outreach for the next five years.

The Management Plan also describes the necessary elements of site ecological

management: (1) To identify key natural resources; (2) to determine the appropriate level of human use for the sites and these resources; and (3) to foster their long-term protection.

The chief areas of concentration for the OWCNERR in the next five years are as follows:

1. Refining the OWCNERR Program, particularly in the areas of research and monitoring.

2. Encouraging community stewardship of the estuary, watershed and near-shore Lake Erie coast through an expanded outreach program.

3. Protecting the core estuaries area, through buffer land acquisition, conservation easements or cooperative agreements.

4. Improving the transfer of estuarine information between reserve programs (*i.e.* research, monitoring, education, and resource management) and external groups (*e.g.* local neighbors, regional decision-makers in the scientific, governmental and educational communities).

Copies of the document can be obtained from the Old Woman Creek National Estuarine Research Reserve, Department of Natural Resources, 2514 Cleveland Road, Huron, Ohio 44839. (419) 433-4601.

Dated: October 4, 2000.

Captain Ted Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement

AGENCY: Office of Global Programs (OGP), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Revisions to the Notice from NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, CLIVAR Element, FOR FY 2001; invitation to submit proposals.

SUMMARY: NOAA amends the notice published in the **Federal Register** on August 25, 2000, regarding the NOAA Climate and Global Change Program to change the dates for receipt of Letters of Intent and Full Proposals (see **DATES**). NOAA also invites the submission of proposals.

DATES: Letters of Intent must be received no later than November 13, 2000, with full proposals postmarked on or before January 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Proposals should be sent to Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1201, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irma duPree at the above address or at phone: (301) 427-2089 ext 107, Internet: irma.dupree@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NOAA Office of Global Programs published a notice describing the Climate and Global Change Program, and funding area descriptions on August 25, 2000. (65 FR 51799.) The program description, evaluation criteria, selection process, background and requirements, as well as guidelines for applications are in that notice and are not repeated here. The Office hereby revises the dates for the submission of the LOI and full proposals (See **DATES**). The office invites the submission of proposals for CLIVAR.

Program authority: 49 U.S.C. 44720 (b); 33 U.S.C. 883D; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2931 *et seq.*; (CFDA No. 11.431)—Climate and Atmospheric Research.

Dated: October 10, 2000.

David L. Evans,

Assistant Administrator, OAR.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091400B]

Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Notice of embargo for Spain.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS, (Assistant Administrator) issued an embargo for the Government of Spain under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) on October 6, 2000. This embargoes the importation into the United States of yellowfin tuna and yellowfin tuna products harvested in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP) after March 3, 1999, by Spanish-flag purse seine vessels or vessels operating

under Spanish jurisdiction and all other yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine in the ETP exported from Spain. This embargo determination was made after considering documentary evidence submitted by the Government of Spain and obtained from the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). This embargo remains in effect until further notice.

DATES: Effective October 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Copies of this notice may be obtained by writing to Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regional Administrator; Phone 562-980-4000; Fax 562-980-4018.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) (Pub. L. 105-42), allows the entry into the United States of yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine vessels in the ETP under certain conditions. If requested by the harvesting nation, the Assistant Administrator will determine whether to make an affirmative finding based upon documentary evidence provided by the government of the harvesting nation, by the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP), the IATTC, and/or the Department of State. An affirmative finding will remain valid for 1 year (generally April 1 through March 31) or for such other period as the Assistant Administrator may determine. The harvesting nation must submit an application directly to the Assistant Administrator for the first affirmative finding. The Assistant Administrator may require the submission of additional supporting documentation or verification of statements made in connection with requests to allow importations. An affirmative finding applies to tuna and tuna products that were harvested in the ETP by purse seine vessels of the nation, and applies to any yellowfin tuna harvested in the ETP purse seine fishery after March 3, 1999, the effective date of the IDCPA.

The affirmative finding process requires that the harvesting nation meet several conditions related to compliance with the IDCP. To issue an annual affirmative finding NMFS must receive the following information:

1. A statement requesting an affirmative finding;
2. Evidence of membership in the IATTC;

3. Evidence that a nation is meeting its obligations to the IATTC, including financial obligations;

4. Evidence that a nation is complying with the IDCP. For example, national laws or regulations implementing the Agreement on the IDCP and information that the nation is enforcing those laws and regulations;

5. Evidence of a tuna tracking and verification program comparable to the U.S. tracking and verification regulations at 50 CFR 216.94;

6. Evidence that the national fleet dolphin mortality limits (DMLs) were not exceeded in the previous calendar year;

7. Evidence that the national fleet per-stock per-year mortality limits, if they are allocated to countries, were not exceeded in the previous calendar year;

8. Authorization for the IATTC to release to the Assistant Administrator complete, accurate and timely information necessary to verify and inspect Tuna Tracking Forms; and

9. Authorization for the IATTC to release to the Assistant Administrator information demonstrating whether the nation is meeting its obligations of membership to the IATTC and whether the nation is meeting its obligations under the IDCP including managing (not exceeding) its national fleet DMLs or its national fleet per-stock per-year mortality limits. A nation may opt to provide this information directly to NMFS on an annual basis or to authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS in years when NMFS will review and consider whether to issue an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

An affirmative finding will be terminated, in consultation with the Secretary of State, if the Assistant Administrator determines that the requirements of 50 CFR 216.24(f)(9) are no longer being met or that a nation is consistently failing to take enforcement actions on violations which diminish the effectiveness of the IDCP. Every 5 years, the Government of the harvesting nation, must request an affirmative finding and submit the required documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator.

The Assistant Administrator reviewed the application and documentary evidence submitted by the Government of Spain and determined that the requirements under the MMPA to receive an affirmative finding have not been met. On October 6, 2000, after consultation with the Department of State, NMFS issued an embargo on yellowfin tuna and products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested in the

ETP by Spanish-flag purse seine vessels or vessels under Spanish jurisdiction after March 3, 1999, and all other yellowfin tuna harvested by purse seine in the ETP exported from Spain to be imported into the United States.

The Assistant Administrator may reconsider a finding upon request from, and the submission of additional information by, a harvesting nation, if the information indicates that the nation has met the requirements under 50 CFR 216.24(f)(9).

Dated: October 6, 2000.

William T. Hogarth,
Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Science Advisory Board

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, NOAA, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice will provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

TIME AND DATE: The meeting will be held Tuesday, October 31, 2000, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 1, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Thursday, November 2, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

PLACE: The meeting on Tuesday, October 31 and Thursday, November 2 will be held at the DoubleTree Alana Waikiki Hotel, 1956 Ala Moana Boulevard, Honolulu, Hawaii. On Wednesday, November 1, the meeting will be held at the Hawaii Imin International Conference Center at The East-West Center, 1777 East-West Road, Honolulu, Hawaii.

STATUS: The meeting will be open to public participation with two 30-minute time periods set aside for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements