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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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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 Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 2001-2005.

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 Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (JBNERR). The JBNERR was designated in 1981 and has been operating under a Management Plan approved in 1982. Pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. Section 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 Puerto Rico'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 JBNERR Management Plan Revision contains the program mission, goals and objectives of the JBNERR, and establishes policies that will protect the natural resources and ecological integrity of the reserve. It provides guidance for reserve operation and management with the objective of providing long-term opportunities for research, education and stewardship.

The JBNERR Management Plan Revision was prepared by the Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources (DNER). It was presented at a public hearing at the

JBNERR Visitors Center on March 30, 1999. The Puerto Rico Planning Board adopted the plan on March 3, 2000, under Resolution Number JB-2000-PM-JOBANERR. It was subsequently approved by an Executive Order signed by the Governor on December 29, 2000. The Planning Board approval process renders the JBNERR Management Plan an enforceable document to be upheld by the Government of Puerto Rico.

The JBNERR Management Plan Revision submitted for the Planning Board approval process contained an action plan covering the years 2000-2004. NOAA is approving the Management Plan revision for the years 2001-2005. To remedy the discrepancy in the five-year time period, NOAA has requested and DNER has agreed to submit a supplemental 2005 action plan and update for NOAA approval in 2004.

Revisions to the JBNERR Management Plan include the following:

1. Updated and detailed boundary maps and maps of natural resources and land uses within and adjacent to the reserve.

2. A full discussion of the management issues at the reserve.

3. A section detailing staffing needs, roles, and responsibilities.

4. A facilities description. Under a NOAA matching grant, the DNER has renovated a historic building to serve as the Visitors Center. This central facility consists of administrative offices, an information center, a conference and exhibit area, and a laboratory.

5. A new section addressing resource protection that includes goals and objectives; a management sector zoning plan establishing preservation, conservation, and limited use sectors; and resource protection guidelines that prohibit jet skis and allow seasonal hunting in designated areas.

6. Appendices that provide a set of regulations for the use and protection of JBNERR resources; summaries of the commonwealth legal authorities applicable to the reserve; a surveillance and enforcement plan for the DNER Ranger Corps; and guidelines for research, monitoring, manipulation, and education activities to be undertaken at the reserve.

The chief areas of concentration for the JBNERR in the next four years are as follows:

1. Establishing a Citizens' Advisory Committee, Research Advisory Committee, and Education Advisory Committee.

2. Increasing coordination among Federal and local agencies related to surveillance and enforcement.

3. Expanding the reserve's role in protecting and restoring reserve

resources through boundary delineation and increased signage, acquisition, the special area planning process, and action on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency consent order related to the northern boundary of the reserve.

4. Improving the transfer of estuarine information between reserve programs and external groups (e.g. local neighbors, local and commonwealth decision-makers in the scientific, governmental and educational communities) through exhibits, newsletters, interpretive trails, teaching guides and curriculum materials, and coastal decision-maker workshops.

5. Encouraging community stewardship of the estuary and watershed through an expanded outreach program and enhanced access to the reserve.

6. Initiating a reserve volunteer program.

7. Completing an environmental characterization and site profile for the reserve.

8. Designing and implementing a long-term environmental monitoring program that incorporates the national System-Wide Monitoring Program.

9. Actively promoting collaborative research activities.

Copies of the document can be obtained from the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Department of Natural and Environmental Resources, Call Box B, Aguirre, Puerto Rico, 00704. (787) 853-4617.

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Ted Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research; Notice of Solicitation for NOAA Science Advisory Board Members

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for NOAA Science Advisory Board members.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere is soliciting nominations for membership on the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB 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 and environmental assessment and prediction. The SAB was originally chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2., on September 25, 1997, with the General Services Administration's concurrence.

DATES: Resumes should be sent to the address specified and must be received by June 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Michael S. Uhart, Executive Director; NOAA Science Advisory Board; 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11142; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart at the address given above; telephone (301) 713-9121 or fax (301) 713-3515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that NOAA science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The panel provides advice to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on such matters as:

- (a) climate monitoring, assessment, and prediction;
- (b) recovering protected and endangered species;
- (c) R & D leading to advances in short-term weather warning and forecast services;
- (d) the effective collection, management, and utilization of environmental data;
- (e) assessment, development, utilization, and conservation of ocean and coastal resources;
- (f) the integration of technology and scientific information into decision-making and operational processes; and
- (g) such other matters as the Under Secretary refers to the panel for review and advice.

The SAB is to consist of 15 members reflecting the full breadth of NOAA's areas of responsibility. The SAB meets at least twice each year, exclusive of subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings. Panel members must be willing to participate in periodic reviews of the conduct, support, and use of science in NOAA laboratories and programs. Panel members are appointed for a 3-year term.

Dated: May 7, 2001.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 633-1483-02

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Center for Coastal Studies (CCS), P.O. Box 1036, Provincetown, MA 02657 (Executive Director: Mr. Peter Borrelli, Principal Investigator: Dr. Charles A. Mayo) has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 633-1483-01

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 31, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 64932) that an amendment of Permit No. 633-1483-01, issued June 14, 1999, and published June 22, 1999 (64 FR 33270), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Project I: Amendment No. 2 authorizes attachment of a non-invasive optical device ("critter cam") to seven North Atlantic right whales in Cape Cod Bay for collecting video documentation of the zooplankton stream passing by feeding whales in order to better assess the decision-making of the whales during foraging and the quality of the food layer supporting the whales. This

documentation will provide a subsurface tool for supplementing CCS' on-going oceanographic surveys and for "ground-truthing" current estimates of prey patch density and area in Cape Cod Bay.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 8, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

May 9, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS