

Dated: November 26, 2007.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE15

Marine Mammals; File No. 10084

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821, has applied in due form for a permit to import one beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for the purposes of public display.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 2, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 427-2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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) 427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 10084.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Kate Swails,
(301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 applicant requests authorization to import one female juvenile beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) from the Marineland of Canada in Ontario, Canada to Sea World of Florida in Orlando, Florida. The applicant requests this import for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility, Sea World of Florida, 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821 is: (1) open to the public on regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee; (2) offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards of the AZA and the Alliance for Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums; and (3) holds an Exhibitor's License, number 58-C-0077, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131 - 59).

In addition to determining whether the applicant meets the three public display criteria, NMFS must determine whether the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed activity is humane and does not represent any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of marine mammals; that the proposed activity by itself, or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and that the applicant's expertise, facilities and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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: November 28, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education
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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA56

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). This will be the second meeting to be held in calendar year 2007 to review and advise NOAA on management policies for living marine resources. Agenda topics are provided under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice. All full Committee sessions will be open to the public.

DATES: The meetings will be held December 18, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., December 19, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and December 20, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Don CeSar Beach Resort, 3400 Gulf Boulevard, St. Pete Beach, Florida 33706; (866) 728-2206.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Holliday, Director, NMFS Office of Policy; telephone: (301) 713-2239 x120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This committee advises and reviews the adequacy of living marine resource policies and programs to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and environmental, State, consumer, academic, tribal, governmental and other national interests. The complete charter and summaries of former meetings are located online at www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/index.htm.

Matters To Be Considered*December 18, 2007*

The meeting will begin with opening remarks and introductions to the full committee from Dr. William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator for Fisheries. MAFAC subcommittee chairs will provide an overview of what their respective subcommittees will address during the meeting. A brief review and discussion of administrative items will be conducted. The balance of the day will be dedicated to NMFS briefings on NOAA regional collaboration efforts; marine recreational fisheries improvements; aquaculture; and updates on the implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act of 2006.

December 19, 2007

The full Committee will reconvene from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. to discuss: Public comment responses and recommendations for MAFAC's Vision 2020 project; opportunities for development of a NOAA national ocean policy statement; and issues surrounding a seafood certification standard.

December 20, 2007

The Strategic Planning and Commerce Subcommittees and the Vision 2020 and Recreational Fisheries working groups will meet from 9 a.m. to noon. The full Committee will reconvene from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to receive Subcommittee and working group recommendations, discuss, and vote on any proposed actions.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mark Holliday, Director, NMFS Office of Policy; telephone: (301) 713-2239 x120 by 5 p.m., December 11, 2007.

Dated: November 28, 2007.

William T. Hogarth,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****RIN: 0648-XE23****Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop will be held Wednesday, December 19, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop will be held at the Sheraton Portland Airport Hotel, Mt. Adams Room, 8235 NE Airport Way, Portland, OR 97220; telephone: (503) 281-2500.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. John DeVore, Groundfish Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Groundfish Stock Assessment Review Workshop is for participants in the Council's 2007 stock assessment process to consider the procedures used in 2007 to assess and update groundfish stock abundance and develop recommendations for improving the process for future assessments. No management actions will be decided in this workshop. Any recommendations developed at the workshop will be submitted for consideration by the Council at its March 2008 meeting in Sacramento, CA.

Although non-emergency issues not identified in the workshop agenda may come before the workshop participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this workshop. Formal action at the workshop 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 workshop participants' intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the workshop date.

Dated: November 28, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Request for Public Comment on the Due Diligence Requirement Under the Commercial Availability Procedures of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR)**

November 28, 2007.

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

ACTION: Request for Public Comment on the Due Diligence Requirement Under the CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability Procedures.

SUMMARY: CITA requests public comment on the due diligence requirement under the CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability procedures. Comments should be submitted no later than **January 2, 2008** to the attention of: R. Matthew Priest, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-2582.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("CAFTA-DR"); CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability Final Procedures (72 FR 13256, published March 21, 2007) ("Final Procedures").

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability provision permits the use of non-originating CAFTA-DR products by implementing procedures that allow products to be placed on or removed from a product list, on a timely basis,