

tourism offices, state and/or local government supported tourism marketing entities, or multi-state tourism marketing entities. Again, priority may be given to a Chief Executive Officer or President (or comparable level of responsibility) of a state and regional tourism marketing entity.

Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Board members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of their particular business sector or subsector. Board members are not special government employees and will receive no compensation for their participation in Board activities. Members participating in Board meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings will be held regularly and not less than twice annually, usually in Washington, DC. Members are required to attend a majority of the Board's meetings. The first Board meeting for the new charter term has not yet been set.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.
2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her organization/entity letterhead or, if the applicant is to represent an entity other than his or her employer, a letter from the entity to be represented, containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Board. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant's travel and tourism-related experience.

3. The applicant's personal resume.

4. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

5. If the applicant represents a state or regional tourism marketing entity, the functions and responsibilities of the entity.

6. If the applicant represents an organization, information regarding the control of the organization, including the governing structure, members, and revenue sources as appropriate signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.

7. If the applicant represents a company, information regarding the control of the company, including the governing structure and stock holdings as appropriate signifying compliance with the criteria set forth above.

8. The entity's or organization's size and ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the entity or organization operates.

Appointments of members to the Board will be made by the Secretary of Commerce.

Dated: July 21, 2009.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XP58

Endangered Species; File No. 10027-02

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Center for Biodiversity and Conservation, American Museum of Natural History has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 10027-01.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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)713-0376;

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)944-2200; fax (808)973-2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick Opay or Amy Hapeman, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 16, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 17633) that a modification of Permit No. 10027 had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of 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).

The modification increases satellite tag attachment takes from 12 to 16 green (*Chelonia mydas*) sea turtles per year, with a maximum of 25 turtles over the course of the study; increases acoustic tag takes from 15 to 30 green sea turtles

per year, with a maximum of 60 acoustic tags over the course of the study; increases skin sampling, blood sampling, flipper and passive integrated transponder tagging and marking takes from 60 to 100 green sea turtles per year, with a maximum of 350 turtles skin and blood sampled over the course of the study; and increases gastric lavage takes from 20 to 50 green sea turtles per year, with a maximum of 200 turtles lavaged over the course of the study.

Issuance of this modification, 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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 20, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

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-XO45

Marine Mammals; File No. 14241

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Peter Tyack, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA has been issued a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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)713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9333; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tammy Adams or Carrie Hubard, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 8, 2009, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 15940) that a request for a permit to conduct research on cetacean behavior, sound production, and responses to sound had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued 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 research methods include tagging marine mammals with an advanced digital sound recording tag that records the acoustic stimuli an animal hears and measures vocalization, behavior, and physiological parameters. Research also involves conducting sound playbacks in a carefully controlled manner and measuring animals' responses. The principal study species are beaked whales, especially Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*), and large delphinids such as long-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala melas*), although other small cetacean species may also be studied. The locations for the field work are the Mediterranean Sea, waters off of the mid-Atlantic United States, and Cape Cod Bay. The permit is valid for five years from the date of issuance.

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

Dated: July 20, 2009.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting 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-XQ42

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held August 11–13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Blvd., Orange Beach, AL 36561.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Stephen Bortone, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348–1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Thursday, August 13, 2009

8:30 a.m. - The Council meeting will begin with swearing in of the new council members, a review of the agenda and minutes.

8:50 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Council will receive public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any; Final SAFMC Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1; Final Action on Reef Fish Amendment 31, and the Council will hold an open public comment period regarding any fishery issue of concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

1:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - The Council will receive a report on the Gulf of Mexico Alliance activities.

2 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Council will review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows: Reef Fish Management; Advisory Panel Selection; Scientific and Statistical Committee Selection; Budget/Personnel; Spiny Lobster Management; Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem; Highly Migratory Species; and Data Collection.

5:30 p.m. - 6 p.m. - The Council will review and potentially revise the proposed SEDAR schedule.

6 p.m. - 6:15 p.m. - Other Business items will follow.

6:15 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. - Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman will follow.

The Council will conclude its meeting at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Committees

Tuesday, August 11, 2009

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Orientation Session for New Council Members.

12:30 p.m. - 2 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION - The Advisory Panel Selection Committee will consider appointment of members to an Ad Hoc Limited Access Privilege Program.

2 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - CLOSED SESSION - The Scientific and Statistical

Committee Selection Committee will consider appointment of an economist to the SEP.

2:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to discuss final action on Reef Fish Amendment 31/DEIS to address longline/turtle interactions.

Wednesday, August 12, 2009

8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. - The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to receive presentations on "Is There a Better Way to Manage US Shared Commercial and Recreational Fisheries?" and "Evolving Approaches to Managing Marine Recreational Fisheries". They will also discuss preliminary analysis of gag and red grouper management measures.

2 p.m. - 3 p.m. - The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will discuss the Scoping Document for Generic ACL/AM Amendment; Final SAFMC Comprehensive Ecosystem-Based Amendment 1, and receive a report on Catch Shares Task Force.

3 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Spiny Lobster Committee will discuss the Scoping Document for Spiny Lobster Amendment 9.

3:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m. - The Budget/Personnel Committee will review the 5-year Budget Proposal.

4:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - The Highly Migratory Species Committee will listen to a presentation on Amendment 3 to Consolidated Highly Migratory Species FMP.

5 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Data Collection Committee will listen to a presentation on Louisiana For-Hire Logbook Program.

6 p.m. - 7 p.m. - There will be an informal open public question and answer session.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and