

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011102F]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Committee will meet in Juneau, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 29–30, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA. Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Coon, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; 907–271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 29, continue through Wednesday, January 30. The committee's agenda includes the following issues:

1. Review of alternatives for EFH and habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC).
2. Discussion of HAPC site designation/proposal process.
3. Develop final recommendation on EFH and HAPC alternatives.
4. Review draft Groundfish Programmatic Groundfish Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement schedule, table of contents, and purpose and need statements.
5. Presentation and discussion of white paper on mitigation alternatives and gear impact analysis.
6. Discussion of format for NMFS workshop on gear effects.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 Helen Allen, 907–271–2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 11, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 010902B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 775–1600–01

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Michael Sissenwine, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, Room 312, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 775–1600–01.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 15, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (508) 281–9250; fax (508) 281–9371.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713–0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy

submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 775–1600–01, issued on March 6, 2001 (66 FR 32793) 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).

Permit No. 775–1600–01 authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on 28 species of cetacean in the North Atlantic Ocean, and on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*), and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) in coastal Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, and Delaware. The principal purpose of the research, for all species, relates to stock assessment, an activity for which NMFS has primary responsibility under the MMPA. Types of take for cetaceans include potential harassment by shipboard and aerial approach, photo-ID, biopsy sampling, acoustic sampling, and tagging. Types of take for the 4 species of pinnipeds include potential harassment by shipboard and aerial approach; type of takes for harbor and gray seals include photo-ID and incidental harassment during scat and carcass collections; harbor seals may also be captured, biopsy and blood sampled, VHF tagged, “hat tagged”, and flipper tagged. The Permit also authorizes import and export of marine mammal parts (including soft and hard tissue, blood, extracted DNA, and whole dead animals or parts thereof) to and from any country.

The permit holder requests authorization to capture, examine, measure, flipper tag (retain tissue from tagging), apply a “seal hat”, and photograph up to 200 gray seal pups; blood sample 50 of the 200 pups captured; and VHF tag 30 of the 200 pups captured. These activities would occur in coastal Maine and Massachusetts for purposes of stock assessment.

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: January 9, 2002.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, January 24, 2002, 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public—Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(f)(1) and 16 CFR 1013.4(b)(3), (7), (9) and (10) and submitted to the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3).

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Missile Defense will meet in closed session on January 23, 2002, at the Institute for Defense Analyses, 1801 N. Beauregard Street,

Alexandria, VA. This Task Force will develop recommendations that help guide the ballistic missile defense system (BMDS) toward a fully integrated, layered defense capable of defeating ballistic missiles in any phase of their flight.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Defense Science Board Task Force will examine five areas: counter-countermeasures; boost phase technology; battle management and command, control, and communications; international cooperation; and the evolution of ballistic missile threats.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Due to critical mission requirements and the short timeframe to accomplish this review, there is insufficient time to provide timely notice required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Subsection 101-6.1015(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 101-6, which further requires publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the first meeting of the Task Force on Missile Defense.

Dated: January 9, 2002.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability of the Record of Decision on Arthur Kill Channel—Howland Hook Marine Terminal, New York and New Jersey

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Record of Decision (ROD) on the Arthur Kill Channel—Howland Hook Marine Terminal, New York and New Jersey, was signed by Robert H. Griffin, Brigadier General, U.S. Army,

Director of Civil Works and transmitted to the New York District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers by memo dated 4 September, 2001. The ROD closes the administrative record for the Final Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement on the above referenced project.

DATES: There is no closing date for the availability of the ROD.

ADDRESSES: The ROD may be obtained from the Army Corps of Engineers Planning Division, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, NY 10278-0090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Therese Fretwell, Environmental Technical Coordinator, CENAN-PL-EA, Corps of Engineers, New York District, 26 Plaza, NY, NY 10278-0090, Tel. 212-264-5736.

Luz D. Ortiz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for a Proposed Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project at the Village of Asharoken, Suffolk County, NY

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

NOTICE: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), New York District, announces its intent to prepare a DEIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), in accordance with the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of NEPA and the Department of the Army, USACE Procedures for Implementing NEPA, to assess the environmental impacts of a proposed hurricane and storm damage reduction project for the north shore of Long Island in the Village of Asharoken, NY. In accordance with USACE policies, the USACE will conduct a feasibility study to evaluate a range of structural and non-structural project alternatives. The following improvement measures would be considered: beach fill only, beach fill in combination with structures such as floodwalls, buried rubble-mound seawalls, dunes, stone revetments, interior drainage features, modifications to existing shore structures, sand bypassing; and non-structural measures