

met all of the guidelines to receive StormReady and/or TsunamiReady selection.

## II. Method of Collection

Applications will be submitted on paper (faxed or mailed) or electronically.

## III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0419.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal government (emergency managers).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 75.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden

Hours: 75.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$27.75.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 10, 2006.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Availability of Record of Decision and Final Findings on Approvability for the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management's Review of Amendments to the Alaska Coastal Management Program Final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric

Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of Record of Decision and Final Findings of Approvability for Amendment to the Alaska Coastal Management Program.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) and Final Findings of Approvability (Findings) for OCRM's Review of Amendments to the Alaska Coastal Management Program (ACMP) final Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). On June 2, 2005, OCRM received the State of Alaska's request to incorporate Executive Order 106, House Bills 191, 69, 86, Senate Bill 102, revisions to statute AS 46, and new implementing regulations at 11 AAC 110, 11 AAC 112, and 11 AAC 114 as an amendment to the ACMP. The new implementing regulations replace the existing consistency review procedure regulations previously found at 6 AAC 50, the statewide standards previously found at 6 AAC 80, and the district program guidelines previously found at 6 AAC 85 as the enforceable policies of the ACMP. The final EIS was released to the public for 30 days after the publication of a Notice of Availability in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 2005 (79 FR 71139). The ROD documents the selection of Alternative 1 (the NOAA preferred alternative) in the final EIS. The Findings make a final determination that the ACMP, as amended by the June 2, 2005, ACMP Amendment Document, still constitutes an approvable program and that procedural requirements of the CZMA and its implementing regulations have been met. The ROD and Findings were signed by the Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service (NOS) on December 29, 2005. Federal consistency applies to the revised ACMP enforceable policies as of December 29, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** A copy of the ROD and the Findings may be obtained from Helen Bass, Environmental Protection Specialist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, OCRM/CPD, N/ORM3, Station 11207, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or at [Helen.Bass@noaa.gov](mailto:Helen.Bass@noaa.gov), (301) 713-3155, extension 175 (telephone) and 301-713-4367 (FAX). The documents are also available on OCRM's Web site at <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pcd/up.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bill Millhouser, Pacific Regional Team

Leader, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, OCRM/CPD, N/ORM3, Station 11204, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or [Bill.Millhouser@noaa.gov](mailto:Bill.Millhouser@noaa.gov), (301) 713-3155, extension 189, (telephone), 301-713-4367 (FAX).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a summary of the ROD and the Findings. On June 2, 2005, Alaska formally submitted to NOAA a request to amend the ACMP.

The amendment included the above-referenced laws and new implementing regulations, which replace the existing consistency review procedure regulations previously found at 6 AAC 50, the statewide standards previously found at 6 AAC 80, and the district program guidelines previously found at 6 AAC 85. The ROD selects final EIS Alternative 1, Approve Alaska's Request for Amendment of the ACMP. OCRM arrived at this decision while taking environmental, economic, and agency statutory mission considerations into account, as discussed in greater detail in the ROD and Section 10 of the final EIS. The Findings provide an analysis of how the ACMP, as amended, meets the requirements of the CZMA at 15 CFR part 923, including uses subject to management, special management areas, boundaries, authorities and organization, and coordination, public involvement, and national interest.

The following factors weighed most heavily in OCRM's decision: (1) Continued ACMP approvability as amended by the proposed program change; and (2) impacts to coastal resources and communities associated with the continued existence of the ACMP. OCRM approved the ACMP amendment because OCRM believes Alternative 1 meets the program change requirements of the CZMA, and will be the best opportunity for continued comprehensive protection of Alaska's coastal resources. OCRM did not select either Alternative 2 (Failure to Approve Alaska's Request for Amendment of the ACMP) or Alternative 3 (Deny Alaska's Request for Amendment of the ACMP) because both ultimately would have resulted in the repeal and termination of the ACMP. Termination of the ACMP would potentially lead to adverse physical and socio-economic impacts to coastal resources and communities associated with (1) lack of Federal consistency requirements available only through participation in the national coastal management program; (2) loss of funding for implementation of the ACMP; and (3) loss of Alaska's comprehensive coastal management program which allows for district

participation in State coastal resource management decisions. In addition, the ROD identifies mitigation and monitoring measures OCRM will implement as part of its continued oversight of Alaska's implementation of the ACMP.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: January 6, 2006.

**Eldon Hout,**

*Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010506A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1814

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following individual has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals: Dr. Terrie Williams, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Center for Ocean Health - Long Marine Laboratory, University of California, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA, 95060.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before February 16, 2006.

**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

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

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 the request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (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 to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include the appropriate document identifier in the subject line of the e-mail comment: File No. 984-1814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 a five-year permit to investigate the behavioral and energetic adaptations that enable Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) to forage in the Antarctic fast-ice environment, particularly in the dark. The applicant proposes to capture up to 20 adults and disturb up to 40 adults annually. The animals would have a data logger/video system attached, muscle biopsies and blood samples collected, and blubber thickness measured. Study results are expected to increase understanding of the foraging behavior of this marine mammal. The animals would be recaptured up to three times to remove or tend to the instruments. The applicant also requests authorization for the research-related mortality of up to two seals per year.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 11, 2006.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*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

[I.D. 011106B]

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council Observer Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) Observer Advisory Committee will meet at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 30-31, 2006, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Bldg 4, Room 1055, Seattle, WA 98115.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Kimball, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to review the draft environmental analysis/regulatory impact review/initial regulatory flexibility analysis to restructure the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.

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 Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.