

12974. A Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Council to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) has been approved in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the notice is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6204, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-4115.

DATES: July 1, 1996.

TIME: 2:00 P.M.–3:30 P.M.; Closed Meeting. 3:30 P.M.–4:00 P.M.; Open Meeting.

ADDRESSES: The Secretary's Conference Room, Room 5851, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Linda Breslau, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington DC 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sylvia Prosak or Linda Breslau, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington D.C. 20230.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

Sylvia Lino Prosak,
Staff Director and Executive Secretary,
President's Export Council.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021095B]

Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery; 1994 Survey of Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability, and summarizes the results, of a survey of the Atlantic coast striped bass fisheries for 1994. The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (Act), requires NMFS to provide information on the status of the fisheries.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the survey results are available from Paul Perra, NOAA/NMFS/FCM3, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 14837 Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Perra, (301) 713-2339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Act requires the Secretary of Commerce, and the Secretary of the Interior, to conduct a comprehensive annual survey of the Atlantic striped bass fisheries. The following is a summary of the survey for 1994. Management measures severely restricting the harvest of striped bass by commercial and recreational fisheries remained in place during 1994, as the stocks continue to rebuild.

The 1994 commercial harvest of striped bass was 1,923,000 lb (872.3 mt), an increase of 13.6 percent above the landings of 1,695,000 lb in 1993. The Chesapeake Bay area (Maryland, Virginia, and the Potomac River) accounted for 72 percent of the 1994 commercial landings.

The recreational catch in 1994 was an estimated 8.1 million striped bass, of which 591,000 were harvested (7.3 percent of the catch); the remaining 7.5 million were released alive. The estimated weight of the recreational harvest was 6.9 million lb (3,125 mt), about three and one half times that of the commercial harvest.

Juvenile production in 1994 was lower than in 1993, but remained at levels well above the long term averages for Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia. The Delaware production index of 2.3, while not higher than the long term average, was higher than any available annual index recorded prior to 1989.

Information from sampling the population of striped bass shows an increased relative abundance from recent year classes. Copies of the survey are available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: June 19, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,
Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Notice of Withdrawal of the Waimanu Valley National Estuarine Research Reserve From the National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Public notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Waimanu Valley National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) is withdrawn from the NERR System, established by

section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended. The Waimanu Valley NERR, located on the windward side of the Island of Hawaii, was designated in 1978 as the second NERR in the system. Serious budget cuts within the State have hindered efforts to adequately staff the Waimanu Valley NERR and complete a site management plan, which are required by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) to be in compliance with regulations governing the NERR System. In addition, the remoteness and relative inaccessibility of the Waimanu Valley NERR, and the inability of the State of Hawaii to secure adequate protection of 200 acres of property in the WVNERR due to ownership by the Department of Hawaiian Homelands, renders the Waimanu Valley NERR unable to meet the research, education, and management purposes of the NERR System. After much effort to seek alternatives to withdrawal from the NERR System, both the State of Hawaii and NOAA agree that the only feasible solution at this time is to withdraw the Waimanu Valley NERR from the NERR System.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nina Garfield, NOAA/NOS/OCRM/SRD, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC4 12th Floor, Silver Spring, MD. 20910; Phone (301) 713-3141, ext. 171.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Estuarine Sanctuaries.

Dated: June 12, 1996.

David L. Evans
Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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[I.D. 061196B]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P466B)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P5I).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Scott D. Kraus, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110-3309, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct scientific research on North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 25, 1996.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, Permits Division, 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-222). The applicant seeks authorization to harass during photo-identification studies and aerial, and vessel surveys, up to 350 North Atlantic right whales, up to 10 times each, annually, over a five year period. Of these 350 animals, up to 80 may be biopsy darted, up to 10 may be radio tagged, up to 15 may be satellite tagged, and up to 50 may have blubber measurements taken ultrasonically, annually. In addition, authorization is requested to import up to 100 and export up to 100 tissue samples annually, and to collect an unspecified number of samples and/or entire carcasses, if feasible, from up to 10 right whales annually that die and strand along the coast of the United States.

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: June 12, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 834 (P60)

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that permit no. 834, issued to The National Zoological Park, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., was amended to include export of specimen materials.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130 Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification 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 provisions of paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: June 14, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0010]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Progress Payments

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA),

and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0010).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Progress Payments. A request for public comments was published at 61 FR 14745, April 3, 1996. No comments were received.

DATES: *Comment Due Date:* July 25, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRs), 18th & F Streets, NW, Room 4037, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0010, Progress Payments, in all correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeremy F. Olson, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3221.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

Certain Federal contracts provide for progress payments to be made to the contractor during performance of the contract. The requirement for certification and supporting information are necessary for the administration of statutory and regulatory limitation on the amount of progress payments under a contract. The submission of supporting cost schedules is an optional procedure that, when the contractor elects to have a group of individual orders treated as a single contract for progress payments purposes, is necessary for the administration of statutory and regulatory requirements concerning progress payments.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average .55 hours per completion, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.