

Monitoring

During the time that seismic retrofit construction activities occur on Piers 52 through 57, harbor seal monitoring at Castro Rocks will be made for an 8-hour period once a week. Sound levels will be recorded on those days that seals are being monitored. Monitoring will be conducted by a minimum of one trained biologist approved by NMFS.

Monitoring of harbor seals at Castro Rocks will continue on a quarterly basis for one year after the retrofit construction is completed.

Reporting

CALTRANS will provide weekly reports to NMFS and a final report will be provided within 3 months of completion of construction work on Piers 52 through 57. These reports will provide dates, time, tidal height, maximum number of harbor seals ashore, number of adults and sub-adults, number of females/males, number of redcoats, and any observed disturbances. A description of retrofit activities at the time of observation and any sound pressure levels measurements made at the haulout.

CALTRANS will provide NMFS with a follow-up report on the post-construction monitoring activities within 18 months of project completion in order to evaluate whether haul-out patterns are similar to the pre-retrofit haul-out patterns at Castro Rocks.

National Environmental Policy Act

In conjunction with this notice, NMFS has released a draft EA that addresses the impacts on the human environment from issuance of the authorization and the alternatives to the proposed action. A copy of the draft EA is available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Conclusions

NMFS has preliminarily determined that the short-term impact of a seismic retrofit construction of the Bridge will result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior by harbor seals and possibly some California sea lions. While behavioral modifications, including temporarily vacating the haul-out, may be made by these species to avoid the resultant noise, this action is expected to have a negligible impact on the animals. In addition, no take by injury and/or death is anticipated and takes will be at the lowest level practicable due to incorporation of the mitigation measures mentioned above.

Proposed Authorization

NMFS proposes to issue an incidental harassment authorization to CALTRANS

for the possible harassment of small numbers of harbor seals and California sea lions incidental to seismic retrofit construction of the Bridge, provided the above mentioned mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements are incorporated. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed activities would result in the harassment of only small numbers of harbor seals and possibly California sea lions and will have no more than a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks.

Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, information, and suggestions concerning this request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: August 26, 1997.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Longline and Billfish Advisory Panels; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Atlantic Billfish Advisory Panel (AP) and the AP for the pelagic longline fishery for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS) will hold their second meetings on Sept. 18 and 19, 1997, respectively, in Miami, FL to discuss future management options for the Atlantic billfish and pelagic longline fisheries. Additionally, a longline technical workshop will be held on the evening of Sept. 18, 1997.

DATES: The billfish AP will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sept. 18, 1997, followed by the longline technical workshop from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. The longline AP will meet on Sept. 19, 1997, from 8 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The AP meetings will be held at the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149. The longline technical workshop will be held at the Sheraton Biscayne Bay on Brickell Point, 495 Brickell Ave., Miami, FL 33131.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Stevenson or Liz Lauck, telephone:

(301) 713-2347, Fax: (301) 713-1917, e-mail: jill.stevenson@noaa.gov or liz.lauck@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The billfish and longline APs are established under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 et seq. The longline AP will assist the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) in preparing a study on the feasibility of implementing a comprehensive management system for the pelagic longline fishery for Atlantic HMS. The billfish AP will assist the Secretary in collecting information to develop an amendment to the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan. The AP meetings and the technical workshop are open to the public and will be attended by members of the AP, including appointed members, representatives of the five Fishery Management Councils that work with HMS, the Atlantic and Gulf states, the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions, and the Chair, or his representative, of the U.S. Advisory Committee to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas. Agenda items for the billfish AP include:

- (1) Enforcement of domestic billfish regulations.
- (2) Discussion of a draft Issues/Options (scoping) document.
- (3) Discussion of scoping meetings and draft schedule.
- (4) Recreational fishery data collection and analysis.
- (5) Seasonal billfish bycatch analysis.
- (6) Discussion of two petitions for rulemaking.

- (7) Presentation and discussion of economic valuation issues by fishery.

Potential issues to be presented at the technical workshop include limited access, individual transferable quotas, quota monitoring, data collection and analysis, and other technical issues related to the pelagic longline fishery.

Potential agenda items for the pelagic longline AP include:

- (1) Discussion of the longline survey, questionnaire, and workshops.
- (2) Discussion of a draft problem statement that highlights issues to be considered in the study.
- (3) Further topics concerning development of the study.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jill Stevenson or Liz Lauck, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone (301) 713-2347 at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration]

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Marine Mammals; Photography Permit (File No. 860-1374)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Michael deGruy, The Film Crew, 22838 Burbank Blvd., Woodland Hills, CA 91367, has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of non-threatened, non-endangered small cetaceans for purposes of commercial/educational photography.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 3, 1997.

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); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213

(310/980-4001).

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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of Section 104(c)(6) 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). Section 104(c)(6) provides for

photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild. NMFS is currently working on proposed regulations to implement this provision. However, in the meantime, NMFS has received and is processing this request as a "pilot" application for Level B Harassment of non-listed and non-depleted marine mammals for photographic purposes. The applicant seeks authorization to photograph gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) and Northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) in California waters.

Dated: August 21, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 2, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 9, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Rule Enforcement Review.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, September 24, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Rule Enforcement Review.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, September 25, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Tuesday, September 30, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.