

approach of a boat, plane, human, or potential predator, they will move rapidly to the relative safety of the water. Depending upon the severity of the disturbance, seals may return to the original haulout site immediately, stay in the water for some length of time before hauling out, or haul out in a different area. When disturbances occur late in the day, harbor seals may not haul out again until the next day.

Mitigation

Because access to Tatoosh Island is limited to small boats and foot traffic, use of helicopters is the only identified means to remove the UST/ASTs. The USCG has scheduled the work to avoid the pupping and molting season for harbor seals.

To further protect seals and sea lions, NMFS will require helicopters to remain at the greatest altitude practicable prior to landing on Tatoosh Island, to attain the greatest altitude practicable at time of takeoff, and to avoid direct overflights of the haulouts.

Monitoring and Reporting

During any time that helicopter activities are undertaken, monitoring will be conducted by a minimum of one trained biologist who is approved in advance by NMFS. Observations will be made at the haulout site nearest the planned flight path of the helicopter. If neither seals nor sea lions are ashore at the time of the flight, observations will be made at the next nearest haulout site. The USCG will provide a report to NMFS within 120 days of the completion of the project. This report will provide dates and locations of operations, details of marine mammal sightings, including the number of pinipeds, by species and haulout location, that fled from the beach because of helicopter activities, the number returning subsequent to the disruption, and estimates of the amount and nature of all takes by harassment.

Consultation

Under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, NMFS has completed consultation on the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization. NMFS has determined that the proposed activity and the issuance of an incidental harassment authorization to the USCG to incidentally harass Pacific harbor seals, California sea lions, and Steller sea lions is not likely to adversely affect any listed species under the jurisdiction of NMFS except the Steller sea lion which while it may be adversely affected, would not result in jeopardizing the continued existence of the stock.

Conclusions

NMFS has determined that the short-term impact of 4 days of helicopter flights over Tatoosh Island is expected to result at worst in a temporary reduction in utilization of the impacted haulout(s) as seals and sea lions leave the beach for the safety of the water. Helicopter activity is not expected to result in any reduction in the number of harbor seals, California sea lions, or Steller sea lions, and these species are expected to continue to occupy the same area. This behavioral change is expected to have no more than a negligible impact on the animals. Additionally, there will not be any impact on the habitat itself. Since NMFS is assured that the taking would not result in more than the incidental harassment (as defined by the MMPA Amendments of 1994) of small numbers of marine mammals, would have only a negligible impact on these stocks, would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses, and would result in the least practicable impact on the stocks, NMFS has determined that the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA have been met and the authorization can be issued.

Authorization

Accordingly, NMFS has issued an IHA to the USCG for possible harassment of small numbers of California sea lions, Pacific harbor seals, and Steller sea lions, provided the mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements described in the authorization are undertaken.

Dated: August 17, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081198E]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: The location for the teleconference public meeting of the

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, which is scheduled for August 27, 1998, was published in the **Federal Register** on August 14, 1998. This document lists an addition to that public meeting notice.

DATES: The teleconference will be held Thursday, August 27, 1998. It will begin at 2:00 p.m. eastern standard time (EST) and continue until approximately 5:00 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of August 14, 1998, in FR Doc. 98-22028, on page 43678, in the second column, under **ADDRESSES**, in the fourth line, after "TX", add "; and New Orleans, LA", and in the third column, under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, at the end of the first paragraph, the following station is added to the list to read as follows:

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries, 1600 Canal Street, Room 301, New Orleans, LA; telephone: (504) 568-5614.

All other previously published information remains unchanged.

Dated: August 18, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,
Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080798A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit 1159.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on July 27, 1998, NMFS issued scientific research permit 1159 to Robert L. Brownell, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room

13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310-980-4016).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michelle Rogers, F/PR3, 301-713-1401

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on June 19, 1998 (63 FR 33632), that an application had been filed by Robert L. Brownell, NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, to take listed sea turtles as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

The applicant requested a 3-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles opportunistically during marine mammal research surveys in the eastern tropical Pacific. Authorization has been granted to take up to 400 turtles over the three year period to include the following species: olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*). The turtles will be weighed, photographed, flipper tagged, blood sampled, and tissue sampled. Additionally, stomach lavage will be performed on captured turtles to identify prey items and up to 30 turtles will be outfitted with satellite transmitters. The purposes of the proposed research are to obtain data on the geographic distribution and stock assessment, migratory and dive behavior, and habitat needs and primary foraging areas of turtles at sea. Notice is hereby given that on July 27, 1998, NMFS issued permit 1159 authorized the above activities.

Issuance of this permit, 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 the listed species that are the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The Fall General Board Panel Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Embassy Suites in Alexandria, VA on October 14-15, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings for Fall General Board Meeting.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

Barbara A. Carmichael,

Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The C2 Advisory Panel Visit to EFX Meeting in support of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Langley Air Force Base and Hurlburt Air Force Base on September 17-18, 1998 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings for C2 Advisory Panel Visit to EFX in support of the USAF Scientific Advisory Board.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

Barbara A. Carmichael,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Global Positioning System (GPS) Vulnerability and Alternatives will meet to examine the vulnerabilities of the GPS on Navy and Marine Corps platforms and weapons systems. All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to briefings, tours, discussions and technical examination of information related to GPS vulnerabilities; the Department of the Navy's mitigation plans for platforms, weapons, communications, and intelligence systems as related to the projected threat; GPS modernization; and research, development, test, acquisition, and training activities to improve GPS-related military readiness and precision navigation capabilities. All sessions of the meeting will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; Wednesday, August 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.; and Thursday, August 27, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Naval Research Laboratory, 4555 Overlook Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, on August 25; at the Applied Physics Laboratory at the Johns Hopkins University, Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, Maryland, on August 26; and at the Office of Naval Research, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, Virginia, on August 27, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number: (703) 696-6769.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice of meeting is provided in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2). All sessions of the meeting will be devoted to briefings, tours and discussions involving technical examination of information related to vulnerabilities and deficiencies of the GPS on Navy and Marine Corps platforms and weapons systems. These briefings, tours and discussions will contain classified information that is specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. The classified and non-classified matters to be discussed are so inextricably intertwined as to preclude opening any portion of the meeting. In accordance with 5 U.S.C.