

October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139), and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

Issuance of these letters of authorization are based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042699C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad-Hoc Allocation Committee (Committee) will hold a meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Tuesday, May 25, 1999, at 8 a.m. and will continue through Wednesday, May 26, 1999, as necessary.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council Office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to develop preliminary options for allocations involved in rebuilding plans for lingcod and bocaccio rockfish. The Committee will discuss allocations of lingcod and bocaccio rockfish between the recreational and commercial fisheries and between gear sectors of the limited entry fleet. The Committee will begin work on a report to present to the Council at its June meeting. The Committee will also review a draft Request for Proposals for an external facilitator to assist the Council in long-term strategic planning for groundfish management.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 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.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042699D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels will hold two work sessions which are open to the public.

DATES: The cowcod/black rockfish review panel will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m., May 24, 1999 and continue until 5 p.m. on May 28, 1999 or as necessary to complete business. The canary rockfish/ petrale sole review panel will begin at 10:00 am, June 14, 1999 and continue until 5:00 p.m. on June 18, 1999, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESSES: The cowcod/black rockfish review panel will be held in Room C-127 at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA. The canary rockfish/ petrale sole review panel will meet in the main conference room, Guin Library, Hatfield Marine Science Center, 2030 S Marine Science Drive, Newport, OR 97365.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meetings is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and produce STAR Panel reports for use by the Council family and other interested persons.

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042699E]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold its 71st meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in Honolulu, HI.

DATES: The SSC meeting will be held on May 18-20, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The 71st SSC meeting will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808-522-8220).

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director;
telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items here. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

Tuesday, 18 May 18, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

- A. Draft coral reef ecosystem fishery management plan (FMP)
- B. Bottomfish FMP issues
 - 1. Draft 1998 bottomfish annual report (by island area with recommendations)
 - 2. Addition of Bottomfish Management Unit Species [BMUS] (bottomfish common in catch but not yet listed as BMUS)
 - 3. Status of Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) bottomfish management system (Mau Zone limited entry)
 - 4. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) bottomfish management
 - a. Status of NMFS list of overfished stocks
 - b. Final report on genetic stock structure of onaga and ehu
 - c. Genetic research needs for hapuupuu
 - d. Status of State's MHI management program (closed area concerns)
 - 5. Recommendations of the Advisory Panel
 - 6. Recommendations of the Plan Team
- C. Precious Corals FMP issues
 - 1. Proposed State regulations for black corals
 - 2. Adjustments to established measures in the FMP

Wednesday, May 19, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

- D. Pelagic FMP issues
 - 1. 1st quarter reports for Hawaii and American Samoa longline fisheries
 - 2. Akule and opelu study
 - 3. Yellowfin and bigeye tagging in Hawaii
 - 4. New gear application for coastal shark fishery
 - 5. Shark incidental catch
 - 6. Albatross/longline interactions
 - 7. Turtle/longline interactions
 - 8. Marine debris and protected species
 - 9. American Samoa longline closed area
 - 10. International meetings
 - 11. Revision of State of Hawaii catch data forms
 - 12. Recreational fisheries data task force
 - 13. Pelagic Advisory Panel recommendations

Thursday, May 20, 1998, 8:30 a.m.

- E. Crustaceans FMP issues (NWHI lobster fishery)

- 1. 1998 draft annual report
- 2. Bank-specific harvest guideline measure
- 3. NMFS 1999 harvest guidelines
- 4. NMFS research on NWHI lobster stocks
 - a. Tagging experiments
 - b. Spiny and slipper time-series data and stock status at Necker and Maro
- 5. Marine Mammal Commission's concern regarding monk seals and lobster fishing
- 6. Recommendations of the Advisory Panel
- 7. Recommendations of the Plan Team
- F. Council's Program Planning document
- G. Status of amendment addressing Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA) provisions
 - 1. Bycatch
 - 2. Overfishing
 - 3. Fishing communities
- H. Other Business.

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Special Accommodations

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Dated: April 27, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 042799C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 486-1506

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Brent Stewart, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham St., San Diego, CA 92109, has applied in due form for a permit to take California

sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), Guadalupe fur seals (*Arctocephalus townsendi*) and Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 2, 1999.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 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 and Documentation 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 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 by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant seeks authorization to continue long-term research on the demography and community ecology of California pinnipeds and to further characterize the resource and habitats used by each species, including patterns of spatial and temporal similarities and