

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group 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**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to 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. 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

differences. Requested activities include: tagging, blood and lavage sample collection, VHF and satellite-linked instrumentation, dye-marking, and harassment.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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: April 27, 1999.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041699B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 540-1502-00

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that John Calambokidis has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of marine mammals 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);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6426); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4027).

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:

Jeannie Drevenak, 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The applicant is requesting to harass several species of cetaceans during the course of photo-identification, aerial survey, biopsy sampling, and/or tagging activities; and several species of pinnipeds during the course of aerial surveys. Blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) may be harassed during photo-identification, aerial survey, biopsy sampling, and tagging activities. Sei whales (*Balaenoptera borealis*) and Brydes whales (*Balaenoptera edeni*) may be harassed during photo-identification, aerial survey, and biopsy sampling activities. Minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), right whales (*Balaena glacialis*), Baird's beaked whales (*Berardius bairdii*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) may be harassed during photo-identification and aerial survey activities. Pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia breviceps*), dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia simus*), Mesoplodon beaked whales (*Mesoplodon sp.*), Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), northern right whale

dolphins (*Lissodelphis borealis*), short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), long-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus capensis*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), California seal lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and elephant seals (*Mirovanga angustirostris*) may be harassed during aerial surveys. The research will be carried out over a 5-year period in the North Pacific Ocean, including the waters off California, Oregon, and Washington.

The purposes of the proposed research are to: determine the abundance and distribution of marine mammals off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington; to determine the abundance, movements, population structure, diving behavior and feeding behavior of large whales in the North Pacific. These studies are a continuation of research that the applicant has been conducting over the past several years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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: April 27, 1999.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Technical Information Service

#### NTIS Advisory Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet