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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

#### Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program: Approval Decision on Maryland Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program

**AGENCIES:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to approve the Maryland Coastal Nonpoint Program.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the intent to fully approve the Maryland Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program (coastal nonpoint program) and of the availability of the draft Approval Decisions on conditions for the Maryland coastal nonpoint program. Section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b, requires states and territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act to develop and implement coastal nonpoint programs. Coastal states and territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995. NOAA and EPA conditionally approved the Maryland coastal nonpoint program on October 3, 1997. NOAA and EPA have drafted approval decisions describing how Maryland has satisfied the conditions placed on its program and therefore has a fully approved coastal nonpoint program.

NOAA and EPA are making the draft decisions for the Maryland coastal

nonpoint program available for a 30-day public comment period. If no comments are received, the Maryland program will be approved. If comments are received, NOAA and EPA will consider whether such comments are significant enough to affect the decision to fully approve the program.

Copies of the draft Approval Decisions can be found on the NOAA website at <http://www.nos.noaa.gov/ocrm/czm/> or may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3121, extension 201, e-mail [joseph.flanagan@noaa.gov](mailto:joseph.flanagan@noaa.gov).

**DATES:** Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the draft Approval Decisions should do so by November 5, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be made to Joseph A. Uravitch, Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, tel. 301-713-3155 extension 195, e-mail [joseph.uravitch@noaa.gov](mailto:joseph.uravitch@noaa.gov) or to Fred Suffian, EPA Region 3, 1650 Arch Street (3WP14), Philadelphia, PA, 19104, tel. 215-814-5753, e-mail [suffian.fred@epa.gov](mailto:suffian.fred@epa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elisabeth Morgan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3109, extension 166, e-mail [elisabeth.morgan@noaa.gov](mailto:elisabeth.morgan@noaa.gov).

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: October 1, 1999.

**Captain Ted I. Lillestolen,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

**J. Charles Fox,**

*Assistant Administrator, Office of Water, Environmental Protection Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 990513129-9129-01]

RIN 0648-ZA65

#### NOAA Climate and Global Change Program, Program Announcement

**AGENCY:** Office of Global Programs, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Amendments.

**SUMMARY:** This document amends a notice published in the **Federal Register** July 9, 1999, regarding the NOAA Climate and Global Programs. The amendments are intended to change the dates for receiving Letters of Intent and Full proposals for the Program Element CLIVAR and for PACS/GCIP Warm Season Precipitation Initiative. All other dates remain the same.

**DATES:** PACS/GCIP Warm Season Precipitation Letters of Intent must be received no later than October 15, 1999, with full proposals postmarked on or before December 14, 1999. CLIVAR research projects Letters of Intent must be received no later than October 15, 1999. Full proposals must be postmarked on or before January 7, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals may be sent to Office of Global Programs, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1201, Silver Spring, MD 20910-5603.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irma duPree at the above address or at phone: (301) 427-2089 ext 107, Internet: [dupree@ogp.noaa.gov](mailto:dupree@ogp.noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Office of Global Programs published a notice describing the Program and funding area descriptions on July 9, 1999. (64 FR 37101.) The program description, evaluation criteria, selection process, background and requirements, as well as guidelines for applications are in that notice and are not repeated here.

**Program Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 44720(b); 33 U.S.C. 883d, 883e; 15 U.S.C. 2904; 15 U.S.C. 2931 et seq.; (CFDA No. 11.431)—CLIMATE AND ATMOSPHERIC RESEARCH.

Dated: September 30, 1999.

**Louisa Koch,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092899D]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat Committee in October, 1999. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Tuesday, October 19, 1999, at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, One Newbury St., Route 1, Peabody, MA; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will continue its discussion of objectives, criteria, and a process for designating a habitat research area. They also will discuss development of a structured process for the identification and designation of habitat areas of particular concern and review any available information related to potential scallop fishing access in Closed Area I and the Nantucket Lightship Area. There will be a brief closed session during the meeting to select industry advisors.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been

notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: September 30, 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. 090199A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 738-1454-02

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 738-1454 issued to Ms. Carole Conway, Genomic Variation Laboratory, Department of Animal Science, Meyer Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-3322, was amended to allow import and export of additional blue whale samples.

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

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, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment has been issued 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing endangered and threatened marine species (50 CFR 222-226).

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 endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: September 29, 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. 051299C]

#### Marine Mammals; Gray Whale Research and Monitoring

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

**ACTION:** Notice of report availability.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS conducted a review of the status of the Eastern North Pacific stock of gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), sometimes referred to as the "California" stock, at a workshop held by the National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML) in Seattle, Washington, on March 16-17, 1999. Based on the continued growth of this population (rising at 2.5 percent annually; currently at an estimated 26,600 individuals), and the lack of evidence of any imminent threats to the stock, workshop participants agreed to continue this stock's classification as non-threatened. They also concluded that abundance monitoring should continue at some level and that, ideally, research should continue on human impacts to critical habitats. This stock's annual migrations along the highly populated coastline of the western United States and their concentration in limited winter and summer areas may make them particularly vulnerable to impacts from commercial or industrial development or local catastrophic events. The Western North Pacific ("Korean") gray whale stock has not recovered and should continue to be listed as endangered.

This workshop and status review conclude the 5-year assessment of the Eastern North Pacific gray whale stock following its June 16, 1994, removal from the List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife and Plants (List). Since completion of the status review,