

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 112699D]****Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings of the Ad Hoc Charter Vessel/Headboat Advisory Panel (AP) and Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on January 4, 2000 and will conclude by 3:00 p.m. The SSC meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on January 12, 2000 and will conclude by 12:00 noon.

ADDRESSES: The AP meeting will be held at the at the New Orleans Airport Hilton Hotel, 901 Airline Highway, Kenner, LA; telephone: 504-469-5000. The SSC meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA; telephone: 504-581-1300.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is considering implementation of a temporary moratorium on the issuance of charter vessel/headboat permits to fish the exclusive economic zone (EEZ) for reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics (mackerel) fish. A moratorium, if adopted, would provide a basis for the development of a more comprehensive effort limitation program for this segment of the recreational fishery that could provide better long-term control of fishing effort.

The moratorium proposed in this amendment considers 8 features: 1) the duration of the moratorium; 2) initial eligibility requirements for permit; 3) a new Gulf permit for coastal migratory pelagics fisheries; 4) permit transfers during the moratorium; 5) vessel size for permit transfer; 6) the reissuance of permits not renewed; 7) an appeal process; and, 8) vessel reporting. At present, the Council has suggested as preferred alternatives:

Establish a 3-year moratorium;

That initial eligibility requirements be all persons holding permits on September 16, 1999 are eligible;

Permit transfers during the moratorium be allowed between (1) vessels owned by the permit holder and (2) individuals without transfer of the vessel; and,

Reissuance of permits not renewed (or permanently revoked) will not be reissued by NMFS during the moratorium.

The Council did not select preferred alternatives for: (1) a new Gulf permit for coastal migratory pelagics fisheries; (2) vessel size restriction on permit transfers; (3) the appeals process under moratorium; or (4) vessel reporting requirements.

The Draft Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium Amendment will be reviewed by the Ad Hoc Charter Vessel/Headboat AP and by the SSC at their respective meetings, times, and dates.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the AP/SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP/SSC will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency.

Written comments will be accepted on the draft amendment if received by January 3, 2000. A copy of the draft amendment can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by December 28, 1999.

Dated: November 29, 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. 112399B]****Marine Mammals; File No. 642-1536-00**

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Joseph R. Mobley, Jr., Ph.D., Professor Psychology, University of Hawaii-West Oahu, 96-129 Ala Ike, Pearl City, Hawaii 96782, has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 3, 2000.

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

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2941 (808/973-2935).

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 222–226).

The applicant is requesting authorization to harass the following species of cetaceans annually, over a five year period: humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), during aerial and vessel studies, including in-water work; and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), melon-headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), Blainville's beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia spp.*), and dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia spp.*), during aerial surveys. The research will be carried out in waters surrounding all of the major Hawaiian Islands.

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: November 26, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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reports that it has submitted its Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2000 to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Dan L. Crippen,

Director.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for National Providers of Training and Technical Assistance to Corporation for National and Community Service Programs

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of funds for organizations selected under this Notice to provide training and technical assistance to grantees and subgrantees supported by the Corporation in fiscal years 2000 and 2001 and up to two additional years depending upon need, quality of service and availability of funds. The maximum period of award is three years.

Training and technical assistance will be in the following areas:

1. National Service Program Management (up to \$850,000).
2. Leadership Development (up to \$425,000).
3. Training Design and Materials Development (up to \$250,000).
4. Evaluation (up to \$1,000,000).
5. Increasing Participation of Persons with Disabilities in National Service (up to \$500,000).

The award amounts are approximate and for the first year only and may change depending upon the availability of appropriations and the nature and scope of activities to be supported. An organization may apply to provide services in more than one category. A separate application is needed for each service category listed above.

Note: This is a notice for selection of organizations to provide training and technical assistance. This is not a notice for program grant proposals.

DATES: Proposals must be received by the Corporation by 3:00 p.m. Eastern time on January 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Submit proposals to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20525, Attention: Cathy Harrison, Room 9810.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Ekstrom or Margie Legowski at the Corporation for National and Community Service, telephone (202) 606–5000, ext. 414, T.D.D. (202) 565–2799. This Notice is available on the Corporation's web site, <http://www.nationalservice.org/research>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Corporation for National and Community Service was established in 1993 to engage Americans of all ages and backgrounds in service to their communities. The Corporation's national and community service programs provide opportunities for participants to serve full-time and part-time, with or without stipend, as individuals or as part of a team. AmeriCorps*State, National, VISTA, and National Civilian Community Corps programs engage thousands of Americans on a full, or part-time basis, at over 1,000 locations to help communities meet their toughest challenges. Learn and Serve America integrates service into the academic life or experiences of nearly one million youth from kindergarten through higher education in all 50 states. The National Senior Service Corps utilizes the skills, talents and experience of over 500,000 older Americans to help make communities stronger, safer, healthier and smarter.

AmeriCorps*State and AmeriCorps*National programs, which involve over 40,000 Americans each year in results-driven community service, are grant programs managed by: (1) State commissions that select and oversee programs operated by local organizations; (2) national non-profit organizations that act as parent organizations for operating sites across the country; (3) Indian tribes; or (4) U.S. Territories. Learn and Serve America grants provide service-learning opportunities for youth through grants to state education agencies, community-based organizations, and higher education institutions and organizations. The National Senior Service Corps operates through grants to nearly 1,300 local organizations for the Retired and Senior Volunteer (RSVP), Foster Grandparent (FGP) and Senior Companion (SCP) programs to provide service to their communities. For additional information on the national service programs supported by the Corporation, go to <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

In addition, the Corporation supports the AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) and AmeriCorps*NCCC (National Civilian

CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE

Notice of Transmittal of Final Sequestration Report for Fiscal Year 2000 to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget

Pursuant to Section 254(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904(b)), the Congressional Budget Office hereby