

holidays in Brazil have resulted in a delay in the scheduling of verification. Therefore, it is not practicable for the Department to complete this review within the originally anticipated time limit (i.e., May 1, 2004) mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results by 120 days, to no later than August 30, 2004. The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: April 19, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Call for Applications for an Alternate Seat to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is seeking an applicant for the following vacant alternate seat on its Reserve Advisory Council (Council): (1) Research. Council Representatives and Alternates are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the State of Hawaii. The applicant who is chosen as the Research Alternate should expect to serve a concurrent term with the existing Research member, which will expire in September 2006, pursuant to the Council's Charter. Persons who are interested in applying as a Research Alternate on the Council may obtain an application from the person on website

identified under the **ADDRESSES** section below.

**DATES:** Completed applications must be postmarked no later than May 10, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be obtained from Moani Pai, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, (808) 397-2661 or online at <http://hawaiireef.noaa.gov>. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aulani Wilhelm, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, (808) 397-2657, [Aulani.Wilhelm@noaa.gov](mailto:Aulani.Wilhelm@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is a new marine protected area designed to conserve and protect the coral reef ecosystem and related natural and cultural resources of the area. The Reserve was established by Executive Order pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-513). The NWHI Reserve was established by Executive Order 13178 (12/00), as finalized by Executive Order 13196 (1/01).

The Reserve encompasses an area of the marine waters and submerged lands of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, extending approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. The Research is adjacent to and seaward of the seaward boundary of Hawaii State waters and submerged lands and the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, and includes the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge to the extent that any such refuge waters extend beyond Hawaii State waters and submerged lands. The Reserve is managed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and Executive Orders. The Secretary has also initiated the process to designate the Reserve as a National Marine Sanctuary. The management principles and implementation strategy and requirements for the Reserve are found in the enabling Executive Orders, which are part of the application kit and can be found on the Web site listed above.

In designating the Reserve, the Secretary of Commerce was directed to establish a Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council, pursuant to section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the Reserve Operations Plan and the proposal to designate and manage a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary by the Secretary.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) has established the Reserve Advisory Council and is now accepting applications from interested individuals for a Council Alternate for the following citizen/constituent position on the Council:

1. One (1) representative from the non-federal science community with experience specific to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and with expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- (A) Marine mammal science.
- (B) Coral reef ecology.
- (C) Native marine flora and fauna of the Hawaiian Islands.
- (D) Oceanography.
- (E) Any other scientific discipline the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

The Council consists of 25 members, 14 of which are non-government voting members (the State of Hawaii representative is a voting member) and 10 of which are government non-voting members. The voting members are representatives of the following constituencies: Conservation, Citizen-At-Large, Ocean-Related Tourism, Recreational Fishing, Research, Commercial Fishing, Education, State of Hawaii and Native Hawaiian. The government non-voting seats are represented by the following agencies: Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Department of State, Marine Mammal Commission, NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and NOAA's National Ocean Service.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

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

**ACTION:** Public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day Council meeting on May 11–13, 2004, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 11, 2004 beginning at 1 p.m. and on Wednesday and Thursday, May 12 and 13, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Providence Biltmore Hotel, 11 Dorrance Street, Providence, RI 02903; telephone (401)421–0700. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465–0492.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, (978) 465–0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Tuesday, May 11, 2004**

Following introductions, the Council will receive a report from its Habitat/Marine Protected Areas Committee. During the discussion, the Council will review and select Essential Fish Habitat alternatives for inclusion in the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement being prepared for Amendment 1 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP). After considering recommendations from its Dogfish Committee as well as the Mid-Atlantic Council, the New England Council will approve issues to be addressed in Amendment 1 to the Spiny Dogfish FMP.

**Wednesday, May 12, 2004**

Reports on recent activities will be provided by the Council Chairman and Executive Director, the NMFS Regional Administrator, Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, NOAA General Counsel and representatives of the U.S. Coast Guard, NMFS Enforcement and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission. The Council will use the remainder of the day to consider groundfish management issues. The Council could take final action on Framework Adjustment 40A to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, alternatives that would create limited opportunities for the use of Category “B” days-at-sea as discussed in Amendment 13 to the FMP. B days are among the effort controls included in the amendment which has not yet been approved by the

Secretary of Commerce. After a mid-day break, the Council will review the operations plan of the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fishermen’s Association Hook Sector and provide its comments to the Regional Administrator.

**Thursday, May 13, 2004**

On Thursday, the Council’s Research Steering Committee will report on and ask for approval of a policy that addresses the review and use of new research in the fishery management process. Following this agenda item NOAA Fisheries staff will solicit comments from the Council on Amendment 2 to Highly Migratory Species FMP and Amendment 2 to the Billfish FMP as part of scoping for these actions. The Council will consider whether to propose changing the specification process in the Red Crab FMP from an annual to a three-year process in a future framework adjustment to the plan. The Council also will consider making a recommendation to NOAA Fisheries on a possible change to the current penalty schedule as it concerns egregious violations of fishery management rules. Following a break there will be an open comment period for anyone wishing to bring issues before the Council that do not appear on the agenda. Before adjourning, there will be a report from the Chairman of the Council’s Scientific and Statistical Committee on how the Council should use stock assessment advice in light of changing assessments and retrospective patterns in fishing mortality and biomass estimates. Any other outstanding business will be addressed at the end of the day.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal 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 that 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 date.

Dated: April 19, 2004.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**[I.D. 041604A]**

**Marine Mammals; Permit No. 909–1465–02**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research Permit No. 909–1465–02 submitted by Dan Engelhaupt, Biological Sciences Department, University of Durham, P.O. Box 197, Picton, New Zealand, has been granted.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713–2289, fax (301)713–0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (978)281–9200; fax (978)281–9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702–2432; phone (727)570–5301; fax (727)570–5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Hubard or Ruth Johnson, (301)713–2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of 50 CFR 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222–226).

The modification extends the expiration date of the Permit from April 30, 2004, to April 30, 2005, for takes of sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and other cetacean species in the Gulf of Mexico, Caribbean Sea, and western North Atlantic.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a