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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on July 17-20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Pier House, One Duval Street, Key West, FL; telephone: (305) 296-4600.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Council***July 19*

8:30 a.m.—Convene to receive public testimony.

8:45 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Receive final public testimony on Draft Shrimp Amendment 8 and the Regulatory Amendment for Red Grouper Size Limit Changes (NOTE: Testimony cards must be turned in to staff before the start of public testimony).

The Council will hear public testimony and proposes to take final action on Amendment 8 to the Fishery Management Plan for Shrimp in the Gulf of Mexico. The amendment would allow a 2-year increase in the total allowable catch of royal red shrimp by up to 30 percent (up to 509,000 pounds) to provide catch and effort data. The acquisition of better data on how the resource responds to an increase in fishing effort would allow scientists to obtain a better estimate of maximum sustainable yield and thus allow appropriate levels of catch. Copies of the draft amendment are available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Receive reports of the Shrimp Management Committee and Reef Fish Management Committee.

July 20

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—Reconvene to continue receipt of the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the South Florida Ecosystem Restoration Effort.

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive reports of the Personnel Committee.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Receive report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive reports of the Data Collection Committee.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive reports of the Administrative Policy Committee.

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports, the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison Report, a review of the Shark Operations Team meeting, review Stock Assessment Protocol, a review of the Council Chairmen's meeting, and Director's Reports.

12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.—Other Business during which consideration of a course of action to revise an error in the current rule that precludes shrimp vessels with trawling gear on board from commercially harvesting king mackerel, and a short session will be closed to the public for appointment of members to an advisory panel that will serve as an appeals board under Reef Fish Amendment 8.

Committees*July 17*

1:00 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee.

July 18

8:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Personnel Committee, Administrative Policy Committee, Data Collection Committee, Shrimp Management Committee and Habitat Protection Committee.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Julie Krebs at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by July 10, 1995.

Dated: June 14, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Correction; date of open meeting of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council.

SUMMARY: The original meeting date was Friday, June 23 from 9:00 until 4:30, as listed in 60 FR 27723. The meeting date has now been changed as listed below.

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, June 30, 1995, from 9:00 until 4:30. The meeting will be held at the Crossroads Community Room, Carmel California.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, an update on the Water Quality Protection Program, a status report on the California Mussel Watch Program, and an update on the Vessel Traffic Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program.

Dated: June 15, 1995.

David Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit no. 960 (P773#54).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Bradford E. Brown, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149, has been issued a permit to take Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for the purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received on or before July 20, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The permit is available for review by interested persons in the following offices by appointment:

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

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, (508/281-9150); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, North St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kellie Foster (301/713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 16, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 14271) that a permit had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the provisions of §§ 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit authorized the holder to take by harassment a maximum of 10,000 Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for the purpose of locating a maximum of 500 dolphins suitable for take by capture for examination, sampling, marking, tagging and release. Project duration is 5 years. The objectives of this study are to develop health assessment indices of dolphin populations and individuals in the southeast, and ultimately to assess the impact of human activities on specific populations.

Dated: June 13, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP), National Endowment for Children's Educational Television (NECET), Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP)

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) administers a number of grant programs providing financial assistance to eligible entities. The Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP) and the Telecommunications and Information Infrastructure Assistance Program (TIIAP) each fund facilities (for public broadcasting and connection to computer networks, respectively), while the National Endowment for Children's Educational Television (NECET) funds the creation of new children's programming. To ensure compliance with the First Amendment, NTIA has had a long-standing policy of not allowing PTFP equipment acquired with grant funds to be used for any purpose the essential thrust of which is sectarian. This policy was also recently adopted for two newer assistance programs, NECET and the TIIAP. NTIA has applied this policy in a "bright-line" fashion: It does not permit a PTFP grantee to broadcast any sectarian program using PTFP-funded equipment, a NECET grantee to include any sectarian material in a children's program funded by NECET, or a TIIAP grantee to transmit any sectarian information by means of facilities funded by TIIAP. NTIA has received a number of inquiries regarding the continued application of its current policy. Accordingly, the purpose of this proceeding is to allow for a full range of public comment on whether NTIA's current policy, as applied to all three grant programs, should be continued or whether alternative approaches are also consistent with the First Amendment and sound public policy. NTIA will consider these comments in determining whether to change its policy, its application procedures, and/or its enforcement of each of the three grant programs prospectively.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before August 21, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Persons interested in commenting must send an original plus two copies of any comments to:

Department of Commerce, Office of the Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4713, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jana Gagner, (202) 482-1816.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 29, 1979, the PTFP issued a final rule and policy in a Report and Order on sectarian activities.¹ The Report and Order contains a full discussion of NTIA's rationale for originally establishing its policy and related procedures, including a discussion of applicable Constitutional law. PTFP's regulation regarding sectarian activities, in effect continuously since 1979, provides that: "During the period in which the grantee possesses or uses the Federally funded facilities (whether or not this period extends beyond the Federal interest period), the grantee may not use or allow the use of the Federally funded equipment for purposes the essential thrust of which are sectarian."²

"Sectarian" has been defined as having "the purpose or function of advancing or propagating a religious belief."³

The Report and Order further provided that the rule regarding sectarian activities was not meant to affect "presentation in an educational or cultural context of music or art with a religious theme, nor of programs about religion. * * * [nor] preclude distribution of instructional programming of a secular nature to church-related educational institutions."⁴ The Report and Order specifically explained how NTIA would determine the eligibility of applicants with religious affiliations.⁵ NTIA made clear its intent not to become a "super-programmer" by inquiring into the content of particular programs on a routine basis.⁶

NTIA's two newer grant programs, the TIIAP and the NECET, currently follow the same policy with regard to Federal support of sectarian activities. The following provision, which references

¹ Public Telecommunications Facilities Program; Report and Order, 44 FR 30,898 (1979) [hereinafter Report and Order].

² 15 C.F.R. 2301.22(d) (1995).

³ 15 C.F.R. 2301.1 (1995).

⁴ Report and Order, *supra*, note 1 at 30,902 ¶ 26.

⁵ *Id.* at 30,900-904.

⁶ *Id.* at 30,901-902. In fact, NTIA requires PTFP grantees to certify that the grant funds are not being used for sectarian purposes.