

significant, cumulatively, than human, wildlife and pet disturbances including motorized vessels.

Comment 2: The MMC states that it should be made clear that the authorization is automatically rescinded if a marine mammal is killed as a result of the authorized activity.

Response: No marine mammals are anticipated to be killed or seriously injured as a result of launchings of Delta II rockets. However, while section 101(a)(5)(D)(iv) of the MMPA provides NMFS authority to modify, suspend, or revoke an authorization if it is found that the provisions of the section are not being met, for IHA suspensions, NMFS follows procedures established for suspension of Letters of Authorization (LOAs) under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA. In that regard, an IHA may be suspended without notice and comment if emergency conditions exist that pose a significant risk to the well-being of the marine mammal stock, or if holder of an IHA is not in compliance with the conditions of the IHA. However, prior to revocation of an IHA, NMFS must satisfy the statutory notice and comment requirement. While section 101(a)(5)(B) allows NMFS to withdraw (revoke) or "suspend for a time certain" an LOA, subsequent to notice and comment, section 101(a)(5)(C) does not waive the notice and comment requirement where NMFS seeks to withdraw the authorization. Conditions for suspension or withdrawal of an LOA or IHA are described in 50 CFR 216.106 and 107.

Conclusion

Based upon the information provided in the proposed authorization, NMFS has determined that the short-term impact of the launching of Delta II rockets is expected to result at worst, in a minor, temporary reduction in utilization of the haulout as seals or sea lions leave the beach for the safety of the water. These launchings are not expected to result in any reduction in the number of pinnipeds, and they are expected to continue to occupy the same area. In addition, there will not be any impact on the habitat itself. Based upon studies conducted for previous space vehicle launches at Vandenberg, significant long-term impacts on pinnipeds at Vandenberg and the northern Channel Islands are unlikely.

Therefore, since NMFS is assured that the taking will not result in more than the harassment (as defined by the MMPA Amendments of 1994) of a small number of harbor seals, California sea lions, and northern elephant seals; would have only a negligible impact on the species, and would result in the

least practicable impact on the stock, NMFS determined that the requirements of section 101(a)(5)(D) had been met and the incidental harassment authorization was issued.

Dated: November 13, 1996.

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; U.S. Coast Guard

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

ACTION: Correction notice.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the notice of receipt of application (I.D. 100896B) that was published on October 17, 1996 (61 FR 54157). These corrections are necessary to inform the public of the correct sequence of events in the U.S. Coast Guard's (USCG) application for a small take authorization and its submission of the requested documents to NMFS.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the USCG application may be obtained by writing to Michael Payne, Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 17, 1996, NMFS published a notice (61 FR 54157) that NMFS had received a request from USCG for a small take of certain marine mammal species incidental to USCG vessel and aircraft operations off the U.S. Atlantic shoreline over the next 5 years. This application was in response to an order dated May 2, 1995, in *Strahan v. Linnon* wherein the presiding District Court judge ordered USCG to apply by May 31, 1995, under section 101(a)(5)(A) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), for a small take of northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

Need for Correction

As published, the notice contains errors to the dates that may prove to be misleading and are in need of

clarification. First, NMFS clarifies that the USCG application was hand-delivered to NMFS on May 31, 1996, not on June 2, 1996, as stated. Second, NMFS corrects an error concerning the date of the court order. The order in *Strahan v. Linnon* actually was dated May 2, 1995, and was revised by an order issued on May 19, 1995.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on October 17, 1996, of the notice of receipt of application (I.D. 100896B), which was the subject of FR Doc. 96-26634, is corrected as follows:

On page 54158, in the first column, under the heading Summary of Request, paragraph one, line one, is corrected to read: "On May 31, 1995, NMFS received an" and line 10 is corrected to read: "dated May 2, 1995, and was revised by an order dated May 19, 1995, in *Strahan v.*"

In the third column, paragraph two, lines 14 and 15 are corrected to read: "USCG. For that reason, the USCG's May 31, 1995, application for a small take"

Dated: November 15, 1996.

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Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee Economic Subcommittee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin on December 3, 1996 at 10:00 a.m., and will recess when business for the day has been completed. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on December 4, 1996, and will adjourn by 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting is to begin work on development of a Council economic data plan.