

consultations with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service.

The TCMP is the culmination of several years of development by the State of Texas, interest groups, the general public, federal agencies, and in consultation with NOAA. The TCMP consists of numerous state policies on diverse coastal management issues which are prescribed by statute and other legal mechanisms and made enforceable under state law. The TCMP will improve the decision making process for determining appropriate coastal land and water uses in light of resource consideration and increase public awareness of coastal resources and processes. The TCMP will increase long term protection of the state's coastal resources, while providing for sustainable economic development.

NOAA approval of the TCMP makes the state eligible for federal financial assistance for program administration and enhancement under sections 306, 306A, 308 and 309 of the CZMA (16 U.S.C. §§ 1455, 1455a, 1456a, and 1456b). Texas has submitted an application for \$800,000 in FY 1996 Federal CZMA funds which are available to Texas. These funds will generally be used to assist the state administer the various state and local authorities included in the TCMP as well as be used to fund local management efforts to increase public access, restore damaged resources and manage coastal erosion.

NOAA approval of the TCMP also makes operational, as of the date of this Federal Register notice, the CZMA federal consistency requirement with respect to the TCMP (16 U.S.C. 1456; 15 CFR part 930). Therefore, as of today, direct federal activities occurring within or outside the Texas Coastal Zone that are reasonably likely to affect any land or water use or natural resources of the Texas Coastal Zone must be consistent to the maximum extent practicable with the enforceable policies of the TCMP. In addition, activities within or outside the Texas Coastal Zone requiring a federal license or permit listed in the P/FEIS, and federal financial assistance to state agencies and local governments that are reasonably likely to affect any land or water use or natural resource of the Texas Coastal Zone must be consistent with the enforceable policies of the TCMP.

Chapter 4 and Appendix C1 of the P/FEIS identify the enforceable policies of the Texas program. Chapter 5 and Appendix C4 of the P/FEIS identify federally licensed or permitted activities subject to the federal consistency requirements. Chapter 5 and Appendix

C4 of the P/FEIS, as well as the CZMA regulations at 15 CFR part 930, provide specific procedures to be used in the Federal/State coordination process.

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### **Marine Mammals; Permit No. 738 (P77#51)**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that permit no. 738, issued to The Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, Florida 33149, was amended to extend the expiration date until June 30, 1997.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432.

**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 provisions of § 216.39 of 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 provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

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: December 26, 1996.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Office of the Secretary of Defense**

#### **Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on February 4, 1997; February 11, 1997; February 18, 1997; and February 25, 1997; at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the date will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dated: January 6, 1997.

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*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## **Department of the Air Force**

### **Active Duty Service Determination for Civilian or Contractual Groups**

On December 24, 1996, the Secretary of the Air Force determined that the service of the group known as "All U.S. Civilians of the American Field Service, who served Overseas Operationally