

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Data Collection Committee.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

12:00 noon - 12:15 p.m.—Receive a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Advisory Committee.

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.—Other business to be discussed.

Committees

May 12

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—Convene the Data Collection Committee to review the procedures that will be used by NMFS in monitoring recreational red snapper landings and closing that fishery when the quota is taken.

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review restoration scenarios for the red snapper stock provided that several additional types of bycatch reduction devices are allowed in shrimp trawls and the prognosis for the upcoming brown shrimp season in Louisiana.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Convene the Law Enforcement Committee to review the NOAA Penalty Schedule Meeting Discussion and the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP) comments.

May 13

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee (Committee) to review recommendations on Draft Amendment 15 by the public from hearings and letters, the Red Snapper AP, the Reef Fish AP, the Law Enforcement AP, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and by NMFS. Following its review, the Committee will develop its recommendations to the Council. The Committee will also review a stock assessment panel report on vermilion snapper and public comments on a scoping document for amberjacks.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review the Stock Assessment Panel report, the Socioeconomic Panel report, and the recommendations of the Mackerel AP and SSC before developing its recommendations to the Council. It will also review a preliminary options paper for the next amendment to the fishery management plan for the mackerel fishery and reporting of landings.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 May 5, 1997.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041497B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification 1 to permit 991 (P599).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a modification to a permit that authorizes takes of an Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the California Department of Water Resources in Sacramento, CA (CDWR).

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modification to a permit was issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on December 30, 1996 (61 FR 68721) that an application had been filed by CDWR (P599) for modification 1 to permit 991. Modification 1 to permit 991 was issued to CDWR on March 24, 1997. Permit 991 authorizes CDWR takes of juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with scientific

research. For modification 1 to permit 991, CDWR is authorized an annual take of juvenile, ESA-listed fish associated with a fisheries study of the Yolo Bypass, a floodplain adjacent to the Sacramento River where large numbers of salmon are trapped when high flows recede. Study results will be used to provide recommendations for ecosystem restoration options, to identify actions to minimize adverse effects to juvenile salmon, and to make habitat restoration efforts as harmless to fish as possible. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 991 expires on June 30, 1999.

Issuance of the permit modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such action: (1) Was requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that is the subject of the permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 838 (P535)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 838 submitted by Dr. Stephen Insley, Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park, Dept. Zoological Research, Washington, DC 20008, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/712-2289); and