

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 23, 1997, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP and the ATP Programs may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 043097C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad-Hoc Scoping Committee for Dungeness Crab will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 21, 1997, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and continuing on May 22, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton - Portland Airport Hotel, 8235 NE. Airport Way, Portland, OR.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will explore the issue of whether or not the Council should

proceed with a fishery management plan for Dungeness crab. The meeting will focus on (1) Developing goals for management of the Dungeness crab fishery, (2) identifying options for Federal involvement or non-involvement, and (3) exploring the advantages and disadvantages of those options.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050297A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of Scientific Research Permit 1033, issuance of Modification 1 to Permit 944, issuance of Modification 1 to Permit 984, and notice of receipt of application for a Scientific Research Permit (P645).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on April 23, 1997, NMFS issued a scientific research permit (1033) to David A. Nelson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (P496A), to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research, and issued Modification 1 to permit 944 issued by Boyd Kynard, US Geological Survey (P45P), to take listed shortnose sturgeon for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein. On May 1, 1997, NMFS issued Modification 1 to permit 984 issued to Mary L. Moser and Steve W. Ross of the University of North Carolina (P423B), to take listed shortnose sturgeon for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein. Notice is also given that Molly Lutcavage of the New England Aquarium (P645) has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles.

ADDRESSES: The applications, permits, and related documents are available for

review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250); or

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on January 22, 1997 (62 FR 3270) that an application had been filed by David A. Nelson, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (P496A), to take listed Sea Turtles, as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Mr. Nelson requested a five year permit to tag, track, blood sample, and relocate 200 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 40 green (*Chelonia mydas*), 20 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 1 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and 1 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtle annually. These turtles would be captured incidental to dredging activities in the U.S. Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico, as authorized by section 7 consultation. The turtles may receive PIT-tags, flipper-tags, and radio, satellite, or sonic tags. The research purpose is to minimize sea turtle-dredge interactions by determining sea turtle habits, abundance, and distribution in shipping channels. On April 23, 1997, NMFS issued Permit 1033 authorizing the above activities.

On April 23, 1997, NMFS issued Modification 1 to permit 944 issued to Boyd Kynard, U.S. Geological Survey, to take listed shortnose sturgeon, as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Dr. Kynard is authorized under Permit 944 to examine, tag, and tissue sample adult shortnose sturgeon captured in the Connecticut, Merrimack and Hudson Rivers. The original permit authorized the collection of 20 tissue samples annually from adult shortnose sturgeon for contaminant analysis. Modification 1 to Permit 944 authorizes Dr. Kynard to collect an additional 130 tissue samples from adult shortnose sturgeon annually in an effort to identify the energetic levels of fall migratory fish, spring migratory fish, spawners, and overwintering fish.