

request for a scientific research and enhancement permit to "take" Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll. The research will be conducted over a 5-year period and will involve population assessment, disease assessment, recovery actions, and pelagic ecology studies of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll. Research methods include: observation and monitoring; capture; physical and chemical restraint; flipper tagging and retagging; instrumentation; bleach marking; measuring and weighing; blood and tissue sampling; swabbing; biopsy sampling (blubber); lavage; capture for the purpose of rehabilitation and release to the wild; and experimental medical treatment. The research will be conducted over a 5-year period. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and 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: June 10, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Committee.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 8, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Pauahi Tower, Nortel Conference Room, 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2650, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 532-6306.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The VMS Committee will hold a meeting to discuss and formulate recommendations for the Council to consider at its 93rd meeting to be held August 19-21, 1997. The VMS committee plans to discuss Hawaii longline VMS Data confidentiality, VMS data for fisheries research, future direction of the VMS program, and consider other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

NTIS Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Monday, July 28, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday, July 29, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, will be closed to the Public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will include a progress report on NTIS activities, an update on the progress of FedWorld, and a discussion of NTIS' long range plans. The closed session discussion is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on July 29, 1997. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

DATES: the meeting will convene on July 28, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. and convene again on July 29, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 2029 Sills Building, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation on July 28, 1997, and closed on July 29, 1997. Approximately thirty minutes will be set aside on July 28, 1997, for comments or questions from the public. Seats will be available for the public and for the media on a first-come, first-served basis. Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time. Copies of the minutes of the open session meeting will be available within thirty days of the meeting from the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Lucas, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161 Telephone: (703) 487-4636; FAX (703) 487-4093.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

Donald R. Johnson,

Director.

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