

10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the Administrative Policy Committee.

10:15 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive a report on the Council Chairmen's Meeting.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison. 11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

11:15 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Other business to be discussed.

Committees

July 14

9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Convene the Law Enforcement Committee to review the U.S. Coast Guard Fisheries Enforcement Study.

11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene the Stone Crab Management Committee to review the recommendations of the Stone Crab Advisory Panel (AP) on the structure of a license limitation system.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to review actions necessary to proceed with an amendment on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review an options paper for a future amendment to the fishery management plan which includes limited access alternatives for the commercial king mackerel fishery.

July 15

8:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—Convene the Budget Committee to review the proposed CY 1998 Council budget and a contractual agreement with the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission on EFH.

9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—Convene the Migratory Species Management Committee to review the consultation process with NMFS on management of the Atlantic highly migratory species and uses of APs and Scientific and Statistical Committees in that process.

10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review a preliminary listing of management alternatives that will be included in a scoping options paper for the fishery, including limited access for the commercial fishery.

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review reports by NMFS on the status of stocks under the overfishing definitions

and on the Tortugas fishery for pink shrimp.

2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to review lists of fishing gear used in the Gulf fisheries which will be submitted to NMFS in compliance with the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

3:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Personnel Committee to review staff policies and employment practices.

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 July 7, 1997.

Dated: June 13, 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. 061197A]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 987 (P598)

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. 987 submitted by Dr. Jim Darling, P.O. Box 384, Tofino, British Columbia, Canada VOR 2Z0, has been granted.

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, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 30, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 23435) that an amendment of permit No. 987, issued

March 1, 1996 (61 FR 9438), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of §§ 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and 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).

Permit No. 987 authorizes the permit holder to take (*i.e.*, harass) up to 200 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in the course of behavioral and photo-identification studies and biopsy sampling, in the waters around the main Hawaiian Islands over a 2-year period. The permit has been amended to authorize: the observation of up to 200 humpback whales annually in Hawaii and Alaska waters by the use of remote cameras to (1) observe the activities of individual whales, and (2) to determine if images can be obtained that will allow the length measurement of specific whales; and the observation of up to 1000 humpback whales annually in Hawaii and Alaska waters through fixed wing and helicopter flights to measure the length of whales through photogrammetry for the purpose of age estimation and to observe (video/film) behavior patterns.

We believe that this amended Permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species, which is the subject of the request; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in Section 2 of the ESA. We do not anticipate any adverse impacts to the affected population or the ecosystem as a result of the activities for which approval would be granted.

Dated: June 13, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.