

ACTION: Receipt of application to amend permit No. 917 (File No. p774#2).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. John B. Pearce, NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Waters Street, Room 312, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097, has requested an amendment to permit no. 917.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before October 17, 1997.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298, (508) 281-9250.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this petition should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by email or other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to permit no. 917, issued on May 11, 1994 (59 FR 25892) is requested 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 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 222.23).

Permit No. 917 authorizes the permit holder to conduct a number of studies on several cetacean species as well as

gray and harbor seals in the northeastern U.S. and Canadian waters. The research activities include: Vessel surveys, aerial surveys and photogrammetry, photo-identification studies, and the collection of biopsies. The permit holder now requests authorization to: increase the number of biopsy samples collected from humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), Atlantic white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*), bottlenose dolphins (offshore stock, *Tursiops truncatus*), and striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*). The permittee is currently authorized to collect 25 biopsies from each species, and requests to increase the number to 50 samples for humpback whales and to 100 samples for the pelagic dolphins listed above.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 10, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Spectrum Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) Meeting

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. Appendix, notice is hereby given that the Spectrum Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC) will meet on September 26, 1997 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Room 1605 at the United States Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

The Committee was established on July 19, 1965 as the Frequency Management Advisory Council (FMAC). The name was changed in April, 1991, and in July, 1993, to reflect the increased scope of its mission. The objective of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on radio frequency spectrum planning matters and means by which the effectiveness of

Federal Government frequency management may be enhanced. The Committee consists of nineteen members, fifteen from the private sector, and four from the Federal Government, whose knowledge of telecommunications is balanced in the functional areas of manufacturing, analysis and planning, operations, research, academia and international negotiations.

The principal agenda items for the meeting will be:

- (1) Discussion of the SPAC Report of Spectrum Reallocation;
- (2) Future Spectrum Policy and Long Range Planning;
- (3) Summary of new radiation exposure legislation; and
- (4) Public Safety Wireless Advisory Committee (PSWAC) update.

The meeting will be open to public observation. Public entrance to the building through the main entrance is on 14th Street midway between Pennsylvania Avenue and Constitution Avenue. A period will be set aside for oral comments or questions by the public which do not exceed 10 minutes each per member of the public. More extensive questions or comments should be submitted in writing before September 17, 1997. Other public statements regarding Committee affairs may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. Approximately 20 seats will be available for the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Federal Information Relay Service (FIPS) on 1-800-877-8339.

Copies of the minutes will be available upon request 30 days after the meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Inquires may be addressed to the Executive Secretary, SPAC, Mr. Richard A. Lancaster, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Room 4082, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone 202-482-4487.

Dated: September 11, 1997.

Richard A. Lancaster,

Executive Secretary, Spectrum Planning and Policy Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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