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In accordance with the authority granted under the Act and Regulations, this Certificate of Review is hereby granted to Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc.

A copy of this certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: January 22, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Coastal Zone Management: Federal Consistency Appeal by Jessie W. Taylor From an Objection by South Carolina

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of decision.

On December 30, 1997, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) issued a decision in the consistency appeal of

Mr. Jessie W. Taylor (Appellant). The Appellant had applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) for a permit to fill wetlands to construct a commercial business on the property. In conjunction with the Federal permit application, the Appellant submitted to the Corps a certification that the proposed activity is consistent with the State's federally approved Coastal Management Program (CMP). The State of South Carolina's coastal management agency, reviewed the certification pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA), 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)(A).

On March 11, 1996, the State objected to the Appellant's consistency certification for the proposed project on the ground that the proposed project is not consistent with the enforceable policies contained in the State's coastal management program. State policies prevented OCRM from considering the Appellant's offer of mitigation in evaluating his activity. Under CZMA section 307(c)(3)(A) and 15 CFR 930.131, the State's consistency objection precludes the Corps from issuing a permit for the activity unless the Secretary finds that the activity is either consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA (Ground I) or necessary in the interest of national security (Ground II). The Appellant based his appeal on Ground I.

Upon consideration of the information submitted by the Appellant, the State and interested Federal agencies, the Secretary made the following findings pursuant to 15 CFR 930.121: First, the proposed project furthers one or more of the competing national objectives or purposes of the CZMA by minimally contributing to the national interest in economic development of the coastal zone. Second, the proposed project, including the Appellant's mitigation measure, would lessen rather than increase cumulative impacts on the natural resources of the coastal zone. Thus, there would appear to be no adverse coastal effects to outweigh the projects minimal contribution to the national interest. Third, the proposed activity will not violate the requirements of the Clean Water Act or the Clean Air Act. Fourth, there would be no reasonable alternative available to the Appellant that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the State's coastal management program. Accordingly, the proposed project is consistent with the objectives or purposes of the CZMA. Because the Appellant's proposed project satisfied all of the requirements of Ground I, the

Secretary overrode the State's objection to the Appellant's consistency certification. Consequently, the proposed project may be permitted by Federal agencies. Copies of the decision may be obtained from the contact person listed below.

Margo E. Jackson, Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2967.

Dated: January 16, 1998.

Monica Medina,

General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012098B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in February, 1998, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone. Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between February 10 and February 24, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: Meetings will be held in Peabody, MA; East Boston, MA; Warwick, RI, and Portsmouth, NH. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Tuesday, February 10, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Committee Meeting
Location: Peabody Marriott Hotel, 8A Centennial Drive, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 977-9700.

Groundfish Advisory Panel and Plan Development Team reports on a proposal to protect Gulf of Maine cod submitted by the Gulf of Maine Fishermen's Alliance; review of overfishing definitions, stock status, and effort reduction requirements to meet the Sustainable Fisheries Act requirements; development of related management options where appropriate.

Tuesday, February 10, 1998, 10 a.m.—Joint New England Fishery Management Council Herring Committee and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Herring Section Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Further development of management measures for inclusion in a Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) public hearing document.

Wednesday and Thursday, February 11-12, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Monkfish Committee Meeting

Location: Airport Holiday Inn, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA 02128; telephone: (617) 569-5250.

Development of recommendations for final management measures; review of draft submission documents for Amendment 9 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP.

Thursday, February 12, 1998, 9:30 a.m.—Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Further development of essential fish habitat designations for Council-managed species.

Wednesday, February 18, 1998, 8:30 a.m.—Scallop Committee Meeting

Location: Radisson Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

Development of management measures to address the requirement of the Sustainable Fisheries Act concerning overfishing; development of objectives for an open/closed area management program; development framework adjustments to the Multispecies and Scallop FMPs to open the areas of Georges Bank now closed to scallop fishing for groundfish conservation purposes.

Monday, February 23, 1998, 10 a.m.—Interspecies Committee Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Route 1), Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

Discussion of long-range management strategies; update on efforts to eliminate inconsistencies in vessel upgrading provisions; development of policy statement concerning the introduction

of fish harvesting innovations and new fisheries technology.

Tuesday, February 24, 1998, 10 a.m.—Interspecies Committee Meeting

Location: Sheraton Portsmouth, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-2300.

Same agenda as Advisory Panel meeting listed above.

Although other issues not contained in these agendas may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

Dated: January 23, 1998.

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. 011398A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 550-1441 (File No. P36D)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Bernd Wursig, Director, Marine Mammal Research Program, Texas A&M University, 4700 Avenue U/Building 303, Galveston, Texas 77551, has been issued a permit to take Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 29, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 56151), that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a scientific research permit to harass bottlenose dolphins during the course of: (1) photo-identification and boat-based behavioral studies; (2) biopsy sampling of 100 individuals for genetic and contaminant studies; and (3) acoustic playback experiments to test the behavioral reaction of the dolphins to "pingers" used to deter marine mammal entanglement in commercial fishing gear. 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216).

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, February 5, 1998.

LOCATION: Room 420, East-West Towers, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

(Previously scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, 1998)

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Bicycle Helmets: The Commission will consider options for a final safety standard for bicycle helmets.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.