

**Warehouse Operation**

USDA, U.S. Army Charles Melvin Price Support Center, Rural Development Facility, Warehouse #2, Building 309, Granite City, Illinois  
 NPA: Physically Challenged Service Industries, Inc., San Antonio, Texas

**Deletion**

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.

2. The action does not appear to have a severe economic impact on future contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

The following commodities has been proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Bedspread  
 7210-00-728-0181  
 7210-00-728-0184  
 7210-00-728-0185

**Louis R. Bartalot,**

*Deputy Director (Operations).*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Idaho Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Idaho Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 1:00 p.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on August 14, 1998, at the Double Tree—Riverside, 2900 Chinden Boulevard, Boise, Idaho 83714. The purpose of the meeting is to gain information on the status of civil rights in Idaho at the present.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign

language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 15, 1998.

**Carol-Lee Hurley,**

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Texas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 3:00 p.m. and adjourn at 7:00 p.m. on August 13, 1998, at the Holiday Inn—Market Center, 1955 Market Center Boulevard, Dallas, Texas 75207. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss a draft report and for the subcommittee on education, administration of justice and hate crimes to meet. The Committee will reconvene at 9:30 a.m. and adjourn at 2:30 p.m. on August 14, 1998, at the Earl Campbell Federal Building, 1100 Commerce Street, Room I-B51, Dallas, Texas 75224. The purpose of the meeting is to obtain information from State and federal officials on hate crimes investigations that have taken place, and to continue subcommittee work on planning projects on education, hate crimes, and racial tensions.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; Atlantic Shark Fisheries; Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)**

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

**ACTION:** Applications for EFPs; deadline for receipt of EFP applications; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of two applications for EFPs. If granted, these EFPs would authorize, over a period of 1 year, collections for public display of a limited number of sharks from the large coastal and prohibited species groups from Federal waters in the Atlantic Ocean. NMFS also announces a new deadline for receipt of exempted fishing permit applications for the 1998 fishing year.

**DATES:** Written comments on the applications must be received on or before August 10, 1998. Applications for EFPs must be received on or before September 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Rebecca Lent, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The applications and related documents and copies of the regulations under which exempted fishing permits are subject may also be requested from this address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Margo Schulze, 301-713-2347; fax: 301-713-1917.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** These EFPs are requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 concerning scientific research activity, exempted fishing, and exempted educational activity. On January 29, 1998 (63 FR 4431), NMFS announced a 90-day deadline for receipt of EFP applications, which expired April 29, 1998. Because NMFS has been informed by members of industry that the announcement of this deadline was not widely distributed and because additional EFP applications have been received since that deadline, NMFS is announcing a second and final deadline for the receipt of EFP applications.

The North Carolina Aquarium Division, on behalf of three North Carolina Aquariums located in Roanoke

Island, Pine Knoll Shores, and Fort Fisher, NC, intends to collect 18 dusky sharks (6 sharks per facility), 18 lemon sharks (6 sharks per facility), 18 sandbar sharks (6 sharks per facility), and 6 sand tiger sharks (2 sharks per facility) for public display and education by hook and line and trawl, fyke, or pound nets. Fishing will occur in the Atlantic Ocean off North Carolina and Florida. Issuance of an EFP is necessary because possession of sand tiger sharks is prohibited and because the commercial fishery for large coastal sharks is closed for extended periods. The applicant also requested that the EFP authorize collection of bonnethead sharks, managed under the small coastal shark management unit; however, as the commercial season for small coastal sharks has not closed to date, this species may be possessed legally by obtaining a Federal commercial shark permit, and an EFP is not required.

The Atlantis Holding Corporation, in Holtsville, NY, intends to collect a maximum of 20 sand tiger sharks for public display and education by rod and reel. Fishing will occur in the Atlantic Ocean along the south shore of Long Island. Issuance of an EFP is necessary because the possession of sand tiger sharks is prohibited.

The proposed collections for public display involve activities otherwise prohibited by regulations implementing the Fishery Management Plan for Sharks of the Atlantic Ocean. The applicants require authorization to fish for and to possess large coastal sharks outside the Federal commercial seasons and to fish for and to possess prohibited species.

Based on a preliminary review, NMFS finds that these applications warrant further consideration. A final decision on issuance of EFPs will depend on the submission of all required information, NMFS' review of public comments received on the applications, conclusions of any environmental analyses conducted pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, and on any consultations with any appropriate Regional Fishery Management Councils, states, or Federal agencies.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 17, 1998.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033198C]

#### Marine Mammals; Stock Assessment Reports; Notice of Availability

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has revised marine mammal stock assessment reports in accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Draft revised 1998 reports are available for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 22, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments and requests for copies of reports to Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Stock Assessments. Copies of the reports may also be requested from Douglas DeMaster, Alaska Fisheries Science Center (F/AKC), NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN 15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070; Irma Lagomarsino, Southwest Regional Office (F/SWO3), NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; or Richard Merrick, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Waters Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas Eagle, (301) 713-2322; Douglas DeMaster, (206) 526-4045, regarding Alaska regional stock assessments; Irma Lagomarsino, (310) 980-4020, regarding Pacific regional stock assessments; or Richard Merrick, (508) 495-2291, or Steven Swartz, (305) 361-4487, regarding Atlantic regional stock assessments.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 117 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) requires NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) to prepare stock assessments reports for each stock of marine mammals that occurs in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States. These reports contain information regarding the distribution and abundance of the stock, population growth rates and trends, estimates of annual human-caused mortality from all sources, descriptions of the fisheries with which the stock interacts, and the status of the stock.

The MMPA also requires NMFS and FWS to review these reports annually for strategic stocks of marine mammals and, at least, every 3 years for stocks determined to be non-strategic. NMFS, in conjunction with the regional Scientific Review Groups, has reviewed the MMPA status of the Alaska, Pacific, and Atlantic stocks and has revised those reports for which significant new information was available. Table 1 contains a summary of the information included in the reports and also indicates which reports have been revised since the publication of the 1996 stock assessment reports. NMFS solicits public comments on these draft revised marine mammal stock assessment reports.

As required by the MMPA, NMFS has reviewed, and will continue to review, reports for strategic stocks of marine mammals and new information annually. The reports are not necessarily revised annually because revisions are required only when there is significant new information.

NMFS, in conjunction with the Alaska Scientific Review Group, reviewed new information available for all strategic stocks of Alaska marine mammals under its authority, as well as for several other stocks. A total of 15 of the 33 Alaska stock assessment reports were revised for 1998. Most proposed changes to the stock assessment reports incorporate new information into abundance or mortality estimates. The revised stock assessments include all 10 of the strategic stocks: western U.S. Steller sea lion, eastern U.S. Steller sea lion, northern fur seal, Cook Inlet beluga whale, North Pacific sperm whale, western North Pacific humpback whale, central North Pacific humpback whale, northeast Pacific fin whale, North Pacific right whale, and western Arctic bowhead whale. Additionally, five reports of non-strategic stocks were revised: Gulf of Alaska harbor seals, Bering Sea harbor seals, Southeast Alaska harbor seals, Eastern North Pacific transient killer whales, and Northern Pacific resident killer whales (eastern North Pacific transient and Northern resident stocks). The new information on abundance and mortality did not change the status (strategic or not) of any of these 15 Alaska stocks relative to the 1996 reports.

Fishery mortality sections in the revised Alaska reports have been updated to include data from observer programs, fisher self-reporting, and stranding reports through 1996, where possible. Similarly, subsistence harvest information through 1996 has been included for those stocks that are taken by Alaska Natives for subsistence