

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will meet jointly with the Alaska Board of Fisheries (Board).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 27, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Hawthorn Suites, 9th Avenue and L Street, Anchorage, AK 99501.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, phone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council and Board will meet July 27, 1999, beginning at 10:00 a.m. and concluding by 4:00 p.m., to discuss the following issues:

1. Review of Council's June meeting in Kodiak, AK.
2. Consultation on the Board's recent action with regard to a trawl stand-down.
3. Review of the Council and Board's joint protocol and discussion of possible improvements.

Although the meeting is open to the public the Board and Council do not plan to take oral public comment at this meeting. Written comments received at the Council office by Thursday,

July 22, will be copied and provided to Council and Board members at the meeting.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 8, 1999.

**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. 070799G]

#### 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad-Hoc Observer Program Implementation Committee (Observer Committee) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The Observer Committee working meeting will begin Tuesday, July 27, 1999 and continue through Wednesday, July 28, 1999, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council Conference Room, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to continue development of an observer program proposal for 2000. The program proposal will be presented to the Council at its September 13-17, 1999 meeting in Portland, OR.

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

### Special Accommodations

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Dated: July 8, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 486-1506

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Brent S. Stewart, Ph.D., J.D. (Principal Investigator), Senior Research Biologist, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109, has been issued a permit to take pinnipeds for purposes of scientific research.

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

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, California 90802-4213 (562-980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 3, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 23607) that a request for a scientific research permit to take northern elephant seals, northern fur seals, harbor seals, and California sea lions and to incidentally harass Steller sea lions and Guadalupe fur seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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 of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing endangered species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

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.