

2. Approve Agenda
3. Approve September and November Meeting Minutes

B. Salmon Management

1. Review of 1999 Fisheries and Summary of 2000 Stock Abundance Estimates
2. Estimate Procedures and Methodologies
3. Inseason Management Recommendations for Openings Prior to May 1
4. Preliminary Definition of 2000 Management Options
5. Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Management Review—Progress Report
6. Updates on Activities to Restore Natural Stocks
7. Adoption of 2000 Management Options for Analysis
8. Schedule of Public Hearings and Appointment of Hearings Officers
9. Adoption of 2000 Management Measures for Public Review

C. Habitat Issues

D. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

1. Update on Limited Entry Program
2. Pacific Sardine
3. Status of Plan Amendment (Squid Maximum Sustainable Yield and Bycatch)

E. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Status of Implementation of Council Recommendations
2. Results of the International Pacific Halibut Commission Annual Meeting
3. Proposed Incidental Catch in the Troll Salmon Fishery for 2000

F. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. Progress Report on the Fishery Management Plan
2. Report on International Discussions and Actions
3. Control Date for Limited Entry

G. Groundfish Management

1. Status of Federal Regulations (Including Implementation of the Emergency Rule), Exempted Fishing Permit Applications, Research Programs, and other Activities
2. Status Report on Strategic Plan
3. American Fisheries Act Measures
4. Status of Federal Setnet Programs
5. Bycatch Mortality for Rockfish
6. Groundfish Trip Limit for Pink Shrimp Fishery
7. Progress Report on Plan Amendment for Bycatch and Framework Measures

H. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Council Budget
2. Legislative Report

3. Appointments
4. Research and Data Needs and Economic Data Plan
5. Establishment of a Council Operating Procedure for E-mail
6. April 2000 Agenda

Advisory Meetings

The Salmon Advisory Subpanel will convene on Monday, March 6, at 8 a.m. and will continue to meet throughout the week as necessary to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Habitat Steering Group meets at 9 a.m. on Monday, March 6, to address issues and actions affecting habitat of fish species managed by the Council.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on Monday, March 6, at 1 p.m., and on Tuesday, March 7, at 8 a.m. to address scientific issues on the Council agenda.

The Budget Committee meets on Monday, March 6 at 1 p.m. to review the status of the 2000 Council budget and the proposed budget for 2001.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene throughout the week (Monday March 6 through Friday March 10) as necessary to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel will meet on Tuesday, March 7, at 1 p.m. to address coastal pelagic issues on the Council agenda.

The Enforcement Consultants meet at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, March 7, and will continue to meet as necessary through March 10 to address enforcement issues relating to Council agenda items.

The Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel will meet on Wednesday, March 8 at 10 a.m. to discuss highly migratory species issues relating to Council agenda items.

Comments on Council Agenda Items will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or internet.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John S. Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 7, 2000.

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

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Marine Mammals; File Nos. 675-1563, 378-1564 and P595

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Graham A.J. Worthy (File No. 675-1563), Physiological Ecology and Bioenergetics Laboratory, Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University, 5001 Avenue U, Suite 105, Galveston, TX 77551; Alaska Department of Fish and Game (File No. 358-1564), Division of Wildlife Conservation, 1255 W. 8th Street, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526, have each applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research; and the Whale Conservation Institute (File No. P595), 191 Weston Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773, requests an amendment to Permit No. 1004.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before March 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: All applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

File Nos. 675-1563 and 358-1564: Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

File No. P595: Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250); and

File No. 675-1563: Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive

North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits and amendment request are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

File No. 675-1563, Dr. Graham Worthy requests authority to take up to 30 northern fur seal (*Callorhinus ursinus*) mother/pup pairs and 30 additional pups over a 3-year period. Animals will be blood and tissue sampled and flipper tagged. Adult females will have a milk sample extracted. Activities will occur on the Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

File No. 358-1564, Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) requests authority to take Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) over a 5-year period. Animals of all ages and both sexes will be taken during aerial and land-based surveys, capture and release activities that include tissue and blood sampling, tagging and attachment of scientific instruments, branding, and administering immobilizing drugs. Activities will occur in Alaska and British Columbia.

File No. P595, Whale Conservation Institute, Permit No. 1004 authorizes the Holder to import right whale tissue samples, and samples from other cetaceans, from Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile. The Holder requests an amendment to: increase the number of samples to be imported; increase the number of locations where samples are taken and imported; and extend the permit one additional year.

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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705,

Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests 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 e-mail or by other electronic media.

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

Dated: February 3, 2000.

Jeannie Drevenak,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0026]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request Entitled Change Order Accounting

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for an extension to an existing OMB clearance.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning Change Order Accounting. A request for public comments was published at 64 FR 68338, December 7, 1999. No comments were received.

DATES: Comments may be submitted on or before March 13, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, should be submitted to: FAR Desk

Officer, OMB, Room 10102, NEOB, Washington, DC 20503, and a copy to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), 1800 F Street, NW, Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Klein, Federal Acquisition Policy Division, GSA (202) 501-3775.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

FAR clause 52.243-6, Change Order Accounting, requires that, whenever the estimated cost of a change or series of related changes exceed \$100,000, the contracting officer may require the contractor to maintain separate accounts for each change or series of related changes. The account shall record all incurred segregable, direct costs (less allocable credits) of work, both changed and unchanged, allocable to the change. These accounts are to be maintained until the parties agree to an equitable adjustment for the changes or until the matter is conclusively disposed of under the Disputes clause. This requirement is necessary in order to be able to account properly for costs associated with changes in supply and research and development contracts that are technically complex and incur numerous changes.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 5 minutes per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information.

The annual reporting burden is estimated as follows:

Respondents, 8,750; responses per respondent, 18; total annual responses, 157,500; preparation hours per response, .084; and total response burden hours, 13,230.

C. Annual Recordkeeping Burden

The annual recordkeeping burden is estimated as follows: Recordkeepers, 8,750; hours per recordkeeper, 1.5; total recordkeeping burden hours, 13,125; and total burden hours 26,355.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals

Requester may obtain a copy of the justification from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVRS), Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 208-7312. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0026, Change Order Accounting, in all correspondence.