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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Florida; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-029. *Applicant:* University of Florida, Gainesville, FL 32611-6200. *Instrument:* Fiber Raman Laser, Model FRL-1480-600. *Manufacturer:* IP Fibre Devices Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 64 FR 70213, December 16, 1999.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) High power output in the 300-600 mW range, (2) continuous working operation, (3) single mode output and (4) frequency output in the 1483-1484.5 nm range with an emission bandwidth between 1.0-1.5 nm. The National Institute of Standards and Technology and a domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advise that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Dated: February 4, 2000.

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Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020400A]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Ad Hoc Charter Vessel/Headboat Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on February 28, 2000 and will conclude by 4:00 p.m. on February 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The AP meeting will be held at the Radisson Riverwalk Hotel Tampa, 200 North Ashley Drive, Tampa, FL 33602; telephone: 813-223-2222.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director,; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) deferred taking action on a Draft Amendment for a Charter Vessel/Headboat Permit Moratorium (Amendment) at its January 18-21, 2000 meeting. Instead the Council has asked the AP to develop an industry proposal for revision of the current Federal permit system for charter vessels and headboats engaged in reef fish and coastal migratory pelagics fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico. The AP may consider retaining some of the alternatives for management measures considered in the Amendment, and likely will suggest other alternatives that would need to be presented at public hearings in a subsequent amendment. The Council will consider the AP's recommendations at its March 20-23, 2000 meeting in San Antonio, TX.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the AP for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens

Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 22, 2000.

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

[I.D. 020400B]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 6-10, 2000. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, March 7, at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 8 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 922-8041.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions, Roll Call

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