

*Title:* Application Instructions for a Permit for Scientific Purposes or to Enhance the

Propagation or Survival of Threatened or Endangered Species.

*Agency Form Number(s):* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection.

*Burden Hours:* 4,400.

*Number of Respondents:* 240.

*Average Hours Per Response:* Ranges between 10 to 40 hours depending on the requirement.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) is responsible for the conservation and recovery of marine and anadromous species listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973. Section 10 of the ESA allows for certain exceptions, such as a taking that would be incidental to an otherwise lawful activity. NOAA has issued regulations to provide for application and reporting for such exceptions. The information is used to evaluate the proposed activity (permits) and on-going activities (reports) and is necessary for NMFS to ensure the conservation of the species under the ESA.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.

*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DoC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14<sup>th</sup> and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Lengelme@doc.gov](mailto:Lengelme@doc.gov)).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent with 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 3, 2000.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030600C]

### Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Recreational Fisheries Data Task Force (RFDTF) will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held March 22, 2000, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This will be the fourth meeting of the RFDTF which will discuss the following topics: review of minutes from third Task Force meeting, report of Task Force working group meeting on developing materials and strategies for obtaining recreational fishery data from fishing and boat clubs, Chairman's report on Task Force presentations to Council and Scientific and Statistical Committee, reports on recent international meetings on sharks, tagging of fishes with satellite and archival tags, upcoming meetings including the international management of tuna in the Central-Western Pacific and managing marine recreational fisheries in the 21st century, and other business as required.

Although non-emergency 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 notice 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 final 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

Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021000B]

### Marine Mammals; File No. 758-1459-01

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Kimberlee Beckmen, Institute of Arctic Biology, University of Alaska Fairbanks, P.O. Box 757000, Fairbanks, AK 99775-7000, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 758-1459.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment 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

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 25294) that an amendment of Permit No. 758-1459, issued August 21, 1998 (63 FR 46417), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The Permit authorizes the Holder to conduct a variety of capture/release research activities on northern fur seal pups. Research will be carried out in conjunction with the NMFS, National Marine Mammal Laboratory.