

the comment period, the Council will decide on framework action. A document regarding this issue is available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

From 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., a Public Scoping Meeting will be held beginning at 3:00 p.m. to address (1) a coral framework action to establish additional Habitat Areas of Particular Concern and (2) the development of a comprehensive FMP amendment addressing permit renewal timeframes, operator permits, a consolidated controlled access system and the Atlantic Coast Cooperative Statistics Program's (ACCSP) permits and reporting. A scoping document addressing these issues is available from the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**).

From 4:00 p.m. to 4:15 p.m., the Council will hear a report from the Spiny Lobster Committee.

From 4:15 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., the Council will hear a report from the Marine Reserves Committee and make any required modifications to the MOU between the Council and Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary.

From 4:30 p.m. to 4:45 p.m., the Council will hear a report from the Highly Migratory Species Committee.

From 4:45 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., the Council will hear a report from the Controlled Access Committee and approve draft Amendment 5 to the Shrimp FMP, addressing rock shrimp limited access, for the public hearing.

From 5:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., the Council will hear a report on the joint meeting of the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council and the Caribbean Fishery Management Council regarding the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP and take any action required.

11. *Council Session: March 9, 2001, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon*

From 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the Advisory Panel Selection Committee and appoint new advisory panel members (closed session).

From 9:00 a.m. to 9:15 a.m., the Council will hear a report from the joint Executive and Finance Committee and approve amending the \$65,000 into the current budget.

From 9:15 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., the Council will discuss and make recommendations on potential changes to NMFS final rule regarding allowable gear.

From 10:15 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., the Council will hear an update on economic activities and issues.

From 10:30 a.m. to 10:45 a.m., the Council will hear an update on social activities and issues.

From 10:45 a.m. to 11:00 a.m., the Council will hear an update on the ACCSP.

From 11:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m., the Council will hear a report on the Ecosystem Management Workshop.

From 11:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., the Council will hear status reports from NMFS on the: 2000/2001 Mackerel Framework, resubmitted Calico Scallop FMP, resubmitted Sargassum FMP, Golden Crab Amendment 3, and Dolphin Emergency Rule request. The Council will also hear NMFS status reports on landings for Atlantic king mackerel, Gulf king mackerel, Atlantic Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper & golden tilefish, wreckfish, greater amberjack and south Atlantic octocorals.

From 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the Council will hear agency and liaison reports, and discuss other business and upcoming meetings.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects 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 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 the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by February 26, 2001.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

**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. 020701A]

#### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 779-1339-00

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Keith D. Mullin) has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 779-1339-02.

**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);

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5312); and

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams, 301/713-2289.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On September 13, 2000, notice was published in the Federal Register (65 FR 55224) that an amendment of Permit No. 779-1339, issued July 8, 1997 (62 FR 38069), had been granted to the above-named organization. The requested amendment was granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216) but did not include an increase in takes for endangered species. This amendment is granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-227).

Permit 779-1339 authorized the Holder to: (1) harass cetaceans for the purpose of estimating abundance, collecting behavioral data, photography and biopsy sampling, and (2) collect and import biopsy tissue samples taken with a projectile dart from cetaceans. This amendment increased the number of humpback whale biopsy samples that could be taken annually.

Issuance of this amendment, 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.

Dated: February 20, 2001.

**Eugene Nitta,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010801B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 473-1433-02.

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 473-1433-01, issued to Janice Straley, University of Southeast Alaska, 1332 Seward Avenue, Sitka, Alaska 99835-9498, was amended.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices: Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, Juneau, Alaska 99801, (907/586-7221).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Lewandowski, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 15, 2000, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (65 FR 49785) that an amendment of Permit No. 473-1433, issued December 23, 1997 (62 FR 67052), 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), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The permit has been amended to authorize: (1) 100 sperm whale takes (*Physeter catodon*) by photo-identification; (2) 5 sperm whale takes by suction cup tagging for critter cam; and (3) 25 sperm whale takes for harassment incidental to suction cup

tagging with critter cam. No comments were received from the public on this permit amendment.

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.

Dated: February 16, 2001.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force Precision Targeting will meet in closed session March 29-30, 2001; April 19-20, 2001; May 10-11, 2001; June 14-15, 2001; and July 26-27, 2001, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201. The Task Force will examine the full range of the precision weapons targeting in tactical military operations, from target execution, location, and identification through mission execution and damage assessment. Target types will include fixed installations and both transportable and mobile military force elements.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. The Task Force will review: All planned precision weapons programs and procurements to determine the degree to which these weapons are compatible with targeting requirements for different target classes; the degree to which existing and planned reconnaissance and surveillance assets are used to effectively develop target sets, real time targeting data and perform battle damage assessment under varied degrees of cover, concealment and deception; our ability to identify and precisely locate targets while minimizing false alarms using automatic target recognition techniques and

precision location technologies; and our ability to attack moving targets.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

Dated: February 16, 2001.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Managed Information Dissemination Follow-On Initiative will meet in closed session on February 22-23, 2001, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review the need and feasibility of a coordinated information dissemination capability within the U.S. Government encompassing tactical, operational, and strategic information. Specifically, they will investigate: detailed and actionable recommendations with respect to enabling "channels" and establishing appropriate "brand identity"; DoD's role in a U.S. strategic information dissemination capability; policy, legal, and economic issues hindering U.S. capabilities; and identify new and emerging technologies capable of enhancing U.S. capabilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate the Department's ability to provide information.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board meeting, concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1), and that accordingly