

presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by March 12, 2001, in order to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after March 12 will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters to be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) National Undersea Research Program Strategic Plan, (2) Reviews of the Office of Global Program's September 2000 Panel Meeting, the Report of the Panel Review of the National Environmental Satellite and Data Information Service's (NESDIS) Office of Research and Applications and the Report of the Panel on Strategies for Climate Monitoring, (3) the National Science Foundation's Geosciences Programs, (4) the National Sea Grant College Program, (5) Public Input Sessions with SAB discussion, (6) SAB Sub-Committee and Working Group Reports, (7) NOAA's Long-term Climate Monitoring Council, and (8) the U.S. Weather Research Program.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-3515, E-mail: Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB website at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: March 5, 2001.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030501B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (1299); NMFS has issued modification #2 to permit 1190.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received an application for a scientific research permit from Dr. Raymond Carthy, of the Florida Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit; NMFS has issued modification #2 to permit 1190 to the Regional Administrator of the National Marine Fisheries Service Southwest Region (NMFS-SWR) (1190).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment: For permits 1299, 1190: Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Authority Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS

regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)
Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)
Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)
Endangered Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*)
Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)
Threatened and endangered Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*)

New Applications Received

Application 1299

The applicant requests a 3-year permit to take juvenile and adult turtles along the St. Joseph Peninsula, in St. Joseph Bay, Florida. The applicant proposes to examine the inter-nesting movements and habitat usage of adult loggerhead turtles along the northwestern coast of Florida, while also examining species composition, population densities and habitat utilization in coastal bays in the same area.

Permits and Modified Permits Issued

Permit #1190

Notice was published on August 31, 2000 (65 FR 52988) that the Regional Administrator, NMFS-SWR had applied for a modification to scientific research permit #1190. The modification request asked for an increase in the authorized take of all five listed turtle species. The increases were necessary due to higher numbers of turtles expected to be handled by observers expected under court mandated requirements. On August 4, 2000 a court order was issued and filed in U.S. District Court, District of Hawaii, requiring the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) to increase its observer coverage to over 20% for the Hawaii longline fishery (historically, NMFS has had a 3%-5%

coverage level for the fishery). The modification increased the proposed numbers of turtles to be handled, measured, tagged and have samples collected by observers on longline vessels to: 40 green turtles; 100 leatherback turtles; 600 loggerhead turtles; 40 hawksbill turtles and 100 olive ridley turtles. The increases in maximum takes requested are proportional to the increase in observer coverage required.

The purpose of the research is to document and evaluate the incidental take of pelagic turtles by the longline fishery, to help estimate the impact of the fishery on listed turtles as individuals and as populations, and to determine methods to reduce that impact. Research will evaluate how incidental captures affect sea turtle anatomy and physiology as a function of season, location of take, water temperature, species, size, time of day, and gear configuration. The results of the research will help NMFS to better meet the goals and objectives of the Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans, the Hooking Mortality Workshop, and the requirements of Section 7 Biological Opinions developed for this fishery, and ultimately, to fulfill ESA responsibilities to protect, conserve, and recover listed species.

Modification #2 to Permit #1190 was issued on February 20, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1190 expires March 31, 2004.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Margaret Lorenz,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.022701C]

Marine Mammals; File No.775-1600

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Micheal P. Sissenwine, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543-1026, has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca*

groenlandica), and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 9, 2001.

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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (508)281-9250; fax (508)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 27, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 64432) that a request for a scientific research permit to take seven species of baleen whale, twenty species of odontocetes, and four species of pinnipeds had been submitted by the above-named organization.

The requested permit has been issued for the four species of pinniped only 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).

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; Meeting

AGENCY: USSTRATCOM, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on April 16 and 27, 2001. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans. At this meeting, the SAG will

discuss strategic issues that relate to the development of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, April 15, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having requisite security clearances and specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact upon national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (5 U.S.C. App 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 USC 552b(c) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Open Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 13, 14, and 15 March 2001.

Time of Meeting: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

Place: Main Conference Room, SAIC, 1710 Solutions Dr., McLean, VA.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) Objective Force Soldier/Soldier Teams study will meet for the second of three Plenary Meeting to receive updates from panel breakouts, receive presentations of various subject topics as it pertains to the study, and discuss/plans for forthcoming meetings. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Mike Hendricks on (703) 617-7048.

Wayne Joyner,

Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.

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