

conservation and management of marine resources. Persons who are interested in applying for membership on the Council may obtain an application from either the person or website identified above. Completed applications must be sent to the address listed above and must be received by August 10, 2001.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 et seq.; Pub. L. 106-513.  
(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: July 6, 2001.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Fish and Wildlife; Draft Recovery Plan for the Western North Atlantic Right Whale

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The draft Recovery Plan (Plan) for the western North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*) is available for review and comment by interested parties prior to preparing the final plan for approval and adoption by NMFS.

**DATES:** Comments on the draft Plan must be received on or before September 10, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be addressed to Coordinator of Large Whale Recovery Activities, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources (F/PR), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A copy of the draft plan for the North Atlantic right whale is available upon request from F/PR, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gregory K. Silber, Ph.D., NMFS, F/PR, 301/713-2322.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic Access

The draft plans are also available through the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot-res/PR3/recovery.html>.

#### Background

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NMFS develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction unless it is determined that such plans will not promote the conservation of the species. In 1991, NMFS issued the first recovery plan for northern right whales. NMFS, in consultation with key constituent groups and organizations, has prepared an updated draft plan for right whales in the North Atlantic ocean. The plan discusses the natural history, current status, and the known and potential human impacts to right whales. Actions needed to promote the recovery of this species are identified and discussed. A Final Recovery Plan will be used to direct U.S. activities, and to encourage international cooperation to promote the recovery of these endangered species.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Notice and Request for Sea Scallop Research Proposals; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Notice of solicitation for applications; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On May 29, 2001, NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** that provided information on the research total allowable catch (TAC) set-aside program authorized under Framework 14 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan. The notice provided information on the submission process, eligibility criteria, proposal requirements and priorities, project evaluation, application deadlines and other requirements related to the TAC set-aside research program. One of the project funding priorities was inadvertently omitted. In addition, the document contains

numerous typographical errors. This document corrects these errors.

**DATES:** May 29, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patricia M. Fiorelli, New England Fishery Management Council, (978) 465-0492, or Peter Christopher, NMFS, (978) 281-9288.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 11, 2001 (66 FR 24052), NMFS published a final rule implementing Framework 14 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan. This framework implemented a system for allowing controlled scallop fishing in the Hudson Canyon and Virginia Beach Sea Scallop Access Areas. Framework 14 also implemented a TAC set-aside program to support sea scallop research projects. Under the program, certain limited access sea scallop vessels would be allowed to land scallops in excess of the possession limit, or take additional trips above those provided for in the program, and use the proceeds of the excess catch or additional trips to offset the costs of the research proposals submitted in response to the May 29 **Federal Register** notice.

The notice published on May 29, 2001 (66 FR 29090), contains errors. A number of words and phrases were combined (run together) without the appropriate spacing between the words. In addition, in Section J, Project Funding Priorities, Item 8 was inadvertently omitted. This document corrects these errors.

#### Correction

Accordingly, the publication on May 29, 2001, the Notice of Solicitation for Applications (66 FR 29090), which was the subject of document FR Doc. 01-13416, is corrected as follows:

1. On page 29092, under Section J, in the third column:
  - a. Second line of Item 4, insert a space between "each" and "limited" to read "each limited".
  - b. Second line of Item 5, insert a space between "reduce" and "discard" to read "reduce discard".
  - c. After Item 7, insert Item 8 to read as follows:
 

"8. Experimental designs with control areas using alternative management strategies, such as area licensing and rotational closures (projects should include an analysis of project improvement, habitat impacts and social impacts, including conflict resolution across fisheries);"
  - d. Second line of Item 12, insert a space between "life" and "history" to read "life history".
2. On page 29092, under Section K, third column, second line of Item 3,