

purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the possible impact of the proposed actions. If the Committee approves the proposed addition, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice for each service will be required to procure the service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

The following service is proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

#### Service

##### *Janitorial/Custodial*

Naval Sea Systems Command (NAVSEA)  
Buildings 22, 28, 104, 176, 197, 201, 213 and 214

Washington Navy Yard, DC

NPA: Melwood Horticultural Training  
Center, Upper Marlboro, Maryland.

Government Agency: Department of the  
Navy/NAVSEA.

**Sheryl D. Kennerly,**

*Director, Information Management.*

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## UNITED STATES COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**AGENCY:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights

**DATE AND TIME:** Friday, December 7, 2001, 9:30 a.m.

**PLACE:** U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

#### STATUS:

##### *Agenda*

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 9, 2001 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. State Advisory Committee Appointments for Alaska, California, Iowa, Mississippi, New Jersey, Nevada, North Carolina, Pennsylvania (interim), South Carolina, Vermont, and Washington
- VI. Program Planning
- VII. Future Agenda Items

**Michael L. Foreman,**

*Acting Deputy General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112601B]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Oversight Committee in December 2001. Recommendations from the Committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Monday, December 17, 2001, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: 508-339-2200.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; 978-465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Groundfish Oversight Committee will review the draft Framework Adjustment 36 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP), including the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS). Management measures in Framework 36 are designed

to reduce fishing mortality for groundfish stocks consistent with Amendment 7 to the FMP, reduce regulatory discards of Gulf of Maine cod, extend or revise the Western Gulf of Maine closed area, provide access to Closed Area II to target yellowtail flounder, expand the authorized area for the northern shrimp fishery, allow access to groundfish closed areas by tuna purse seine vessels, and increase the trip limit for the Cultivator Shoals whiting fishery. Fishing mortality must be reduced for Gulf of Maine and Georges Bank cod to meet the objectives of the FMP. Most of the measures in the framework target these reductions. Measures under consideration include (but are not limited to) changes in seasonal and year round closed areas, increases in mesh size, restrictions on the deployment or use of gear, changes in trip limits, reductions in days-at-sea or restrictions on the use of days-at-sea, and modifications to gear to reduce bycatch of cod. Regulatory changes are also being considered for the recreational fishery, including increases in minimum size limits for cod, restrictions on access to closed areas, and area closures for recreational fishers. The Groundfish Oversight Committee will review the draft framework document and analysis of impacts, and may identify a preferred alternative. The recommendations of the Committee will be considered by the full Council at a meeting on December 19, 2001. After the draft framework and DSEIS is approved by the Council, it will be available for public review and comment prior to the final selection of management measures in March 2002. After completing review of the draft Framework 36, the Committee will meet in a closed session to discuss Groundfish Advisory Panel applications.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul

J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: November 27, 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. 112001A]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an application for a research permit (1353).

**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. Steve W. Ross, of NC National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on this new application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on December 31, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this new application should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The application and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Becker, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-2319, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Lillian.Becker@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:

Endangered Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

##### Application 1353

The shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*, is the only federally listed endangered marine fish in North Carolina. In the late 1800's, NC shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon supported the largest sturgeon fishery in the southeastern U.S. Due to habitat loss and overfishing, NC sturgeon populations declined until both species were considered in danger of extinction in the state. This research will sample and track the shortnose sturgeon of the rivers of NC, including the Cape Fear river system, the Brunswick River, and the Northeast Cape Fear River. The fish will be collected by gillnetting, trawling, and electroshocking. They will then be documented for measurements, disease and catch per unit effort. The fish will then be tagged with an internal ultrasonic transmitter and released. The tagged fish will be monitored for the life of the battery of the implants, approximately 7 months.

Dated: November 26, 2001.

**Ann Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110801B]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 376-1520-01

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

**ACTION:** Denial of amendment to permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 376-1520-01, submitted by James H.W. Hain, Associated Scientists at Woods Hole, Box 721, Woods Hole, MA 02543 has been denied.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376;

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371; and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727) 570-5301; fax (727) 570-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 31, 2001, A notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 39493) that an application for a permit amendment had been filed by the above named individual. The requested permit amendment has been denied pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (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).

Permit No. 376-1520-01 authorizes the Holder to approach a variety of cetacean species to conduct photo-identification and behavioral observations. The approach distances in the permit are currently limited to: up to 100 ft. (31 m) by vessel, 200 ft. (61 m) directly above and 350 ft. (107 m) slant range by aircraft for all species