

SUMMARY: In preparation for the 2002 ICCAT meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will hold its annual fall meeting in October 2002.

DATES: The open session will be held on October 14, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Closed sessions will be held on October 14, 2002, from 3:00 p.m. to 6:15 p.m., October 15, 2002, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and October 16, 2002, from 8:45 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Written comments should be received no later than October 7, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments should be sent to Erika Carlsen at NOAA Fisheries/SF4, Room 13137, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erika Carlsen, 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in two open sessions to consider information on stock status of highly migratory species and 2002 management recommendations of ICCAT's Standing Committee on Research and Statistics (SCRS). Also in the open sessions, the Advisory Committee will review the results of recent meetings, including the Advisory Committee summer workshop on improving Atlantic bigeye, albacore, yellowfin and skipjack (BAYS) tunas data monitoring and reporting and the Atlantic white marlin ESA status review, ICCAT's working group meeting on integrated monitoring measures, and ICCAT's working group meeting on measures to combat IUU fishing. The Committee will also discuss other ICCAT-related activities. Further, in open session, the Committee will review the implementation of 2001 and prior ICCAT recommendations and resolutions and will receive an overview of implementation of recommendations for research and management resulting from its Spring 2002 Species Working Group meeting. The only opportunity for public comment will be during the October 14, 2002, open session. Written comments are encouraged and, if mailed, should be received by October 7, 2002 (*see ADDRESSES*). Written comments can also be submitted during the open sessions of the Advisory Committee meeting.

The Advisory Committee will go into executive session on October 14, 2002, after the adjournment of the open session, on October 15, 2002, and on the morning of October 16, 2002, to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming international negotiations.

These sessions are not open to the public.

Please be reminded that NMFS expects members of the public to conduct themselves appropriately for the duration of the meeting. At the beginning of the public comment session, an explanation of the ground rules will be provided (*e.g.*, alcohol in the meeting room is prohibited, speakers will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak, each speaker will have an equal amount of time to speak, and speakers should not interrupt one another). The session will be structured so that all attending members of the public are able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the degree of controversy of the subject(s). Those not respecting the ground rules will be asked to leave the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Erika Carlsen at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 23, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091902A]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee will hold a meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will convene at 10 a.m. on Friday, October 11, 2002, and adjourn when business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the West Conference Room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384; (503) 820-2280.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to develop a draft regulatory package to require VMS systems for vessels participating in West Coast groundfish fisheries.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the Ad Hoc VMS Committee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Ad Hoc VMS Committee 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Ad Hoc VMS Committee'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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 19, 2002.

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. 090502A]

Endangered Species; File No. 1389

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Stephen J. Morreale, Department of Natural Resources, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853 has been issued a permit to take loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, green and leatherback sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room

13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9388; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Becker or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 12, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 46178) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, green and leatherback sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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 parts 222-226).

The purpose of the research, as stated in the application, is to re-institute a long-term mark-recapture study in order to monitor the population levels and health status of sea turtles inhabiting the Long Island Sound and Peconic Bay Estuaries. Because these protected coastal waters are extremely important foraging areas for juvenile sea turtles, the establishment of a new research program will provide an ideal opportunity to gauge the trends and status of populations of sea turtles, and also to assess the health of the turtles and their critical ecosystems. This will be done by capturing sea turtles in pound nets then measuring, weighing, tagging, sampling blood and skin, and releasing them.

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: September 20, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Meeting

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, October 8, 2002, 2 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public—Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(f)(1) and 16 CFR 1013.4(b)(3)(7)(9) and (10) and submitted to the **Federal Register** pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3).

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL

INFORMATION: Todd A. Stevenson, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207, (301) 504-0800.

Dated: September 25, 2002.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness).

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with section 350(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) announces the following proposed reinstatement of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use

of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by November 26, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness) (Force Management Policy/Military Personnel Policy—Armed Forces Chaplains Board,) ATTN: Chaplain (COL) Horton, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address or call at (703) 697-9015.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Control Number: Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services; DD Form 2088 and DD Form 2741; OMB Control Number 0704-0190.

Needs and Uses: Per 32 CFR part 65, in conjunction with 10 U.S.C. 532 and 591, professionally qualified clergy persons shall be appointed as chaplains to provide for the free exercise of religion for all members of the military services, their dependents, and other authorized persons. Since World War I, the professional qualifications of clergy have been certified by the faith group of which these clergy are members. Religious organizations register with the Department of Defense for the purpose of endorsing clergy as fully qualified to serve as chaplains in the armed forces. No clergy person may become a chaplain without this endorsement, and the loss of this endorsement constitutes a loss of professional status. It also certifies the number of years of professional experience for each candidate.

Department of Defense Directive 1304.19, "Appointment of Chaplains for the Military Services," requires that religious faith groups be officially registered by the Department of Defense in order to endorse chaplains to the Military Services. This information collection is needed to ensure that religious faith groups are appropriately organized and authorized by their constituencies to endorse clergy for service as chaplains in the Military Services.

The information in DD Form 2741, "Ecclesiastical Endorsing Organization Verification/Reverification," is collected whenever a religious faith group initially seeks registration with the Department of Defense as an