

the use of "B" days-at-sea as discussed in Amendment 13 to the FMP. B days are among the effort controls included in the amendment which has not yet been approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

On Thursday, the Council's Research Steering Committee will report on and ask for approval of a policy that addresses the review and use of new research in the fishery management process. The Council will then review and intends to approve comments on the proposed rule to implement Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. Following this agenda item the rest of the day will be spent discussing potential improvements to Council process as it concerns committee organization and decision-making, as well as issues related to fleet structure and over-capitalization issues in the groundfish fishery. Any other outstanding business will be addressed at the end of the day.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal 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 that 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 date.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Peter Fricke,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022604A]

Endangered Species; Files No. 1472 and No. 1473

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk (Ellen Riker, principle investigator), 10 North Water Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut 06854 and the Virginia Living Museum (Lory Scott, principle investigator), 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, Virginia 23601, have both applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement through educational display.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES:

The applications 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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1472 and File No. 1473.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested 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 222-226).

The Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk and the Virginia Living Museum both propose to receive and use 50 individual, captive-bred, non-releaseable shortnose sturgeon for educational display exhibits. These proposed projects of displaying endangered cultured shortnose sturgeon responds directly to a recommendation of the NMFS recovery outline for this species. In addition, the facilities would formulate public education programs and exhibits to increase awareness of the shortnose sturgeon and its status. These proposed projects would educate

the public on shortnose sturgeon life history and the reasons for its declining numbers.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

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Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294)

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0006).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning subcontracting plans/subcontracting reporting for individual contracts (Standard Form 294). The clearance currently expires on June 30, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of