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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Availability of Seat for the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (DOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the Recreational Fishing seat on its Sanctuary Advisory Council.

Applicants chosen for this seat should expect to serve until February 2007. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary.

**DATES:** Applications are due by August 13, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Nicole Capps at the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 299 Foam Street, Monterey, California 93940. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nicole Capps at (831) 647-4206, or [Nicole.Capps@noaa.gov](mailto:Nicole.Capps@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MBNMS Advisory Council was established in March 1994 to assure continued public participation in the management of the Sanctuary. Since its establishment, the Advisory Council has played a vital role in decisions affecting the Sanctuary along the central California coast.

The Advisory Council's twenty voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public, plus seven local, state and Federal governmental jurisdictions. In addition, the respective managers or

superintendents for the four California National Marine Sanctuaries (Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Gulf of the Farallones National Marine Sanctuary and the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary) and the Elkhorn Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve sit as non-voting members.

Four working groups support the Advisory Council: The Research Activity Panel ("RAP") chaired by the Research Representative, the Sanctuary Education Panel ("SEP") chaired by the Education Representative, the Conservation Working Group ("CWG") chaired by the Conservation Representative, and the Business and Tourism Activity Panel ("BTAP") chaired by the Business/Industry Representative, each dealing with matters concerning research, education, conservation and human use. The working groups are composed of experts from the appropriate fields of interest and meet monthly, or bi-monthly, serving as invaluable advisors to the Advisory Council and the Sanctuary Superintendent.

The Advisory Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and Federal management agencies, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the central California coastal and marine ecosystems.

The Advisory Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent and is instrumental in helping develop policies, program goals, and identify education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection, and revenue enhancement priorities. The Advisory Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary Program within the context of California's marine programs and policies.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 072104C]

**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council), Executive Committee, its Ecosystems Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee meeting as a Council Committee of the Whole with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board, and Bluefish Board (s) will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 10, 2004 through Thursday, August 12, 2004. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Wyndham Baltimore Inner Harbor, 101 Fayette Street, Baltimore, MD; telephone: (410) 752-1100.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: (302) 674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are:

On Tuesday, August 10, the Executive Committee will meet from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and the Council will convene at 10 a.m., and meet from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. On Wednesday, August 11, new and reappointed members will be sworn into office from 8 a.m. to 8:10 a.m. The Council will meet jointly with the ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards from 8:10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Thursday, August 12, the Ecosystems Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and the Council will meet from 9:30 a.m. until approximately 2 p.m.

On Tuesday, August 10, the Executive Committee will review functional responsibilities of the Council; also will review and discuss Council relationships with NMFS, NOAA, DOC and U.S. Congress vis-a-vis "teamwork

and cooperation;" the Council will receive a report of the 39th Stock Assessment Review Committee and review summary results of this report; the Council and ASMFC's Bluefish Board will review the Bluefish Monitoring Committee's recommendations regarding 2005 harvest level and associated management measures, and recommend the 2005 harvest level and associated management measures.

On Wednesday, August 11, the Council and ASMFC's Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Boards will review Monitoring Committee recommendations regarding the 2005, 2005 and 2006, or 2005, 2006, and 2007 harvest levels and commercial management measures, and recommend the 2005, 2005 and 2006, or 2005, 2006, and 2007 harvest levels and commercial management measures for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass.

On Thursday, August 12, the Ecosystems Committee will review the Council's grant Statement of Work (SOW) and develop additional options to be included in the proposed program. The Council will also receive and discuss committee and organizational reports including the Highly Migratory Species, the Trawl Survey Committee's report on items discussed at its meeting held July 7 and 8 in Philadelphia, the Executive Committee, Ecosystems Committee, New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates and whiting; the South Atlantic Council's report; and act on any new and/or continuing business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council 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 the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 22, 2004.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**  
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; Files No. 1472 and No. 1473

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk (Ellen Riker, Principal 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 been issued permits to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement through educational display.

**ADDRESSES:** The permits 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 4, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 10213) that requests for enhancement permits to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organizations. The requested permits have 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 Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk and the Virginia Living Museum are authorized to receive and use 50

individual, captive-bred, non-releaseable shortnose sturgeon for educational display exhibits. These projects of displaying endangered cultured shortnose sturgeon respond directly to a recommendation of the NMFS recovery outline for this species. In addition, the facilities will formulate public education programs and exhibits to increase awareness of the shortnose sturgeon and its status. These projects will educate the public on shortnose sturgeon life history and the reason for its declining numbers.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits (1) were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

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

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

**Title:** Patent Processing (Updating).

**Form Number(s):** PTO/SB/08a, PTO/SB/08b, PTO/SB/17i, PTO/SB/17P, PTO/SB/21-27, PTO/SB/30-37, PTO/SB/42-43, PTO/SB/61-64, PTO/SB/64a, PTO/SB/67-68, PTO/SB/91-92, PTO/SB/96-97, PTO-2053-A/B, PTO-2054-A/B, PTO-2055-A/B, PTOL/413A.

**Agency Approval Number:** 0651-0031.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden:** 2,731,841 hours.

**Number of Respondents:** 2,281,439 responses.

**Avg. Hours Per Response:** 1 minute 48 seconds to 8 hours. The USPTO estimates that it will take 8 minutes (0.13) to complete the request to retrieve electronic priority application(s) and 6