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Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111605D]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 918-1820

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Squalus, Inc., P.O. Box 301, Myakka City, FL 34251 has applied in due form for a permit to import four South American (Patagonian) sea lions (*Otaria flavescens*) for the purposes of public display.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 23, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The application 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) 427-2521; <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

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) 427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 918-1820.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Jennifer Skidmore, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to import one male and three female, captive-born, juvenile Patagonian sea lions from Park Atlantis, Mexico City, Mexico to the Squalus facilities in Myakka City, Florida. The applicant requests this import for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility is aware of the public display criteria for holding marine mammals for public display and their obligation to demonstrate said criteria prior to acquiring these animals. Squalus' programs are open to the public on regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee. Squalus offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards and holds an Exhibitor's License, number 58-C-0648, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture under the Animal Welfare Act (7 U.S.C. 2131-59).

In addition to determining whether the applicant meets the three public display criteria, NMFS must determine whether the applicant has demonstrated that the proposed activity is humane and does not represent any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of marine mammals; that the proposed activity by itself, or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and that the applicant's expertise, facilities and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this

application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 16, 2005.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**  
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

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#### Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on December 14, 2005. The Council will convene on Wednesday, December 14, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Administrative Committee will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at Holiday Inn Windward Passage Hotel, Veterans Drive, Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, USVI 00802.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-1920; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will hold its 120th regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

#### December 14, 2005

9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call to Order  
Adoption of Agenda  
Consideration of 119th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription  
Executive Director's Report  
Socio-Economic Considerations of Limited Entry - Juan Agar  
Discussion of USVI Negotiation Panel  
Next Council Meeting

5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Administrative Committee Meeting  
-Advisory Panel/Scientific and Statistical Committee/Habitat Advisory Panel (AP/SSC/HAP) Membership