

and act as a conduit, relaying the community's interests, concerns, and management needs to the Sanctuary. The Sanctuary Advisory Council members represent public interest groups, local industry, commercial and recreational user groups, academia, conservation groups, government agencies, and the general public. Members serve either two- or three-year terms in order to stagger Council membership and allow continuity.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 4131, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Education Seat Vacancy for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary (MNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the Education seat on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council).

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. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by June 30, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained on the Web (<http://monitor.noaa.gov>) or from: Krista Trono, *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23602. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Krista Trono, Communications Coordinator, *Monitor* National Marine Sanctuary, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23602. (757) 591-7328, Fax: (757) 591-7353, [Krista.Trono@noaa.gov](mailto:Krista.Trono@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The MNMS Advisory Council was established in 2005 and representation currently consists of eleven members, including four government agency representatives and seven members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent. The 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 Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 42-1642

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mystic Aquarium has been issued an

amendment to scientific research and enhancement Permit No. 42-1642-03.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment 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; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 9, 2007, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 6222) that an amendment of Permit No. 42-1642-03, issued April 28, 2004 (69 FR 24586), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

This permit amendment authorizes an increase in the number of blood samples that may be received, imported, or exported. The increase is to accommodate the availability of banked serum samples from other institutions for Brucella analysis. The amendment (reflected in the new Permit No. 42-1642-04) is effective until the expiration date of the permit, October 15, 2007.

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

Issuance of this permit amendment, 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 such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.