

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Availability of Seats for the Cordell Bank 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 Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary (CBNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): *Community At Large Marin County Primary seat, Community at Large Sonoma County Alternate seat*. 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 a 3 year term, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by August 17th, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Cordell Bank National Marine Sanctuary, Rowena Forest, P.O. Box 159, Olema, CA 94950. And at <http://cordellbank.noaa.gov/welcome.html>. Completed applications should be sent to the above post office address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rowena Forest/CBNMS, P.O. Box 159 Olema, CA 94950, (415) 663-0314 x105, and Rowena.forest@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Council for Cordell Bank was established in 2002 to support the joint management plan review process currently underway for the CBNMS and its neighboring sanctuaries, Gulf of the Farallones and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries. The Council has members representing education, research, conservation, maritime activity, and community-at-large. The government seats are held by representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service, the United States Coast Guard, and the Managers of the Gulf of the Farallones, Monterey Bay and Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuaries. The Council holds four

regular meetings per year, and one annual retreat.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Endangered Species and Marine Mammals; File No. 10014

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP), Division of Science, Research and Technology, P.O. Box 409, Trenton, NJ 08625-0409, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals and sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before August 15, 2007.

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

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. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 10014.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opaty or Carrie Hubard, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216) and 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 NJDEP seeks permission to conduct research to elucidate the distribution and abundance of baleen whales, odontocete whales, pinnipeds, and sea turtles. Research would include take by survey approach during shipboard and aircraft transect surveys of up to 200 common dolphins, 410 bottlenose dolphins, 100 Atlantic spotted dolphins, 100 striped dolphins, 100 pantropical spotted dolphins, 100 spinner dolphins, 100 clymene dolphins, 10 Northern bottlenosed whales, 10 melon-headed whales, 25 white-sided dolphins, 10 white-beaked dolphins, 10 Risso's dolphins, 200 pilot whales, 100 harbor porpoises, 10 killer whales, 10 sperm whales, 10 Cuvier's beaked whales, 10 Mesoplodon whales, 20 pygmy/dwarf sperm whales, 10 pygmy killer whales, 10 blue whales, 10 sei whales, 25 minke whales, 100 fin whales, 100 humpback whales, 300 Northern right whales, 1400 harbor seals, 400 gray seals, 25 harp seals, 25 hooded seals, 10 hawksbill sea turtles, 100 leatherback sea turtles, 600 loggerhead sea turtles, 100 Kemp's ridley sea turtles, and 50 green sea turtles. The study area would include U.S. waters offshore of southern New Jersey out to a distance of 20 nautical miles. A five-year permit is requested.

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.