

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**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 two male captive-born juvenile harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) from the New Brunswick Aquarium and Marine Center, Shippagan, New Brunswick, Canada to the North Carolina Zoo. The applicant requests this import for the purpose of public display. The receiving facility, North Carolina Zoological Park, 4401 Zoo Parkway, Asheboro, NC 27205 is: (1) open to the public on regularly scheduled basis with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging for an admission fee; (2) offers an educational program based on professionally accepted standards of the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums; and (3) holds an Exhibitor's License, number 55-C-0007, 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.

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: December 17, 2007.

**Patrick Opay,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Council Coordination Committee; Public Meeting**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will host a meeting of the Council Coordination Committee (CCC), consisting of the Regional Fishery Management Council chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors in January 2008. The intent of this meeting is to discuss issues of relevance to the Councils, including FY 2008 budget allocations, implementation of provisions from the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA), and scientific fisheries research activities.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 8, 2008, recess at 5 p.m. or when business is complete; reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 9, 2008, and adjourn by 5 p.m. or when business is complete; and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 10, 2007, and adjourn by noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA) of 2006 established the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) by amending Section 302 (16 U.S.C. 1852) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The committee consists of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Act or other Council members or staff. NMFS will host this meeting and provide reports to the Committee for its information and discussion. The main topics of discussion will be the FY2008 budget allocation, implementation of the provisions of the MSRA, and related guidance and technical regulatory changes. NMFS will also be holding a joint session of the CCC with the NMFS

Science Board during the morning session on Wednesday, January 9, 2008 to discuss scientific and research activities related to MSRA implementation.

**Agenda****Tuesday morning, January 8, 2008**

FY 2008 budget allocation

**Tuesday afternoon, January 8, 2008**

FY 2008 budget allocation, continued; Council performance and metrics; and Council administrative session (closed session).

**Wednesday morning, January 9, 2008**

MSRA implementation:

- Annual catch limit and accountability measure guidance;
- Marine recreational information program (MRIP);
- Five year research plans; and
- Council Scientific and Statistical Committees, peer reviews, and stipends.

**Wednesday afternoon, January 9, 2008**

MSRA implementation continued:

- Revised NEPA/MSA procedures;
- International provisions and regulations;
- Exempted fishing permit procedures;
- Council Statements of Organization, Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) guidance;
- “Omnibus” technical changes to regulations;
- Jones Bill; and
- National fish habitat legislation.

**Thursday morning, January 10, 2008**

MSRA implementation continued, as needed;

- Permit fees; and
- Tax identification numbers.

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The CCC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett at (301) 713-2337 at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 18, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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