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**DATES:** The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, June 19, 2012, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time and Wednesday, June 20, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Portrait Room, Administration Building, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Shaw, VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1060, telephone number 301-975-2667. Ms. Shaw's email address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 278.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST followed by presentations and discussions on NIST's planning, assessment, and safety activities; and NIST activities and programs proposed in the FY 2013 budget. The meeting will conclude with a wrap-up discussion covering action items and draft recommendations for the 2012 VCAT Annual Report. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On June 20, approximately one-half hour will be reserved in the morning for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers

who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the VCAT, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive MS 1060, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899, via fax at 301-216-0529 or electronically by email to [gail.ehrlich@nist.gov](mailto:gail.ehrlich@nist.gov).

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Stephanie Shaw by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, June 13, 2012. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, and address. Ms. Shaw's email address is [stephanie.shaw@nist.gov](mailto:stephanie.shaw@nist.gov) and her phone number is 301-975-2667.

Dated: May 25, 2012.

**Willie E. May,**

*Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XB157**

**Marine Mammals; File No. 14856**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Bruce R. Mate, Ph.D., Hatfield Marine Science Center, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals world-wide for the purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 2, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 14856 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices: See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief,

Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Morse or Carrie Hubbard, (301)427-8401.

**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), 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 parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Dr. Mate proposes to conduct scientific research on 83 identified species of marine mammals species world-wide. The purposes of the proposed research are to: (1) Identify migration routes; (2) identify specific feeding and breeding grounds for each species; (3) characterize local movements and dive habits in both feeding and breeding grounds, and during migration; (4) examine the relationships between movements/dive habits and prey distribution, time of day, geographic location, or physical and biological oceanographic conditions; (5) characterize whale vocalizations; and (6) characterize sound pressure levels to which whales are exposed. Fourteen species of large whales would be approached for biopsy, implantable and suction cup tagging, photo-identification, behavioral observation, passive acoustic recording, and assessment of possible tag effects in U.S. and international waters worldwide over a 5-year period, including 200 each of humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), sei whale (*B. borealis*), Bryde's whale (*B. edeni*), minke whale (*B. acutorostrata*), Antarctic minke whale (*B. bonaerensis*), Eastern North Pacific gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*), Southern right whale (*Eubalaena australis*), bowhead whale

(*Balaena mysticetus*), and sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*); 100 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), excluding the Southern Resident stock; 60 North Pacific right whales (*E. japonica*); and 25 Western North Pacific gray whales. The remaining species including beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) Cook Inlet stock, killer whale southern resident stock, false killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*) Hawaiian insular stock, Steller sea lions, Eastern and Western Distinct Populations Segments (*Eumetopias jubatus*), Guadalupe fur seal (*Arctocephalus townsendi*), Hawaiian monk seal (*Monachus schauinslandi*), bearded seal (*Erignathus barbatus*), and ringed seal (*Pusa hispida*), may be incidentally harassed during tagging and biopsy activities or would be approached for photo-identification, behavioral observation, and passive acoustic recording. Import, export and receipt of biopsy samples are also requested.

A draft environmental assessment (EA) has been prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft EA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018;

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)944-2200; fax (808)973-2941;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and

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

Dated: May 23, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

*Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA935**

#### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coral and Coral Reefs Off the Southern Atlantic States; Exempted Fishing Permit; Correction

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; correction; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a correction to a notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) published on April 30, 2012, regarding the South Carolina Aquarium's application to collect display specimens. The notice stated that the EFP would authorize the South Carolina Aquarium to collect, with certain conditions, various species of reef fish, crabs, and lobsters in Federal waters off South Carolina and North Carolina. Within the preamble, spadefish was inadvertently omitted from the list of species proposed to be collected; as such, the total number of species to be collected also needs to be corrected. Additionally, the notice stated that the total number of species would be collected over a period of 5 years; however, the notice for the EFP should state that the total number of species would be collected annually for 5 years. This rule corrects those errors. Due to these corrections, NMFS is extending the comment period until June 15, 2012.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., e.t., on June 15, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the application by either of the following methods:

- *Email:* [Kate.Michie@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Michie@noaa.gov); include in the subject line of the email

comment the following document identifier: South Carolina Aquarium EFP.

- *Mail:* Kate Michie, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to any of the above addresses.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Anne Marie Eich, telephone: 727-824-5305, email: [AnneMarie.Eich@noaa.gov](mailto:AnneMarie.Eich@noaa.gov).

#### Correction

In notice document FR Doc. 2012-10372, published in the **Federal Register** issue of April 30, 2012 (77 FR 83), make the following corrections:

1. On page 25407, column 3:
  - a. Line 10, after the word "to" add the word "annually".
  - b. Line 11, remove the word "1,615" and add, in its place, "1,665".
  - c. Line 17, after the word "the" insert the word "annual".
  - d. Line 29, after the words "little tunny (25);" add the word "spadefish (50);".

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 29, 2012.

**Carrie D. Selberg,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### (NOAA) National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC)

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Climate Assessment and Development Advisory Committee (NCADAC) was established by the Secretary of Commerce under the authority of the Global Change Research Act of 1990 to synthesize and summarize the science and information pertaining to current and future impacts of climate.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held June 14, 2012 from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. and June 15, 2012, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. These times are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page <http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/NCADAC/>