

with sections 751(a)(1), 751(h) and 771(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Request for Nominations

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice requesting nominations for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is seeking nominations for membership on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior in implementing Section 4 of Executive Order 13158 and specifically on strategies and priorities for developing the national system of MPAs and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs.

The Department of Commerce is seeking up to three highly qualified individuals. Nominations are sought for non-federal scientists, resource managers, and persons representing other interests or organizations involved with or affected by marine conservation. Individuals seeking membership on the Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to MPAs or represent a stakeholder interest affected by MPAs. Nominees will also be evaluated based on the following factors: marine policy experience, leadership and organization skills, region of country represented, and diversity characteristics.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked on or before thirty (30) days from publication date on this notice.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to: Lauren Wenzel, Marine Protected Areas Center, NOAA, N/ORM, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPAFAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, N/ORM, 1305

East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-3100 x136, Fax: 301-713-3110); e-mail: lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the national MPA Center Web site at <https://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In Executive Order 13158, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior were directed to seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a MPA FAC. The Committee was established in June 2003, and includes 30 members and nine ex-officio members.

The Committee meets at least twice a year. Committee members serve for a term of two or four years.

Each nomination submission should include the proposed Committee member's name and organizational affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each submission: the nominee's name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address if available.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than 30 days from the date of this notice (See **ADDRESSES** above). The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the Agency's Web page at <http://mpa.gov/fac.html>.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

Eldon Hout,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011805A]

The Institute of Medicine Food and Nutrition Board; Orientation Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Institute of Medicine Food and Nutrition Board will meet in Washington, D.C. The meeting agenda can be found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Academy of Sciences Lecture Room, 2100 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

National Marine Fisheries Service/ National Seafood Inspection Laboratory address: 705 Convent Ave., Pascagoula, MS 39567.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Spencer Garrett, National Seafood Inspection Laboratory; telephone: 228-769-8964.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee's agenda includes the following issues: nutrient relationships in seafood - selection to balance benefits and risks.

Background

Seafood contributes a variety of nutritional benefits to the American diet. They are sources of protein, calcium, iodine, copper, zinc, and omega-3 fatty acids. Furthermore, some nutrients may affect bioavailability, toxicodynamics, and target-organ transport, and thus affect the toxicological response to certain compounds. Contamination of marine resources, however, whether by naturally-occurring or introduced toxicants, is a concern for U.S. consumers because of the potential for adverse health effects. Human exposure to toxic compounds through seafood can be managed by making choices that provide desired nutrients balanced against exposure to such compounds in specific types of seafood that have been found to pose a particular health risk. Consumers, particularly subpopulations that may be at increased risk, need authoritative information to inform their choices. The National Marine Fisheries Service has contracted with the National Academies of Science to produce a report that will recommend approaches to decision-making for selecting seafood to obtain the greatest nutritional benefits, balanced against exposure to potential toxicants and identifies data gaps and research needs. The study objectives will include:

1. Identifying and examining the routes of entry of naturally-occurring and introduced toxicants into the food supply, through seafood sources, and evaluating food consumption patterns of the U.S. population to estimate current levels of intake exposure.

2. Assessing the evidence on availability of specific nutrients in seafood compared to other food sources and determine the impact of modifying food choices to reduce intake of naturally-occurring and introduced toxicants on nutritional intake and status within the population, including vulnerable population subgroups.

3. Developing a decision path, geared to the needs of U.S. consumers, for selecting seafood to obtain maximal nutritional benefits while minimizing potential exposure risks.

4. Identifying additional data needs and making recommendations for future research, including assessment of the mitigation effects of nutrients on toxicants in seafood.

Agenda

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

1:00 p.m.: Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of the Public Session

Presentations from the Sponsoring Agency

1:10 p.m.: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service

2:10 p.m.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration

2:40 p.m.: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

3:10 p.m.: Break

3:30 p.m.: Open Discussion. Interested individuals and organizations are invited to present their views during this part of the open session. To be considered for a 3-minute presentation, please provide topic and contact information to Sandra Amamoo-Kakra no later than January 25, 2005, by fax (202) 334-236, or by email (samamook@nas.edu).

4:00 p.m.: Adjourn

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least five working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 18, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011105H]

Endangered Species; Permit No. 1299

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research Permit No. 1299 submitted by Raymond R. Carthy has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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 Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the provisions of 50 CFR 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The modification extends the expiration date of the Permit from December 31, 2004, to December 31, 2005, for takes of green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles. The permit allows Dr. Carthy to conduct sea turtle research in the Gulf of Mexico waters of northwestern Florida. The purpose of the research is to (1) study the use of coastal waters by both juvenile and adult loggerhead, green, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles along the St. Joseph Peninsula, St. Joseph Bay, Florida; (2) examine the inter-nesting movements and habitat usage of adult loggerhead turtles along the northwestern coast of Florida; (3) examine the species composition, population densities and habitat utilization in coastal bays in the same area by juvenile sea turtles; and (4) track gross movements and seasonal

migrations of the three species of juvenile sea turtles initially captured in the study area utilizing satellite telemetry.

Issuance of this modification, 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 the threatened and endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

Amy C. Sloan,

Acting 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

[I.D. 011405C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 881-1710

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), 301 Railway Avenue, Seward, AK 99664, (Shannon Atkinson, Ph.D., Principal Investigator) has been issued an amendment to Permit No. 881-1710-02 to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*).

ADDRESSES: The permit 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)713-0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 15, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 42424) that a request for a permit amendment to conduct research on the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under