

reports, recommendations, and regulations of the Commission.

Each appointed member of the advisory committee will serve for a term of two years and will be eligible for reappointment.

The Secretaries of Commerce and State will furnish the advisory committee with relevant information concerning fisheries and international fishery agreements.

NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce, will provide to the advisory committee administrative and technical support services as are necessary for its effective functioning.

Appointed members of the advisory committee will serve without pay, but while away from their homes or regular places of business in the performance of services for the advisory committee will be allowed travel expenses, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, in the same manner as persons employed intermittently in the Government service are allowed expenses under section 5703 of title 5, United States Code. They will be considered Federal employees while performing service as members of the advisory committee only for purposes of: (1) injury compensation under chapter 81 of title 5, United States Code; (2) requirements concerning ethics, conflicts-of-interest, and corruption, as provided by title 18, United States Code, and (3) any other criminal or civil statute or regulation governing the conduct of Federal employees in their capacity as Federal employees.

Procedure for Submitting Nominations

Nominations for the advisory committee should be submitted to NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). Self nominations are acceptable. Nominations should include the following information: (1) Full name, address, telephone, facsimile, and e-mail of nominee; (2) nominee's organization(s) or professional affiliation(s) serving as the basis for the nomination, if any; and (3) a background statement, not to exceed one page in length, describing the nominee's qualifications, experience and interests, specifically as related to the fisheries covered by the Convention.

Dated: July 6, 2007.

James P. Burgess,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB29

Permits; Foreign Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of foreign fishing application.

SUMMARY: NMFS publishes for public review and comment information regarding a foreign fishing application submitted under provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

DATES: Comments must be received by July 25, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send comments or requests for a copy of the application to NMFS, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Comments on this notice may also be submitted by e-mail. The address for providing e-mail comments is nmfs.foreignfishing@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: RIN 0648-XB29.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert A. Dickinson, Office of International Affairs, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) provides, among other things, that the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) may issue a transshipment permit which authorizes a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or, with the concurrence of a state, within the boundaries of that state to a point outside the United States.

Section 204(d)(3)(D) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides that an application may not be approved until the Secretary determines that "no owner or operator of a vessel of the United States which has adequate capacity to perform the transportation for which the application is submitted has indicated ... an interest in performing the transportation at fair and reasonable rates." NMFS is publishing this notice as part of its effort to make such a determination with respect to the application described below.

Summary of Application

NMFS has received an application requesting authorization for five Mexican vessels to receive, within the Pacific waters of the U.S. EEZ south of 34°00' N. lat. and east of 121°00' W. long., transfers of live tuna from U.S. purse seiners for the purpose of transporting the tuna alive to an aquaculture facility located in Baja California, Mexico.

Interested U.S. vessel owners and operators may obtain a copy of the complete application from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: July 5, 2007.

Jean-Pierre Ple,

Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB31

Marine Mammals; File No. 1127-1921

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 Hawaii Marine Mammal Consortium, PO Box 6107, Kamuela, HI 96743, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on 24 cetacean species found in Hawaiian waters.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before August 10, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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 Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

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. 1127-1921.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandy Hutnak 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), 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 Hawaii Marine Mammal Consortium seeks a five year permit to conduct research on 24 cetacean species, including the following endangered species: blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), sei whale (*B. borealis*), and sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*). The objectives of the research are to assess the status, numbers, distribution, and life histories of cetacean species in Hawaiian waters. The type of take involved would consist of Level A harassment (biopsy sampling) and Level B harassment (close approach, photo-id, audio recording, underwater photography and video, photogrammetry, and collection of sloughed skin and fecal samples). All age classes, except mothers and associated calves less than one year old, would be biopsy sampled. The core study area is the leeward coast of the island of Hawaii, but activities might be conducted in any of the near shore waters of the main and northwestern Hawaiian Islands, including waters off the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Marine National Monument. No mortality or incidental harassment of non-target species is being 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.

Dated: July 5, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

Notice To Adopt a Standard Model for Mathematical Vertical Datum Transformations

AGENCY: National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to announce a decision by the Federal Geodetic Control Subcommittee (FGCS) to recommend adoption of a standard method for mathematical transformations between the vertical geodetic datums: The National Geodetic Vertical Datum of 1929 (NGVD 29) and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88). These methods are designated, in descending order of accuracy: (1) The recomputation or readjustment of survey observations method, (2) the mathematical transformation method, and (3) the average shift method. In order to maintain consistency of results and to minimize misuse associated with the mathematical transformation method, FGCS recommends software identified as VERTCON (Vertical Conversion) as a Federal standard.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the adoption of VERTCON as the standard method, should do by August 10, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to the attention of David Doyle, Chief Geodetic Surveyor, Office of the National Geodetic Survey, National Ocean Service (N/NGS2), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, fax 301-713-4324, or via e-mail *Dave.Doyle@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to David Doyle, Chief Geodetic Surveyor, National Geodetic Survey (N/NGS2), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone: (301) 713-3178.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The intent of this notice is to standardize a vertical

datum transformation method when a mathematical transformation is desired. FGCS selected the method incorporated in the software identified as VERTCON. It is not the intent of the notice to declare when to use a datum transformation or by what method but only to declare that when a mathematical transformation is appropriate, VERTCON is recommended. Note that VERTCON is not appropriate to transform between NGVD 29 and NAVD 88 for first-, second-, or third-order heights, as defined in the Federal Geodetic Control Committee (FGCC), Standards and Specifications for Geodetic Control Networks, and retain first- or second-, or third-order accuracies in the results. Method 1, recomputation or readjustment of survey observations, is usually more appropriate to maintain first-, second-, and third-order FGCC accuracies.

VERTCON can be accessed for on-line computation from the NGS Geodetic Tool Kit at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/TOOL/Vertcon/vertcon.html>, or copies of the VERTCON software are available for free download from the NGS Web site http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/PC_PROD/pc_prod.shtml#VERTCON.

Dated: July 5, 2007.

Elizabeth R. Scheffler,

Associate Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Federal Advisory Committee Meeting Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), the Sunshine in the Government Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 102-3.140 thorough 160, the Department of Defense announces the forthcoming public meeting:

Name of Commission: President's Commission on Care for America's Returning Wounded Warriors (hereafter referred to as the Commission).

Date of Meeting: July 25, 2007.

Time of Meeting: 11 a.m. to (To Be Determined).