

Columbia, Vancouver, B.C.; and Permit Amendment No. 881-1745-02 has been issued to the The Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), Seward, AK, for conduct of research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) in captivity at the ASLC.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit amendment 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; <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>; 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 February 15, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 7420) that a request for a scientific research permit and permit amendment to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named institutions, respectively. The requested permit and permit amendment have been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*), as applicable.

Permit No. 715-1883 issued to NPUMMRC authorizes the capture in Alaska and export to Canada of up to 6 female juvenile fur seals for captive research on nutritional physiology.

Permit Amendment No. 881-1745-02 authorizes captive breeding and research on captive Steller sea lions held at the ASLC related to studies on the physiology of gestation and lactation. This is in addition to already permitted studies, which include condition assessments, endocrinology and immunology studies, metabolism studies, and studies of foraging behavior.

The permit and permit amendment are valid through August 1, 2009, and contain requirements for coordination and monitoring of research as well as mitigation measures deemed appropriate by NMFS. The permit and

permit amendment cannot be amended or extended.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research was prepared to evaluate the potential environmental impacts of awarding grants and issuing permits to facilitate research on these species. Information about the PEIS is available at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/steller.htm>.

Issuance of the permit to the ASLC, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that the permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 19, 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

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### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

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

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Committee, in August, 2007, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, August 16, 2007, at 8:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 339-2200; fax: (508) 339-1040.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New

England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee will review input from the Scallop Advisory Panels and Scallop Plan Development Team related to the development of Framework 19. The committee will also consider management measures for consideration in Framework 19 including days-at-sea allocations, access area allocations, specific measures for the general category scallop fishery, improvements to the observer set-aside program, and other measures. Framework 19 is a biennial action that will consider management measures for fishing years 2008 and 2009. The committee may consider other topics at their discretion.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 20, 2007.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 27, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be addressed to the Office of