

6. Seabird Projects

As stated above, the Montrose litigation and settlements were focused on those injuries that appeared to be continuing. The Trustees recognize that a variety of other species such as brown pelicans and double-crested cormorants were severely affected by DDT in the past. Substantial seabird populations occur in the Southern California Bight, including breeding and non-breeding birds.

Since these populations have declined from historical numbers, they provide an opportunity for restoration projects. Efforts to enhance the populations of marine birds in the SCB could also benefit reintroduced bald eagles and peregrine falcons by providing prey that may contain lower contaminant levels than other food sources such as carcasses of marine mammals. The Trustees may explore methods to enhance the populations of seabirds through the development of innovative restoration concepts, such as reducing anthropogenic impacts and other factors that adversely affect the seabirds' survival.

These project concepts are described in further detail in a public scoping document issued on August 24, 2001 by the trustees to inform the public of the restoration planning process and to seek input from affected individuals and groups. The scoping document may be obtained from the MSRP web site (www.darcnw.noaa.gov/montrose/htm), or by a copy may be requested by calling (866) 795-7786 or by sending an e-mail request to msrp@noaa.gov.

Public Scoping Meetings

The Trustees have scheduled three public meetings in the fall of 2001. Comments will be received at these meetings and throughout the scoping period. The scoping meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. Saturday, October 13, 2001, 3:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m., Channel Islands National Park Headquarters, 1901 Spinnaker Drive, Ventura, CA.
2. Sunday, October 21, 2001, 10:00 a.m.–6:00 p.m., Cabrillo Sea Fair event, Cabrillo Aquarium, 3720 Stephen White Drive, San Pedro, CA—The Trustees will sponsor an information booth and be available to answer questions.
3. Thursday, November 1, 2001, 7:00 p.m.–9:00 p.m., Ken Edwards Center, 1527 Fourth Street, Santa Monica, CA.

The purpose of these meetings will be to introduce the public to the MSRP staff and Trustee Council, define the Trustees' role and responsibilities, explain what restoration means and the legal requirements that must be

followed. Additionally, the Trustees will present the restoration goals, objectives, and project selection criteria for this case, and describe the restoration alternatives the Trustees plan to develop in the RP/EIS. The Trustees will take comments from the public on the factors they would like addressed concerning the restoration alternatives presented, as well as taking comments on other restoration alternatives the public would like the Trustees to consider.

Administrative Record

The Trustees have made available for public review the documents comprising the Administrative Record (Record) of the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program. The Record includes documents that the Trustees have relied upon during the development of the RP/EIS, and that form the basis for determining a restoration action under CERCLA and NEPA. Documents now in the Record include a copy of this notice, the MSRP fact sheet, the scoping document, and consent decrees. Other documents will be added as the restoration process progresses.

The Record is available for viewing at NOAA's Office of General Counsel for Natural Resources, located at: 501 West Ocean Blvd, Suite 4700, Long Beach, CA 90802. The repository is open from 9:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday, except for Federal holidays. Arrangements may be made to review the Record by contacting Kolleen Bannon at 501 W. Ocean Blvd., suite 4470, Long Beach, CA 90802 or by calling her at 562-980-4078.

How To Submit Comments

Pursuant to NEPA, 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*, CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, and CEQA, Pub. Res. Code sections 21000–21177.1, the Trustees seek public involvement in determining the scope of significant issues to be considered in the RP/EIS. Comments should be sent to the Montrose Settlements Restoration Program, NOAA, Suite 4470, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90803, (866) 795-7786. Comments also may be submitted by e-mail to msrp.noaa.gov. Comments should be received on or before November 24, 2001.

Authority: 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.* and 9601 *et seq.*

Dated: October 1, 2001.

Alan Neuschatz,
Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100101F]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Committee Chairmen will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 23, 2001, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Renaissance Philadelphia Hotel Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113, telephone: 610-521-5900.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review committee appointments, address advisory panel composition and membership, review federal schedules, and initiate development of the Council's annual work plan for 2002.

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 identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management 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 Joanna Davis at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091901C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee will hold a joint work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, October 24, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Pine Room II, 7900 NE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR 97220

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the work session is to brief the STT and SSC on changes made to or proposed for the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) and the coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), and review the scientific bases for those changes. The KOHM will be reviewed on October 23, 2001 and the FRAM will be reviewed on October 24, 2001.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STT and the SSC subcommittee 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

Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the 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 Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092101D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 87-1593-00

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Daniel P. Costa, Professor of Biology, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Center for Ocean Health, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 87-1593.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation 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

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

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

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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 amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Amy Sloan (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 87-1593, issued on February 21, 2001 (66 FR 12763), 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).

Permit No.87-1593 authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on marine mammals in two different projects: Project I authorizes capture, tag, sample and release of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*); Project II authorizes capture, tag, sample and release of Crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*) and secondarily takes for leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), and Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*).

The permit holder requests authorization to: a) Take 40 adult male California sea lions per year by capture, tag, bleach mark, restraint, anesthetization, blood sample (80ml), weigh, morphometric measurements, muscle biopsy and instrument with TDRs and/or ARGOS linked PTTs and heart-rate/stomach-temperature (GTR) recorders, insertion of a stomach temperature pill, and release; b) incidentally harass up to 1000 sea lions per adult capture event (approx. 40K); c) incidentally harass up to 2600 animals during fecal collection; d) incidentally harass up to 1000 Northern elephant seals, and up to 100 Northern fur seals during all research on California sea lions. Takes are requested annually.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal