

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program.

This Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart L.

The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of states and territories with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs requires findings concerning the extent to which a state or territory has met the national objections, adhered to its Coastal Zone Management Program document approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, state, and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings will be held as part of the site visit.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visit for this evaluation, and the dates, local times, and locations of the public meetings during the site visit.

The U.S. Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation site visit will be held June 9–13, 2003. Three public meetings will be held during the week. The first will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2003, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Department of Planning and National Resources Conference Room, Cyril E. King Airport, Terminal Building 2nd Floor, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802. The second will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2003, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Florence Williams Public Library, 1122 King Street, Christiansted St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands 00820. The third will be held on Thursday, June 12, 2003, 6 p.m.–8 p.m., Legislature of the Virgin Islands Conference Room, 109 Contant-Enighed, Hilltop Building, Cruz Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands 00831.

Copies of the U.S. Virgin Island's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notification and supplemental request letters to the Territory, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding this Program are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the last public meeting. Please direct written comments

to Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713–3155, Extension 118.

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Captain Ted I. Lillestolen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 1034–1685

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Markus Horning, Department of Marine Biology, Texas A&M University, Galveston, Texas 77551, has been issued a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 22, 2002, notice was published in the

Federal Register (67 FR 47774) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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).

The permit authorizes implantation of dual satellite-linked life history transmitters in up to 30 rehabilitated California sea lions at the Marine Mammal Center to determine long-term post-release survival rates. External tags will also be attached for short-term monitoring. To assess stress levels from surgical procedures, and to relate post-rehabilitation health status to survival, blood samples will be collected for standard clinical hematology and chemistry panels. Blubber biopsies, bioelectrical impedance analysis, deuterium dilution determinations, and blubber ultrasound will also be performed. In addition, three control groups of California sea lions of similar age undergoing rehabilitation at TMMC will be utilized to compare short-term effects on animals with the implanted tags to animals without the implanted tags having similar procedures (e.g., anesthesia, laparoscopy) performed as part of their rehabilitation. Up to a total of 90 control animals (three groups of 30) will be used in this study, and will have some or all of the following procedures performed: blood and blubber sampling, bioelectrical impedance analyses, deuterium dilutions, and blubber ultrasound. The permit is for a five year period.

Dated: April 17, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Notice, Two-Day “Wireless Innovations: New Technologies and Evolving Policies”

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and