

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council, (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 29, 2002, the Council adopted the fishery management plan (FMP) for West Coast highly migratory species (HMS). The primary purpose of this HMSPDT work session is to incorporate Council guidance, perform editorial work, and prepare the FMP for submission to the U.S. Secretary of Commerce.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the HMSPDT meeting agenda may come before the HMSPDT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal HMSPDT action during this meeting. HMSPDT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 HMSPDT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The 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) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 13, 2002.

**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

#### United States Climate Change Science Program

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice of open workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Global Change Research Act of 1990 initiated the U.S. Global Change Research Program (USGCRP) that continues today as a major sponsor of global change research. In June 2001 President George W. Bush directed the USGCRP agencies to develop a focused Climate Change Research Initiative (CCRI) with the goal of accelerating the USGCRP research activities in the next 2 to 5 years to assist in the development of public

policy and natural resource management tools related to climate change issues. The U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP), incorporating the USGCRP and the CCRI, will hold a comprehensive workshop to receive participants' individual comments on a discussion draft version of its Strategic Plan for climate change and global change studies. When finalized, the draft strategic Plan reviewed during and after the Workshop will provide the principal guidance for the U.S. global change and climate change research programs during the next several years, subject to revisions as appropriate to respond to newly developed information and decision support tools.

**TIME AND DATE:** The workshop will be held Tuesday, December 3, 2002, from 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m., Wednesday, December 4, 2002, from 8:30 am-5:30 p.m., and Thursday, December 5, 2002, from 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. *These times may be subject to change. Refer to the Web site listed below for a final meeting agenda.*

**PLACE:** The workshop will be held at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel, 2660 Woodley Road, NW., in Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** The meeting will be open to registered participants. The public may register at the Web site below or by sending a fax to 303-497-8633 with the following information: (1) Prefix: (Dr., Mr., Ms., other); (2) first name/given name; (3) middle initial; (4) last name/surname; (5) name as you want it printed on your name badge; (6) organization/institution; (7) department, division or program; (8) street address; (9) city; (10) state/province (if applicable); (11) ZIP or postal code; (12) country; (13) telephone number; (14) fax number; and (15) email address. *Limited registration may be available at the Workshop, but cannot be guaranteed due to space consideration.* The Workshop will include daily plenary sessions and several breakout sessions. Each breakout session will include invited reviewer comments as well as the opportunity for general attendee comments. All comments must be submitted by individual participants. Group consensus comments will not be accepted. The discussion draft of the Strategic Plan and directions for submitting comments has been posted on the Web site below. Comments, questions and suggestions are welcomed from both scientific and stakeholder communities during and after the Workshop. Comments on the Strategic Plan can be submitted up to January 13, 2003.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** To assure the continued scientific credibility of the CCSP, the Workshop will provide a comprehensive review of the discussion draft of the Strategic Plan.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Sandy MacCracken, U.S. Climate Change Science Program, Suite 250, 1717 Pennsylvania Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20006. (Phone: 202-223-6262, Fax: 202-223-3065, e-mail: [smaccrac@usgcrp.gov](mailto:smaccrac@usgcrp.gov)); or visit the CCSP Web site at <http://www.climatescience.gov>.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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**Marine Mammals; File Nos. 358-1564, 782-1532, 1016-1651, 800-1664, 434-1669, 1010-1641, and 881-1668**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permits and permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following individuals/organizations have been issued a permit or permit amendment to take Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) for the purposes of scientific research: Dr. Glenn VanBlaricom, Washington Cooperative Fish and Wildlife Research Unit, School of Aquatic and Fishery Sciences, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195; Dr. Randall Davis, Department of Marine Biology, Texas A M University, Galveston, TX 77551; the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW), Corvallis, Oregon 97330 (PI: Robin Brown); the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), Seward, Alaska 99664 (PI: Don Calkins); the National Marine Mammal Laboratory (NMML), National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (PI: Dr. Thomas Loughlin); the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADFG), Juneau, Alaska 99802-5526 (PI: Dr. Thomas Gelatt).

**ADDRESSES:** The permits, permit amendments, and related documents, are available for review upon written request, by downloading from the