

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Comments received, including the names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposal and will be available for public inspection.

(Authority: 40 CFR 1501.7 and 1508.22; Forest Service Handbook 1909.15, Section 21)

Dated: October 26, 2006.

Thomas K. Reilly,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Notice of Meeting of the Agricultural Air Quality Task Force

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Agricultural Air Quality Task Force (AAQTF) will meet to continue discussions on air quality issues relating to agriculture.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Tuesday, November 28, 2006, through Thursday, November 30, 2006. Public comment periods will be held on November 29 and 30. Individuals making oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site and must bring with them 50 copies of any materials they would like distributed. Written materials for the AAQTF's consideration prior to the meeting must be received by Dr. Diane E. Gelburd no later than Friday, November 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Hill, 415 New Jersey Avenue, SW., Washington, DC, 20001; telephone: (202) 638-1616, or (800) 638-1116.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions and comments should be directed to Dr. Diane E. Gelburd, Designated Federal Officer. Dr. Gelburd may be contacted at USDA, NRCS, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 6158-South, Washington, DC 20250; telephone: (202) 720-2587; e-mail: Diane.Gelburd@wdc.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2. Additional information concerning the AAQTF may be found on the Internet at <http://www.airquality.nrcs.usda.gov/AAQTF/>.

Draft Agenda of the November 28-30, 2006 Meeting of the AAQTF

- A. *Welcome to Washington, DC.*
- B. *Discussion of Minutes from Previous Meeting.*
- C. *Discussion of Objectives for the Task Force and Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA Rules and Responsibilities).*
- D. *Scientific Updates and Presentations.*
- E. *Policy Discussions—USDA and Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Officials.*
- F. *USDA Update.*
- G. *EPA Update.*
- H. *Next Meeting, Time and Place.*
- I. *Public Comments.*

(Time will be reserved on November 29 and November 30 to receive public comments. Individual presentations will be limited to 5 minutes.)

Procedural

This meeting is open to the public. At the discretion of the Chair, members of the public may give oral presentations during the meeting. Those persons wishing to make oral presentations should register in person at the meeting site. Those wishing to distribute written materials at the meeting (in conjunction with spoken comments) must bring 50 copies of the materials with them. Written materials for distribution to AAQTF members prior to the meeting must be received by Dr. Gelburd no later than Friday, November 3, 2006.

Information on Services for Individuals With Disabilities

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to request special assistance at the meeting, please contact Dr. Gelburd. USDA prohibits discrimination in its programs and activities on the basis of race, color, national origin, gender, religion, age, sexual orientation, or disability. Additionally, discrimination on the

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Signed in Washington, DC, on October 23, 2006.

Arlen L. Lancaster,

Chief.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3

ACTION: Notice to establish the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3 (CPDC—S&A 1.3) under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule of Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 102-3, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3 (CPDC—S&A 1.3) is in the public interest, in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. The CPDC—S&A 1.3 will advise the Secretary, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, on CCSP Topic 1.3: "Re-analyses of historical climate data for key atmospheric features: Implications for attribution of causes of observed change". This advice will be provided in the form of a draft Synthesis and Assessment product intended to be used by NOAA to develop a final product in accordance with the *Guidelines for Producing the CCSP Synthesis and Assessment*

Products, the OMB Peer Review bulletin, and the Information Quality Act guidelines. The CPDC—S&A 1.3 will consist of no more than 20 members to be appointed by the Under Secretary to assure a balanced representation among preeminent scientists, educators, and experts reflecting the full scope of the scientific issues addressed in CCSP Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3. The CPDC—S&A 1.3 will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter will be filed under the Act, fifteen days from the date of publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CPDC—S&A 1.3 DFO and Dr. Ming Ji, Program Manager, NOAA/OAR/Climate Program Office, Climate Dynamics and Experimental Prediction Program, 1100 Wayne Avenue, Suite 1215, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 301-427-2373, e-mail: Ming.Ji@noaa.gov.

Dated: October 26, 2006.

Mark E. Brown,

Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plan for White Abalone

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

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability of the draft White Abalone Recovery Plan (Plan) for public review. NMFS is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Plan, and will consider all substantive comments received during the review period before submitting the Plan for final approval.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received by close of business on December 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-Mail:

whiteabalone.recoveryplan@noaa.gov.

- Fax: 1-562-980-4027, Attention: Melissa Neuman.

- Mail: Submit written information to Chief, Protected Resources Division, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 4213.

The draft Plan can be obtained via the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov> or by submitting a request to the Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melissa Neuman, NMFS, Southwest Region (562) 980-4115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: White abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*) was listed as the first federally endangered marine invertebrate under the United States Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) in May 2001. The ESA (15 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires that NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of threatened and endangered species under its jurisdiction, unless it is determined that such plans would not promote the conservation of the species. Accordingly, during the summer of 2002, NMFS appointed a recovery team comprised of experts in the fields of abalone biology and ecology, conservation biology, genetics, population dynamics and modeling, pathology, aquaculture, and marine policy to develop a recovery plan as mandated by the ESA.

The purposes of this Recovery Plan are to: (1) delineate those aspects of white abalone biology, life history, and threats that are pertinent to its endangerment and recovery; (2) outline and justify a strategy to achieve recovery; (3) identify the actions necessary to achieve recovery; (4) identify goals and criteria by which to measure the achievement of recovery; (5) serve as an outreach tool by articulating the reasons for white abalone's endangerment, and by explaining why the particular suite of recovery actions described is the most effective and efficient approach to achieving recovery; (6) help potential cooperators and partners understand the rationale behind the recovery actions identified, and assist them in identifying how they can facilitate recovery; (7) serve as a tool for monitoring recovery activities; and (8) be used to obtain funding for NMFS and its partners by identifying necessary recovery actions and their relative priority in the recovery process. NMFS'

ultimate goal is to increase white abalone abundance to viable and self-sustaining levels such that the species can be downlisted to threatened status and eventually removed from the Endangered Species List.

NMFS sought a scientific review of the draft Plan by 12 experts in October 2005. NMFS requested that the scientific reviewers consider: (1) issues and assumptions relating to the biological and ecological information of the draft Plan, and (2) scientific data relating to the tasks in the proposed recovery program. Four reviewers responded to NMFS' request. The recovery team reconvened in June 2006 to consider the reviewer's comments and incorporate changes to the draft Plan accordingly. NMFS will consider all substantive comments and information presented during the public comment period in the course of finalizing this Plan.

Dated: October 27, 2006.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species 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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Marine Mammals; File No. 775-1600

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543-1026 [Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Richard Merrick] has requested a major amendment to Permit No. 775-1600 to take northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA