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If you wish to provide information for this 5-year review, you may submit your comments and materials to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's Alaska Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES** section). Our practice is to make comments, including names and home addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. Respondents may request that we withhold a respondent's identity, as allowable by law. If you wish us to withhold your name or address, you must state this request prominently at the beginning of your comment. We will not, however, consider anonymous comments. To the extent consistent with applicable law, we will make all submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, available for public inspection in their entirety. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (see **ADDRESSES** section).

**Authority:** This document is published under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

Dated: July 26, 2005.

**Gary Edwards,**

*Acting Regional Director, Region 7, Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Marine Mammal Annual Report Availability, Combined Calendar Years 1999 and 2000**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** We, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the Biological Resources Discipline of the U.S. Geological Survey, have issued our combined Calendar Years 1999 and 2000 annual report on marine mammals

under the jurisdiction of the U.S. Department of the Interior, as required by section 103(f) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972. Our report covers the periods of January 1 to December 31, 1999, and January 1 to December 31, 2000. We submitted the report to Congress on September 7, 2004. By this notice, we are informing you, the public, that the report is available and that copies may be obtained on request to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

**ADDRESSES:** You should submit written requests for copies to: Publications Unit, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, National Conservation Training Center, Route 1, Box 166, Shepherd Grade Road, Shepherdstown, WV 25443. You may also contact that office by telephone at 1-800-344-WILD (9453).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diane Bowen, Division of Habitat and Resource Conservation, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in Arlington, Virginia, at telephone 703-358-2161.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Department of the Interior is responsible for eight species of marine mammals, as assigned by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). These species are polar bear, sea and marine otters, walrus, three species of manatee, and dugong. Administrative actions discussed in our report include appropriations, status reports, research activities, scientific research and public display permits, international activities, law enforcement actions, and outer continental shelf operations and environmental studies.

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**Mamie Parker,**

*Assistant Director, Fisheries and Habitat Conservation.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR****Fish and Wildlife Service****Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force—Meeting of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel**

**AGENCY:** Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Aquatic Nuisance Species (ANS) Task Force Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting topics are identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section.

**DATES:** The Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel will meet from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 7, 2005, and 9 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. on Thursday, September 8, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel meeting will be held at Cacapon State Park, 818 Cacapon Lodge Drive, Berkeley Springs, WV 25411; (304) 258-1022. Minutes of the meeting will be maintained in the office of Division of Environmental Quality, Chief, Branch of Invasive Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Suite 322, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22203-1622, and will be made available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Thompson, Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel Coordinator, 410-573-4517, *Julie\_Thompson@fws.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), this notice announces a meeting of the ANS Task Force Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel. The ANS Task Force was established by the Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990. The Mid-Atlantic Regional Panel was established by the ANS Task Force in 2003 and includes eight Mid-Atlantic States (Delaware, Maryland, North Carolina, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia) and the District of Columbia. The Regional Panel is comprised of representatives from Federal, State, and local agencies, as well as from private environmental and commercial interests, and performs the following activities:

- a. Identifies priorities for activities in the Mid-Atlantic region,
- b. Develops and submits recommendations to the national Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force,
- c. Coordinates aquatic nuisance species program activities in the Mid-Atlantic region,
- d. Advises public and private interests on control efforts, and
- e. Submits an annual report to the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force.

Topics to be addressed at this meeting include: Regional Panel business (standard operating procedures and membership), international ballast water standards, a spotlight on the northern snakehead (*Channa argus*), development and implementation of an ANSTF management plan, status of ANS management plans in the Mid-Atlantic Region, updates on ANS Task Force activities and the National Aquatic Invasive Species Act, and