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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: A subcommittee of the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Strategic Plan Implementation Oversight Committee (SPOC) will hold a working meeting to further discuss full retention measures for groundfish in West Coast groundfish fisheries. Additionally, the Council's Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold a working meeting. Both meetings are open to the public.

DATES: The SPOC subcommittee meeting will convene Monday, August 6, 2001, from 10 a.m. until 1 p.m. The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, August 6, 2001 at 1 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The GMT meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, August 7 through Friday, August 10 until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: Both meetings will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220; 503-326-6352.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John DeVore, Staff Officer, Groundfish; 503-326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the SPOC subcommittee meeting is to further discuss full retention of groundfish in West Coast fisheries as per implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan. The primary purpose of the GMT meeting is to review the groundfish management measures in place for the fall months

and prepare recommendations for Council consideration, respond to assignments relating to implementation of the Council's groundfish strategic plan, consider technical aspects of draft stock rebuilding plans and analyses, review new groundfish stock assessments, and address other assignments relating to groundfish management.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the SPOC subcommittee or GMT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal GMT action during this meeting. SPOC subcommittee and/or GMT 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 SPOC subcommittee's and/or GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meetings are 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.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permits 1296 and 1304; Issuance of modification #1 to permit 1227; and modification #2 to permit 1245.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for lethal and non-lethal takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued permit 1296 to Dr. R. Michael Laurs, of

Southwest Fisheries Science Center (NMFS-SWFSC); NMFS has issued permit 1304 to Mr. William C. Coles, of Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Wildlife, U.S. Virgin Islands; NMFS has issued modification #1 to permit #1227 to Dr. Peter Dutton, of NMFS-SWFSC; and NMFS has issued modification #2 to Mr. J. David Whitaker, of South Carolina Department of Natural Resources (SCDNR).

ADDRESSES: The permits, applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)