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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Public Hearings on the Draft Environment Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan for the Proposed San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in California

AGENCY: The Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce

ACTION: Public hearing notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce, will hold public hearings for the purpose of receiving comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) prepared on the proposed designation of the San Francisco Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in California. The DEIS/DMP addresses research, monitoring, education and resource protection needs for the proposed reserve.

The Estuarine Reserves Division will hold public hearings at 7:00 p.m. on July 9th, at Suisun City Hall, City Council Chambers, 701 Civic Center Blvd., Suisun, CA 94585, and 7:00 p.m. on July 11 2001 at the Romberg Tiburon Center, Bay Conference Center, San Francisco Bay Room, 3152 Paradise Drive, Tiburon, CA 94920.

The views of interested persons and organizations on the adequacy of the DEIS/DMP are solicited, and may be expressed orally and/or in written statements. Presentations will be scheduled on a first-come, first-heard basis, and may be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The time allotment may be extended before the hearing when the number of speakers can be determined. All comments received at

the hearing will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Management Plan.

The comment period for the DEIS/DMP will end on August 17, 2001. All written comments received by this deadline will be considered in the preparation of the FEIS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Laurie McGilvray (301) 713-3155 extension 158, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan are available upon request to the Estuarine Reserves Division.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Building Demolition Activities at Mugu Lagoon, California

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application and proposed authorization for a small take exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the Department of the Navy, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) for an authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to the demolition and removal of buildings located at the entrance of Mugu Lagoon in Point Mugu, CA. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to authorize NBVC to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of harbor seals and other marine mammals in the above mentioned area during a 7-8 week period beginning in August 2001.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than July 30, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. A copy of the application and a list of references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Simona P. Roberts, (301) 713-2322, ext 106 or Christina Fahy, (562) 980-4023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have no more than a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

On April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15884), NMFS published an interim rule establishing, among other things, procedures for issuing incidental harassment authorizations (IHAs) under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for activities in Arctic waters. For additional information on the procedures to be followed for this authorization, please refer to that document.

Summary of Request

On May 23, 2001, NMFS received an application from NBVC requesting an authorization for the harassment of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to the demolition and removal of approximately 12 buildings and associated infrastructures. The demolition site encompasses a total area of approximately 8 acres (3.2 hectares (ha)) at the entrance of Mugu Lagoon in Point Mugu, CA.