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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Technical Team (STT) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Salmon Subcommittee will hold a joint work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be held Tuesday, October 23, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Wednesday, October 24, 2001, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, Pine Room II, 7900 NE 82nd Ave., Portland, OR 97220

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Chuck Tracy, Salmon Management Staff Officer, Pacific Fishery Management Council; (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the work session is to brief the STT and SSC on changes made to or proposed for the Klamath Ocean Harvest Model (KOHM) and the coho Fishery Regulation Assessment Model (FRAM), and review the scientific bases for those changes. The KOHM will be reviewed on October 23, 2001 and the FRAM will be reviewed on October 24, 2001.

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

Special Accommodations

This 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) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 87-1593-00

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Daniel P. Costa, Professor of Biology, Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, Center for Ocean Health, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 87-1593.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 8, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals

requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Amy Sloan (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 87-1593, issued on February 21, 2001 (66 FR 12763), is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No.87-1593 authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on marine mammals in two different projects: Project I authorizes capture, tag, sample and release of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*); Project II authorizes capture, tag, sample and release of Crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*) and secondarily takes for leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), and Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*).

The permit holder requests authorization to: a) Take 40 adult male California sea lions per year by capture, tag, bleach mark, restraint, anesthetization, blood sample (80ml), weigh, morphometric measurements, muscle biopsy and instrument with TDRs and/or ARGOS linked PTTs and heart-rate/stomach-temperature (GTR) recorders, insertion of a stomach temperature pill, and release; b) incidentally harass up to 1000 sea lions per adult capture event (approx. 40K); c) incidentally harass up to 2600 animals during fecal collection; d) incidentally harass up to 1000 Northern elephant seals, and up to 100 Northern fur seals during all research on California sea lions. Takes are requested annually.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal

Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: October 2, 2001.

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Office of Protected Resources, National
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Final Guidance for Coastal Impact Assistance Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Final Guidance for Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of Final Guidance for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). The fiscal year 2001 appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice and State created the CIAP.

The CIAP will direct approximately \$145 million to the outer continental (OCS) shelf oil and gas producing states of Alaska, Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi and Texas and the approximately 150 coastal political subdivisions within those states to help mitigate the impacts of OCS activities and protect coastal resources. The CIAP requires these states to submit Coastal Impact Assistance Plans detailing how the funds will be expended. This guidance provides the information necessary for eligible states and coastal political subdivisions to develop CIAP plans and submit them to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Copies of the Final Guidance for the Coastal Impact Assistance Program can be found on the NOAA website at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/cpd> or may be obtained upon request from: Joseph Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3155, extension 201, e-mail joseph.flanagan@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Josh Lott, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, tel. 301-713-3155,

extension 178, e-mail josh.lott@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (1) Program Authorities: Specific authority for this Announcement is found in 43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*, as amended, December 21, 2000. (2) Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers: 11.419 for NOAA Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

I. Introduction

The fiscal year 2001 appropriations act for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State created the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP) by amending the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1331 *et seq.*). The CIAP recognizes that impacts from Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) oil and gas activities fall disproportionately on the coastal states and localities nearest to where the activities occur, and where the associated facilities are located. The CIAP legislation appropriates money to the Secretary of Commerce who will disburse it to eligible states and coastal political subdivisions, and requires the states to submit Coastal Impact Assistance Plans detailing how the funds will be expended. This guidance provides information necessary for eligible states and coastal political subdivisions to participate in the CIAP. Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas are the seven eligible states. Counties, parishes, or equivalent units of government within those states lying all or in part within the coastal zone as defined by section 304(1) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA), are the coastal political subdivisions eligible for CIAP funding (§ 31(a)(1)), a total of 147 local jurisdictions.

States must develop CIAP plans and submit them to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) by July 1, 2001, and NOAA has 90 days from receipt to complete review (§ 31(d)(1), (3)). If a state has not submitted a plan by July 1, 2001, NOAA will hold the funds in escrow provided that the state is making a good faith effort to develop and submit its CIAP plan (§ 31(c)(4)).

II. Funding Allocations

The total fiscal year 2001 appropriation is \$149,670,000 (this is \$150 million less the 0.22% across the board reduction mandated in the appropriations act). Congress authorized and appropriated funds for the CIAP for fiscal year 2001 only. NOAA may utilize no more than five percent of the available funding to cover some of the

costs of program administration. These costs include legal and program work for developing and implementing the program; financial assistance expertise to ensure prompt delivery of funds; technical assistance to address other statutory requirements such as the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Essential Fish Habitat provisions of the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Coastal Barrier Resources Act, National Historic Preservation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act, and others; technical needs for funding formula development; and other costs such as printing and public notices. Until the state plans have been submitted, it is difficult to predict the costs of complying with NEPA, ESA, and other federal authorities. If less than five percent is required for program administration, we will look to reallocate the remaining funds to the states and coastal political subdivisions.

The CIAP legislation allocates funds to eligible states and coastal political subdivisions according to a formula based on revenues from OCS leases, shoreline mileage and population of coastal political subdivisions, and distance from coastal political subdivisions to the OCS leased tracts. NOAA completed and released the allocations on April 16, 2001.

III. Developing the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan

Each Governor must designate a state agency to develop the Coastal Impact Assistance Plan. Coastal political subdivisions must supply a point of contact to the Governor's designated agency and a description of how they will expend their allotted funds. The local projects will be incorporated into the state plan and the Governor must certify that the uses of funds by the coastal political subdivisions are consistent with the authorized uses of funds specified in § 31(e) (§ 31(d)(2)(C)). Federal funds appropriated to the states under sections 306 or 309 of the CZMA may be used to develop the plan. See section IV.A. for more information on how states and coastal political subdivisions may incur CIAP costs before the funds are disbursed.

A. Public Participation

The CIAP legislation requires local input and public participation in the development of the plan (§ 31(d)(1)). This can be achieved through a variety of means: use of advisory committees; commission meetings; informal public workshops; or formal public hearings. At a minimum, states should involve the public in plan development, provide