

proposed and final rulemakings published in the **Federal Register** after January 1, 1999. The President also directed agencies to consider rewriting existing regulations in plain language when they have the opportunity and resources to do so. For an example of a rule drafted in plain language, you can refer to RSPA's notice of proposed rulemaking entitled "Revised and Clarified Hazardous Materials Safety Rulemaking and Program Procedures," which was published December 11, 1998 (63 FR 68624). This NPRM proposed to rewrite 49 CFR Part 106 and Subpart A of Part 107 in plain language and to create a new Part 105 that would contain definitions and general procedures. We are currently evaluating comments received in response to the NPRM.

B. Review Schedule

In conjunction with our section 610 reviews, we will be performing plain language reviews of the HMR over a ten-year period on a schedule consistent with the section 610 review schedule. Thus, our review of Parts 174 and 177 will also include a plain language review to determine if the regulations can be reorganized and/or rewritten to make them easier to read, understand, and use. We are also considering a petition for rulemaking jointly filed by the Association of American Railroads and the American Trucking Associations (P-1355) proposing that we consolidate the requirements of Parts 174 and 177 into a new Part 174. The petition further proposes to delete certain requirements in Parts 174 and 177 that are obsolete, duplicative, or do not "add to the safe transportation of hazardous materials." We encourage interested persons to submit draft regulatory language that clearly and simply communicates regulatory requirements, and other recommendations, such as for putting information in tables or consolidating regulatory requirements, that may make the regulations easier to use.

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Associate Administrator for Hazardous Materials Safety, Research and Special Programs Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 216

[Docket No.000801223-0223-01; I.D. 062000A]

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Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Operation of a Low Frequency Sound Source by the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory; Correction

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

ACTION: Correction to a notice of proposed rulemaking.

SUMMARY: This document contains corrections to the notice of proposed rulemaking that was published on December 22, 2000. These corrections are necessary to ensure reviewers provide comments appropriate for the proposed action.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Scripps) application may be obtained by writing to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, ext 128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 22, 1999, NMFS published a notice (64 FR 57026) that NMFS had received a request from Scripps for a small take of certain marine mammal species incidental to the operation of a low frequency sound source previously installed off the north shore of Kauai, HI, by the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate project.

Need for Correction

As published, the notice contains an error by requesting comment on the impact of explosives on marine mammals. As the Scripps' acoustic source is considered an intermittent sound source and does not result in effects on marine mammals similar to that which would result if the source were an explosive, the sentence may prove to be misleading and, therefore, is in need of correction. While NMFS

welcomes comment on its criterion for explosive effects on marine mammals, it specifically requests comment in this document on the effects of intermittent noise on marine mammals.

Correction of Publication

Accordingly, the publication on December 22, 2000, of the notice of proposed rulemaking (I.D. 062000A), which was the subject of FR Doc. 00-32725, is corrected as follows:

On page 80822, in the first column, under the heading of Response to Comment 23, the last sentence beginning on line 10, is corrected to read: "NMFS invites comment on the criterion for assessing impacts from intermittent noise sources on marine mammals."

Dated: January 5, 2001.

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Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

50 CFR Part 660

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings and Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of salmon management options; public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) has begun its annual preseason management process for the 2001 ocean salmon fisheries. This document announces the availability of Council documents as well as the dates and locations of Council meetings and public hearings that comprise the Council's complete schedule of events for determining the annual proposed and final modifications to ocean salmon fishery management measures. The agendas for the March and April Council meetings will be published in subsequent **Federal Register** documents prior to the actual meetings.

DATES: Written comments on the salmon management options must be received by March 28, 2001, at noon Pacific Time. For dates and times of the public