

Alaskan Native subsistence hunters, and (3) receive, import/export specimens from scientists in academic, federal, and state institutions involved in marine mammal research under their own permits. Unlimited samples from up to 1240 pinnipeds (35 species; excluding walrus) and 1700 cetaceans (81 species) would be collected, received, imported, or exported annually. Import/export activities would occur world-wide. No live animals would be harassed or taken, lethally or otherwise, under the requested permit. The permit is requested for a five-year period.

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 the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: August 27, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); First Fall Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: In preparation for the 2009 International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) meeting, the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will convene the first of two fall meetings.

DATES: The meeting will be held September 17-18, 2009. There will be an open session on Thursday, September 17, 2009, from 9 a.m. thru 12:45 p.m. The remainder of the meeting will be closed to the public.

Written comments can be presented during the open session. There will be no opportunity for oral public comments during the meeting. Written comments on issues being considered at the meeting should be received no later than September 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments should be sent to Melanie King at NOAA Fisheries, Office of International Affairs, Room 12641, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Written comments can also be provided via fax (301-713-2313) or email (melanie.king@noaa.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Melanie King, 301-713-9090.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to receive updates on domestic highly migratory fisheries management matters, issues related to the March 2010 meeting of the Convention on the International Trade of Endangered Species, and stock status and other scientific information regarding Atlantic highly migratory species, particularly, albacore, swordfish, sailfish, sharks, tropical tunas, and other species such as seabirds. There will be no opportunity for oral public comment during the open session, although written comments are welcome and may be submitted in person during the open session or in advance by mail, fax, or email. Written comments submitted in advance should be received by September 14, 2009 (see **ADDRESSES**).

During its first fall meeting, the Advisory Committee will also meet in two executive sessions to discuss sensitive information relating to upcoming international negotiations regarding the conservation and management of Atlantic highly migratory species, including compliance matters and issues related to recreational fishing and strengthening ICCAT. These sessions are closed to the public. The first executive session will be held from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. on September 17, 2009, and a second executive session will be held from 8:30 pm to 12:30 p.m. on September 18, 2009.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Melanie King at (301) 713-9090 by at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 27, 2009.

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Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting September 23-24, 2009.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP), a Federal Advisory Committee, will be holding a public meeting in Duluth, Minnesota, on September 23 and 24, 2009. The meeting is contingent on renewal of the HSRP charter.

Date and Time: The public meeting will be held September 23-24, 2009, from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on September 23 and 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on September 24. The times and agenda topics are subject to change. For the most current meeting agenda, refer to the HSRP Web site: <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

Location: The meeting is open to the public and will be held in Duluth, Minnesota. For the location of the meeting facility, refer to the HSRP Web site for specific information (<http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>) or contact Rebecca Arenson at Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or 301-713-2780 x158.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rebecca Arenson, NOAA, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service (NOS), NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301-713-2780 x158, e-mail: Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at <http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) was established by the Secretary of Commerce to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other