

recommend other management alternatives not included in the list above. On Wednesday, Dr. Chris Chambers, Howard Laboratory, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (Sandy Hook), NMFS will speak on his Group's current research on monkfish. Their focus has been on reproductive ecology and behavior of adult monkfish, and the growth and distribution of young life-stages.

*Monday, June 10, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.—*Scallop Oversight and Advisory Panel Meeting and *Tuesday, June 11, 2002 at 9:00 a.m.—*Scallop Oversight Committee only.

The Oversight Committee will review analyses of potential impacts associated with Draft Amendment 10 alternatives, consider recommendations from the Advisory Committee, and choose preferred alternatives for recommendation to the Council. They may recommend additional analyses or amendments to the alternatives when the Council approves the documents for public hearing. Due to scheduling conflicts for some Oversight Committee members, the committee meeting on June 10 may run late into the evening and the June 11 meeting would be cancelled or shortened if the committee finishes its business early.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's 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 Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: May 14, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No.981-1578-01

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment to a permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Peter L. Tyack, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 981-1578-01.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 21, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371;

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

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

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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: Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 981-

1578, issued on August 31, 2000 (65 FR 57319) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 981-1578-01 authorizes the permit holder to: tag cetaceans in the Mediterranean and Ligurian Seas, as well as in the Gulf of Mexico and off the coasts of the Azores in the North Atlantic, with an advanced digital sound recording tag that can record the acoustic stimuli an animal hears, and measure vocal, behavioral, and physiological responses to sound played back at maximum received levels of 120-160 dB re 1 micronPa. The permit holder requests authorization to: increase the maximum received level for non-airgun sounds to 180 dB re 1 micronPa; test a whale-finding sonar's ability to detect gray whales migrating past the central California coast, and add playbacks of the coda sounds of sperm whales as a control stimulus for controlled exposure experiments involving human-made sounds.

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: May 17, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Marine Mammals; File Application No. 1004-1656

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and