

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Financial Assistance for Fisheries Disasters

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) publishes this notice to amend the application deadline for the **Federal Register** notice of solicitation for applications entitled Financial Assistance for Fisheries Disasters. The application deadline is changed from June 27, 2003 to June 25, 2003, 5 p.m., EDT.

DATES: Your application must be received by close of business (5 p.m. EDT June 25, 2003). Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding.

ADDRESSES: You can obtain an application package from, National Marine Fisheries Service, State/Federal Liaison Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Send completed applications to this same address. You may also obtain forms from: <http://caldera.sero.nmfs.gov/grants.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office at (727) 570–5324 or at Ellie.Roche@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice amends the **Federal Register** notice of May 28, 2003 (68 FR 31686) announcing the solicitation of application for economic assistance to the South Atlantic shrimp fishery and the Gulf shrimp fishery. This notice amends the closing date for application of the referenced **Federal Register** notice from June 27, 2003 to June 25, 2003. This action is taken to expedite award of financial assistance to fisherman harmed by the disaster in the shrimp fisheries. NOAA does not believe this action prejudices any applicant's ability to apply. Applications received after the revised due date will not be considered for funding. All other requirements and criteria published in the May 28, 2003 notice remain the same.

Other Requirements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for

Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 55109), are applicable to this solicitation.

Intergovernmental Review—Applications under this program are subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372, Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs. Applicants must contact their State's Single Point of Contact (SPOC) to find out about and comply with the State's process under Executive Order 12372. The names and addresses of the SPOCs are listed in the Office of Management and Budget's Home page at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/omb/grants/spoc.html>.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

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Marine Mammals; File No. 848–1695

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

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Marine Mammal Research Program, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, Honolulu Laboratory, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822 (Principal Investigator, Dr. Bud Antonelis), has been issued a permit to take Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research and enhancement.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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; and Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Islands Regional Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm. 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4700; phone (808)973–2935; fax (808)973–2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 22, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 3015) that a request for a scientific research and enhancement permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The permit authorizes the Holder to take Hawaiian monk seals in the Hawaiian Archipelago and Johnston Atoll over a 5-year period for purposes of (1) population assessment (ground monitoring and aerial surveys, flipper tagging and retagging, bleach marking, genetics analyses) to determine survivorship, reproductive rates, pup production, incidence and causes of injury or mortality, and abundance; (2) disease and health assessment (health screening of healthy and ill animals, lancing of abscesses, analyses of parasites, dietary analyses, satellite and VHF tag deployment, euthanasia of moribund animals, necropsies) to gain information on pathogens and other