

permits, to obtain advice on what actions could be taken to address the most important policy topics. The meeting will be open to the public. Opportunities for public comment will be provided at 9 and 4 on a first-come, first-serve basis. Members of the public wishing to provide comments will be asked to sign up upon arrival and will likely be limited in how much time they will be allotted for comments (depending upon how many people have signed up). A maximum of fifteen minutes will be allotted at 9 and again at 4 for public comments.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2003, from 8:30 to 4:15. Opportunities for public comment will be provided at 9 and 4.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Chase Palm Park Center, 236 East Cabrillo Boulevard, Santa Barbara, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3125 ext. 170 (elizabeth.moore@noaa.gov) or Karen Brubeck at (206) 842-9074 (karen.brubeck@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to establish one or more Advisory Councils to provide advice to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of National Marine Sanctuaries. Eleven Councils exist, for the Channel Islands, Cordell Bank, Florida Keys, Gray's Reef, Gulf of the Farallones, Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale, Monterey Bay, Olympic Coast, Stellwagen Bank, and Thunder Bay Sanctuaries and the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve and proposed Sanctuary. Councils represent a wide variety of community interests and are active in various projects and issues affecting the management of their local Sanctuaries; Councils generally meet on a monthly or bimonthly basis.

Each year, the NMSP hosts a meeting for all the Council Chairs and Coordinators to discuss projects and topics of mutual interest (2003's meeting will be the third such meeting). This year, for the first time, the Chairs are being asked to provide advice to the national program leadership on policy topics important on a programmatic rather than a site-specific level. The Chairs will provide this advice only during the meeting announced by this notice, and will not become a permanent national advisory body.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. section 1431 *et seq.*

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: January 21, 2003.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011403F]

Marine Mammals; File No. 9981678

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Gregory D. Bossart, V.M.D., Ph.D., Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution, Inc., 5600 US 1 North, Ft. Pierce, Florida 34946 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Gregory D. Bossart) has been issued a permit (Permit No. 998-1678-00) to take Atlantic bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

Southeast Region, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (813) 570-5312; fax (813) 570-5517.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trevor Spradlin or Lynne Barre, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 25, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 48614) that a request for a scientific research permit to take bottlenose dolphins had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit authorizes a maximum of 400 individual dolphins to be captured, examined, sampled, marked, and

released for health assessment studies in the Indian River Lagoon, Florida and the waters near Charleston, South Carolina (200 at each field site) over the 5-year period of the permit. Dolphins of all age and sex classes may be captured except female-calf pairs containing calves presumed to be less than one year of age. Some individual dolphins may be harassed more than once per day but not more than three times per day. In addition, some individual dolphins may be captured more than once during the 5-year period, but not more than three times in any given year.

Dated: January 17, 2003.

Eugene T. Nitta,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") will hold a joint technical conference with the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission at which all interested parties are invited to hear panel discussions on the feasibility of utilizing clearing to address the credit issues that exist in today's energy markets. The conference is open to the public and there is no registration fee.

DATES: Wednesday, February 5, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

PLACE: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC, Commission Meeting Room.

STATUS: Open.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Issued in Washington, DC this 24th day of January, 2003.

By the Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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