From 4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m., the Council will receive a report from the Mackerel Committee, take action on its Mackerel Regulatory Amendment following the public comment session, and take other actions as necessary. September 21, 2006, 4:30 p.m., the Council will hold a public comment session on the Mackerel Regulatory Amendment.

Council Session: September 22, 2006, 8 a.m. - 12 noon.

From 8 a.m. - 8:30 a.m., the Council will receive a NOAA General Counsel briefing on litigation issues (CLOSED SESSION).

From 8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m., the Council will receive a report from the Advisory Panel Selection Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m., the Council will receive a report from the Snapper Grouper Committee and take action as appropriate.

From 9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m., the Council will receive a report from joint Executive/Finance Committees and take action as appropriate.

From 9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m., the Council will receive a report on the Southeast Data Assessment, and Review (SEDR) stock assessment Steering Committee Meeting and take action as necessary.

From 9:30 a.m. - 12 noon, the Council will receive a presentation regarding the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), review requests for Experimental Fishing Permits as necessary, and receive status reports from NOAA Fisheries’ Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries’ Southeast Fisheries Science Center, agency and liaison reports, and discuss other business including upcoming meetings.

Documents regarding these issues are available from the Council office (see ADDRESSES).

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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.

Except for advertised (scheduled) public hearings and public comment, the times and sequence specified on this agenda are subject to change.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) by September 14, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 080306C]


AGENCIES: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Darlene R. Ketten, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Biology Department, MRF- Room 233, MS 50, Woods Hole, MA 02543 has applied in due form for a permit from NMFS and FWS to take parts from species of marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before September 27, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The application 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) 427–2521;

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

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203; phone (800) 358–2104; fax (703) 358–2281.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed 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 request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 427–2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pri1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 493–1848/MA130062.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Kate Swails, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713–2289.


Dr. Ketten is requesting a permit for the possession and worldwide import/export of marine mammal and endangered species parts from the orders of Cetacea (dolphins, porpoises and whales), Pinnipedia (seals, sea lions and walrus), Carnivora (sea otter, Enhydra lutris, and polar bear, Ursus maritimus) and Sirenia (dugongs and manatees). Whole carcasses, heads, or temporal bones (ears) are requested from stranded animals that die prior to beaching, are euthanized upon stranding, or which die in captivity. No animals would be taken or killed for the purpose of this research.

The research proposed by Dr. Ketten utilizes three-dimensional analyses of aquatic mammals ears to generate estimates of auditory sensitivity, seeking to determine how structural elements of these ears contribute to underwater hearing. Mathematical models and three-dimensional reconstructions of
head and ear anatomy are produced from whole carcasses, heads, or temporal bones from animals that strand and die or die in captivity. The tissues are scanned by CT (Computerized Tomography) and MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) and the ears are decalcified, sectioned, digitized, and reconstructed. Measurements from these reconstructions are used to calculate frequency distribution maps for each species examined. These inner ear models have provided the first evidence of acute infrasonic hearing in some species, new insights into how marine mammals achieve extreme infra and also ultrasonic hearing, and estimates of species specific hearing curves. A permit is requested for a period of 5 years.

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 activities proposed are 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.


Charlie R. Chandler,
Chief, Branch of Permits, Division of Management and Authority, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.


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


L.M. Bynum,
OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

Dated: August 18, 2006.

DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Ms. Novella Hill at (703) 588–7855.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
The Department of the Air Force’s record system notices for records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the Federal Register and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on August 14, 2006, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A–130, “Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals,” dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).


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