Monitor National Marine Sanctuary; Notice of Intent to Issue a Special Use Permit; Request for Applications for Special Use Permit; Request for Comments; Correction

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Correction.

SUMMARY: In the public notice of intent to issue, and request for applications for a special use permit to conduct non-research diving at the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary (MMNS) (60 FR 63508, December 11, 1995) make the following corrections:

On page 63508, in the second column, the fax number listed in the addresses section should be changed to: 804-591-7310.

On page 63509, in the second column, the last paragraph, item #3, should be corrected to read:

3. The permittee shall use only vessels that meet all applicable U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) certification and license requirements and that are appropriately inspected, certified, and licensed. A low profile vessel of less than 45 feet in length is preferred. This correction clarifies that the 45 foot vessel length is a preference rather than a requirement. Due to the logistics of this activity and the weather and current conditions frequently found at the Monitor site, NOAA prefers that vessels be no larger than 45 feet in length. However, NOAA did not intend to preclude the use of larger vessels provided that applicants who wish to use a larger vessel explain in their application why this is appropriate.

Dated: January 19, 1996.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

Time and Place: Friday, January 26, 1996, from 9:00 until 1:00. The meeting will be held at the Hudson House on Point Lobos State Reserve, Highway One, Carmel, California.

Agenda: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, an update on the status of the Sanctuary Foundation and Sanctuary license plate, and a discussion of efforts to sustain the State Mussel Watch Program.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

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New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Thursday, January 25, 1996, at 10 a.m. and on Friday, January 26, 1996, at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the King's Grant Inn, Route 128 and Trask Lane, Danvers, MA; telephone: (617) 231-0422.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas G. Marshall, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (617) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: January 25, 1996

The January 25 session will begin with a report on the 21st Stock Assessment Workshop presented by the staff of the Northeast Fisheries Science Center. Analyses will be reviewed for the following species/stocks: Long-finned squid (Loligo); short-finned squid (Illex), Atlantic herring, winter flounder, and the northeast groundfish complex.

The afternoon agenda will include reports from the Council's Sea Scallop, Marine Mammal, and Northeast Multispecies (Groundfish) Committees. The Sea Scallop Committee will discuss Framework Adjustment 7 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Council will also review public hearing comments on, and possibly approve, Amendment 6 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. The amendment would establish a temporary experimental use area 10 miles (18.5 km) south of Martha's Vineyard for sea scallop research, enhancement, and aquaculture. The Marine Mammal Committee will discuss Framework Adjustment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The Groundfish Committee will consider final approval of Amendment 7 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP, a program that would rebuild severely overfished cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder and other depleted groundfsh stocks. Late in the afternoon, the Council will discuss and provide input to NOAA on