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Dated: September 24, 2012

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*Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve System

**AGENCY:** Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Approval of the Rookery Bay, Florida and Kachemak Bay, Alaska National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revisions.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce approves the Rookery Bay, Florida and the Kachemak Bay, Alaska National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revisions. The revised management plans outline the administrative structure; the research, education, training, and stewardship goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations.

The Rookery Bay Reserve takes an integrated approach to management, linking research, education, training and stewardship functions to address high priority issues within the 110,000 acre Reserve including land use changes affecting freshwater inflow, loss of native biodiversity, lack of public awareness and community involvement

in stewardship, incompatible use by visitors, and ecological impacts of catastrophic change events. The Reserve's Environmental Learning Center provides excellent visitor education experiences and a connecting pedestrian bridge connects visitors to a boardwalk and interpretive trails.

The Kachemak Bay Reserve takes an integrated approach to management by linking research, education, and training functions within the 372,000 acre Reserve to address high priority issues including climate change and harvested species, such as salmon and shellfish. The Reserve will continue research on coastal dynamics, monitoring of invasive species and harmful algal blooms, and will transfer information to coastal decision makers.

The Rookery Bay, Florida Reserve Management Plan can be found at [www.floridadep.org/rookery/management/plan.htm](http://www.floridadep.org/rookery/management/plan.htm) and the Kachemak Bay, Alaska Reserve Management Plan can be found at [www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=kbr\\_rresources.management](http://www.adfg.alaska.gov/index.cfm?adfg=kbr_rresources.management).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Erica Seiden at (301) 563-1172 or Laurie McGilvray at (301) 563-1158 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Dated: September 13, 2012.

**Margaret Davidson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC218**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 17298

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mystic Aquarium, Mystic, Connecticut 06355 [Responsible Party: Stephen Coan], has applied in due form for a permit to collect, import, export, and receive marine mammal parts for scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before November 1, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17298 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to NMFS. [Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The objective of this application is to support multiple ongoing research programs at the Mystic Aquarium, including studies of diet and nutrition, disease, immune function, environmental stressors, toxicology and health of marine mammals. Mystic Aquarium requests the annual collection, receipt, import and export of samples from 5,000 individual cetaceans and 5,000 individual pinnipeds under NMFS jurisdiction for continued research on these species.

Please refer to the following Web site for the list of species: [https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/docs\\_cfm/species\\_lists.cfm](https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/docs_cfm/species_lists.cfm). The applicant is requesting samples of marine mammals legally taken in the countries of origin that are the product of a legal subsistence hunt, incidental by-catch, routine husbandry/medical examinations of legally held captive animals, stranded animals in foreign countries, and samples taken under other permitted research activities. No takes of live animals, direct or indirect, are requested in this application. Mystic Aquarium requests the permit be valid for five 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 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 the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 25, 2012.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-BA75**

#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Electronic Dealer Reporting System Workshop

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshops.

**SUMMARY:** On August 8, 2012, NMFS published a final rule that will require, among other things, Federal Atlantic

swordfish, shark, and tunas dealers (except for dealers reporting Atlantic bluefin tuna) to report receipt of Atlantic sharks, swordfish, and bigeye, albacore, yellowfin, and skipjack (BAYS) tunas through one centralized electronic reporting system starting on January 1, 2013. This electronic reporting system will allow dealers to submit Atlantic sharks, swordfish, and BAYS tuna data on a more real-time basis and more efficiently, and will reduce duplicative data submissions from different regions. This notice announces the dates and locations of several training workshops to introduce the new reporting system to HMS dealers. These workshops will be held in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions and are open to any interested parties.

**DATES:** Training workshops for the new electronic dealer system will be held from October through December 2012. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting dates, times, and locations.

**ADDRESSES:** Workshops will be held in Barnegat Light, NJ; Ocean Pines, MD; Gulf Shores and Coden, AL; Charleston, SC; Portland, ME; Gloucester, MA; Manteo, NC, and Dickinson, TX. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates, times, and locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Delisse Ortiz or Karyl Brewster-Geisz at (301) 427-8503 (phone); or Jackie Wilson at (240) 338-3936, or (301) 713-1917 (fax); or <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/index.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Atlantic HMS are managed under the dual authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, and the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA), 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* Under the MSA, NMFS must ensure consistency with the National Standards and manage fisheries to maintain optimum yield, rebuild overfished fisheries, and prevent overfishing. ATCA authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to promulgate regulations, as may be necessary and appropriate, to implement the recommendations adopted by the International Commission for the Conservation of

Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). The authority to issue regulations under MSA and ATCA has been delegated from the Secretary to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. The implementing regulations for Atlantic HMS are at 50 CFR part 635.

#### Background

On August 8, 2012 (77 FR 47303), we published a final rule in the **Federal Register** that requires, among other things, Federal Atlantic swordfish, shark, and tunas dealers (except for dealers reporting Atlantic bluefin tuna) to report receipt of Atlantic sharks, swordfish, and BAYS tunas through one centralized electronic reporting system. Under this new system, dealers will submit HMS data electronically (instead of in a paper format) and include additional information that is necessary for management purposes (*e.g.*, vessel and logbook information). The electronic submission of data will eliminate the delay associated with mailing in hardcopy reports. In this manner, HMS landings data will be submitted on a more real-time basis, allowing for timely and efficient data collection for management of Atlantic HMS.

In order to give sufficient time for dealers to adjust to implementation of the new system and the additional requirements, we delayed implementation of the new HMS electronic reporting system for all federally-permitted HMS dealers until January 1, 2013. Additionally, we are conducting outreach to HMS dealers to train them how to use the new system and help ease the transition from the current paper format to the new HMS electronic reporting system. To date, we conducted 11 training workshops in the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions in order to introduce the new reporting system to HMS dealers. In this notice, we announce the date and location for one webinar and nine additional training workshops in the Gulf of Mexico and Atlantic regions in order to continue introducing HMS dealers to the new electronic system. We may announce additional workshops at a future date.

Tentative date	Time	Meeting locations	Address
October 17, 2012 .....	6:00–9:00 pm .....	US Coast Guard Station Barnegat Light .....	Sixth and Bayview Avenue, Barnegat Light, NJ 08006.
October 18, 2012 .....	2:00–5:00 pm .....	Ocean Pines Library Conference Room .....	111707 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD 21811.
October 23, 2012 .....	3:00–6:00 pm .....	Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources Division/Marine Resources Claude Peteet Mariculture Center.	21055 Waterway E Blvd, Gulf Shores, AL 36542.
October 24, 2012 .....	3:00–6:00 pm .....	Coastal Response Center .....	7385 Highway 188, Coden, AL 36523.