

(*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*), and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) are also authorized.

The permit holder now requests authorization to extend the sampling location authorized under Permit No. 699-1720-01 from the coast of Maine through to the Massachusetts/Rhode Island border.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 20, 2005.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File Nos. 782-1768 and 486-1790

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment, receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions: (1) the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Seattle, WA (NMML: File No. 782-1768), has been issued a major amendment to a permit for research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) in California and Oregon; and (2) Brent Stewart, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, California 92109 (File No. 486-1790), has applied for a permit to conduct research on California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) on the southern California Channel Islands and surrounding waters.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before August 25, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

File Nos. 782-1768 and 486-1790: 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;

File No. 782-1768: Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426; and

File Nos. 782-1768 and 486-1790: Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the application File No. 486-1790 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 on the application File No. 486-1790 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.

In addition, comments on the application File No. 486-1790 may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 486-1790.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** File No. 782-1768: On June 4, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 33477) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Steller sea lions and other pinnipeds California and Oregon had been submitted by NMML (File No. 782-1702). The requested permit was issued on October 10, 2003 (68 FR 58663) 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). However, this permit did not include the requested capture, sampling, and marking of Steller sea lions in California and Oregon. A decision on these activities was deferred pending completion of the appropriate analyses under the ESA and the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*).

In compliance with NEPA, an environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the proposed permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement. Subsequent to that analysis, a decision was made by the applicant and the NMFS to include the activities on Steller sea lions in California and Oregon proposed for File No. 782-1702 in a permit recently issued to NMML for range-wide studies of Steller sea lions, Permit No. 782-1768-00. Permit No. 782-1768-00 was issued on May 31, 2005 (70 FR 35065). The amendment to Permit No. 782-1768-00 now incorporates capture, blood and tissue sampling, hot-branding, flipper tagging, and attachment of scientific instruments to up to 12 Steller sea lions per year in California and Oregon to determine predation rates of individual sea lions on endangered salmonids, to perform disease screening and genetic analyses, and to document movements and migration rates of individuals.

Issuance of this amendment to Permit No. 782-1768-00, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

File No. 486-1790: 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.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant, Dr. Stewart, proposes to capture individuals of any age of the above mentioned pinniped species for continuation of studies begun in 1978 on the demography, physiological ecology, foraging ecology, and behavior of pinnipeds in California. Marine mammals would be captured by a variety of techniques; physically or chemically immobilized; have blood, skin, blubber, muscle, urine, feces, and

various skin and mucousal swabs collected; receive flipper tags; have radio transmitters attached; receive exams of musculoskeletal and cardiovascular systems, ears, nares, oral cavity, and eyes. Dr. Stewart requests allowance for mortality of up to two animals of each species per year incidental to the research.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application from Dr. Stewart, File No. 486-1790, to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 20, 2005.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before September 26, 2005.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested,

e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: July 20, 2005.

**Angela C. Arrington,**

*Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

### Federal Student Aid

*Type of Review:* Reinstatement.

*Title:* Performance Report for the Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (LEAP) and Special Leveraging Educational Assistance Program (SLEAP) Programs.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 56. Burden Hours: 560.

*Abstract:* The LEAP and SLEAP programs use matching Federal and State Funds to provide a nationwide system of grants to assist postsecondary educational students with substantial financial need. On this performance report the states provide information the Department requires about the state's use of program funds in order to demonstrate compliance with the program's statutory and regulatory requirements. Federal program officials use the performance report data for monitoring program funds distribution. With the clearance of this collection, the Department is seeking to automate the performance reporting process for both the LEAP Program and the subprogram, SLEAP. There are no significant changes to the current LEAP form data elements, there are however, additional items pertaining to the SLEAP program.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending

Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2737. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at his e-mail address [Joe.Schubart@ed.gov](mailto:Joe.Schubart@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Rehabilitation Act of 1973, as Amended

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary announces plans to hold a public meeting to seek comments and suggestions about the Rehabilitation Services Administration's (RSA's) monitoring process.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday, August 24, 2005 and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Thursday, August 25, 2005 in Washington, DC.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 Ninth St., NW, Washington, DC 20001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Esquith, Rehabilitation Services Administration, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 5175, Potomac Center Plaza, Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: (202) 245-7336. If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD), you may call the Federal Relay Service (FRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Section 107 of the Act requires the RSA Commissioner to conduct annual reviews and periodic on-site monitoring of programs authorized under Title I. According to the Act, the purpose of monitoring is determine compliance