

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.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 10028.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

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.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Mystic Aquarium is requesting a permit to take releasable stranded pinnipeds. Six females and two males of each species over a five-year period for a maximum of eight otariids and 20 phocids are being requested. Species for consideration include California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), grey seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) from stranding facilities located on the Alaskan coast, west coast and northeast coast of the United States. The purpose of this activity is to increase our current population of pinnipeds for public display and opportunistic non-intrusive research. Mystic Aquarium will always consider taking a non-releasable animal first and each animal will be evaluated on a case by case basis. There will be no non-target marine mammal or ESA-listed species that will be incidentally taken during these activities. The permit is requested for five years.

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: August 13, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

[I.D. 041107A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1121-1900

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NOAA Fisheries Office of Science and Technology (Principal Investigator: Dr. Brandon Southall), Silver Spring, MD, has been issued a permit to conduct research marine mammals.

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)427-2521; <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Jolie Harrison, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 17, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 19181) that a request for a scientific research permit to take beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris* and *Mesoplodon* spp.) and other odontocete species had been submitted by the above-named institution. 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.*), 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 parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The permit authorizes research involving temporary attachment of scientific instruments (digital archival recording tags), photo-identification, and exposure to controlled levels of natural and anthropogenic underwater sounds, including signals simulating mid-frequency sonar. Sloughed skin

samples collected from the detached instrument would be imported into the U.S. for analysis. The permit is valid through January 2009.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement.

Issuance of this permit, 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.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

[Docket No. 070809457-7458-01]

Amendment to Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; amendment to final guidelines.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service publishes this notice to amend the Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP). For those grants issued in fiscal years 2002 and 2004 only, and that have one or more project proposals submitted to NOAA, but not approved, as of August 17, 2007, the CELCP may extend the financial assistance award period. For grants issued in fiscal year 2002, they may be extended for up to 3 additional months, providing for a potential maximum award duration of five years and three months. For grants issued in fiscal year 2004, they may be extended for up to one additional year, providing for a potential maximum award duration of four years. This extension is intended solely to give the CELCP