

information that is relevant to the identification of nations engaged in IUU activities and bycatch. Sources of information that NMFS may rely upon to make identifications include, but are not limited to:

- fishing vessel records;
- reports from off-loading facilities, port-side government officials, enforcement agents, military personnel, port inspectors, transshipment vessel workers and fish importers;
- government vessel registries;
- IUU vessel lists from RFMOs;
- RFMO catch documents and statistical document programs;
- appropriate catch or trade certification programs; and
- statistical data or incident reports from governments, international organizations, or nongovernmental organizations.

NMFS will consider all available information, as appropriate, when making a determination whether or not to identify a particular nation in the biennial report to Congress. In its determinations as to whether information is appropriate for use in making identifications, NMFS will consider several criteria, including, but not limited to:

- whether the information can be corroborated;
- whether multiple sources have been able to provide information in support of an identification;
- the methodology used to collect the information;
- specificity of the information provided;
- susceptibility of the information to falsification and alteration; and
- credibility of the individual or organization providing the information.

In addition, NMFS poses the following questions: What sources of information should NMFS consider in identifying nations engaged in IUU fishing activities and bycatch of protected living marine resources? Would the above sources of information be useful to NMFS in making such identifications?

In order to process and verify all information in a timely manner, NMFS will not be able to consider any information submitted after the close of the information gathering period (see **DATES**).

Dated: March 17, 2008.

**Rebecca Lent**

*Director, Office of International Affairs,  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**International Whaling Commission; 60<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting; Nominations**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is a call for nominees for the U.S. Delegation to the June 2008 International Whaling Commission (IWC) annual meeting. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations. Generally, only one non-governmental position is selected for the U.S. Delegation.

**DATES:** The IWC is holding its 60<sup>th</sup> annual meeting from June 23-27, 2008, in Santiago, Chile. All written nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting must be received by April 18, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting should be addressed to Bill Hogarth, U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, and sent via post to: Cheri McCarty, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of International Affairs, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 Room 12603, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheri McCarty, 301-713-9090, ext. 183.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Marine Mammals; Photography Permit Application No. 10133**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Zvi Livnat, P.O. Box 1209, Kealahou, Hawaii 96750, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial/educational photography of spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before April 21, 2008.

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

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)713-0376; and Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)944-2200; fax (808)973-2941.

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)713-0376, 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