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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 27, 2007, Weaver's Cove Energy, LLC, and Mill River Pipeline, LLC, separately filed notices of appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1451 *et seq.*, and the Department of Commerce's implementing regulations, 15 CFR part 930, subpart H. These appeals were taken from objections by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to the issuance of certain federal licenses necessary to construct and operate a liquefied natural gas terminal and two associated natural gas pipelines, to be located in Fall River, Massachusetts. Both appeals request the Secretary override the State's objections on grounds the proposed project allegedly is consistent with the objectives of the CZMA, and necessary in the interest of national security. Decisions for CZMA administrative appeals are based on information contained in the decision record for the appeal. These two appeals have been consolidated for decision.

Under the CZMA, the decision record for an appeal must close no later than 220 days after notice of the appeal was first published in the **Federal Register**. 16 U.S.C. 1465. Notice of closure must be published in the **Federal Register**. Consistent with this requirement, notice is hereby provided that the decision records for these appeals were closed on May 5, 2008. No further information, briefs or comments will be considered in deciding these appeals.

A final decision on these appeals must be issued no later than 60 days after the date of the publication of this notice. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(1). The deadline may be extended by publishing (within the 60-day period) a subsequent notice explaining why a decision cannot be issued within that time frame. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(1). In this event, a final decision must be issued no later than 15 days after the date of publication of the subsequent notice. 16 U.S.C. 1465(c)(2).

Additional information about these appeals and the CZMA appeals process is available from the Department of Commerce CZMA appeals Web site: <http://www.ogc.doc.gov/czma.htm>.

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Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XH64

Endangered Species; File No. 1614-01

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Region Protected Resources Division (Responsible Party: Mary Colligan), One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, has been issued a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1614.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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)427-2521;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 25, 2008, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 15741) that a modification of Permit No. 1614, issued February 28, 2008 (73 FR 11873), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of 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 222-226).

In addition to all activities authorized under Permit No. 1614, this

modification increases the number of dead, captive bred shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) received from authorized U.S. facilities up to 350 individuals each year. Obtaining these additional sturgeon will aid researchers in meeting their research objectives, which include reviewing shortnose sturgeon research procedures and developing necropsy protocols.

Issuance of this modification, 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 or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 2, 2008.

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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 No. 540-1811

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. John Calambokidis, Cascadia Research Collective, Waterstreet Building, 218 1/2 West Fourth Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 540-1811.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 6, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment: (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 amendment request would be appropriate.