

of the FWRWG has been prepared pursuant to the request initiated from NOAA for an external panel of experts to carry out an independent review of current fire weather research being conducted by NOAA and other federal agencies, and in universities and elsewhere, and examine how the results of that research are being further developed and transitioned to operations by NOAA.

DATES: Comments on this preliminary report must be received by 5 p.m. on September 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The Preliminary Draft Report of the FWRWG will be available on the NOAA Science Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Reports/FWRWG>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically to noaa.sab.comments@noaa.gov. For individuals who do not have access to the Internet, comments may be submitted in writing to: NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB), c/o Dr. Cynthia Decker, 1315 East-West Highway—R/SAB, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway—R/SAB, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–734–1156, Fax: 301–734–1459) during normal business hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday, or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As part of its charge, the FWRWG was tasked to examine fire weather-related research efforts conducted by groups external to NOAA and identify areas of commonality where research activities might be leveraged for mutual benefit. The FWRWG was requested to develop findings and recommendations to ensure these research results lead to improved operational fire weather information and forecasts and to examine related research within NOAA not necessarily specific to fire but which could result in improved fire weather services or other NOAA emergency support operations. The complete terms of reference for the working group can be found at http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Working_Groups/current/fireweather/FWRWG_terms.pdf.

The SAB is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with the responsibility to advise the Under Secretary on long- and short-term strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the preliminary draft report. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the report, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. This preliminary draft report is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. For any shortcoming noted within the preliminary report, please propose specific remedies. Suggested changes will be incorporated where appropriate, and a final report will be posted on the SAB Web site.

Please follow these instructions for preparing and submitting comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the processing of comments and assure that all comments are appropriately considered. Overview comments should be provided first and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages, paragraphs or lines of the section should follow any overview comments and should identify the page and line numbers to which they apply. Please number each page of your comments.

Dated: August 14, 2008.

Terry Bevels,

Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XJ79

Marine Mammals; File No. 13545

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ocean Alliance, Inc. (Responsible Party: Iain Kerr), 191 Weston Road, Lincoln, MA 01773, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), Bryde's (*B. edeni*), dwarf sperm (*Kogia sima*), false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*), fin (*B. physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), killer (*Orcinus orca*), minke (*B. acutorostrata*), pilot (*Globicephala* spp.), pygmy sperm (*K. breviceps*), sei (*B. borealis*), southern right (*Eubalaena australis*), northern right (*E. glacialis*), Cuvier's beaked (*Ziphius cavirostris*), and other beaked (*Mesoplodon* spp.)

whales, common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), as well as elkhorn (*Acropora palmata*) and staghorn (*A. cervicornis*) coral, and import specimens from these species for scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before September 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 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)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. 13545.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Hapeman 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.*), 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 222–226).

Ocean Alliance proposes to conduct research over a five-year period to determine contaminant levels and culture cells from cetaceans and coral while concurrently collecting data on abundance, movement and distribution patterns, habitat use, energetics, behaviors, and stock and social structures. The applicant requests authorization to conduct research during vessel surveys on live cetaceans and coral and collect tissues from dead, stranded cetaceans in U.S. waters and on the high seas. Field research activities would include biopsy sampling, collection of sloughed skin

and feces, photo-identification, videography, passive acoustic recording, focal follows, and behavioral observation during vessel surveys for up to 250 sperm whales annually and 20 animals annually for each of the above remaining species, except southern right whales. The applicant would also import from foreign waters 150 sperm whale samples per year and 20 samples per year for all other identified species. This research would help determine: (1) which classes of pollutants are elevated around the world; (2) which pollutants pose the largest risk to whales; (3) which responses made by whales to pollutants are similar to responses made by humans; (4) the locations of pollution hot spots around the world; and (5) the population and behavioral dynamics of these species. Research would occur in U.S. waters and the high seas of the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans, including the Gulf of Maine, Mexico and the Caribbean Sea, the territorial waters of Mexico, Indian Ocean, and Mediterranean Sea.

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. Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

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;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018;

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

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

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

Dated: August 14, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COORDINATING COUNCIL ON JUVENILE JUSTICE AND DELINQUENCY PREVENTION

[OJP (OJJDP) Docket No. 1486]

Meeting of the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

AGENCY: Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (Council) is announcing its September, 2008 meeting.

DATES: Friday, September 12, 2008, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 200 Independence Avenue, SW., Room 705A, Washington, DC 20201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Visit the Web site for the Coordinating Council at <http://www.juvenilecouncil.gov> or contact Robin Delany-Shabazz, Designated Federal Official, by telephone at 202-307-9963 [**Note:** this is not a toll-free telephone number], or by e-mail at Robin.Delany-Shabazz@usdoj.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, established pursuant to Section 3(2)A of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2) will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Section 206 of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act of 2002, 42 U.S.C. 5601, *et seq.* Documents such as meeting announcements, agendas, minutes, and reports will be available on the Council's Web page, <http://www.juvenilecouncil.gov>, where you may also obtain information on the meeting.

Although designated agency representatives may attend, the Council membership is composed of the Attorney General (Chair), the Secretary of Health and Human Services, the Secretary of Labor, the Secretary of Education, the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the Administrator of the Office of Juvenile Justice and

Delinquency Prevention (Vice Chair), the Director of the Office of National Drug Control Policy, the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation for National and Community Service, and the Assistant Secretary of Homeland Security for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. Up to nine additional members are appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Senate Majority Leader, and the President of the United States.

Meeting Agenda

The agenda for this meeting will include: (a) A presentation on and discussion of research on boys sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services; (b) updates on Council Partnership Projects; and (c) applicable legislative and program updates; announcements and other business. The meeting is open to the public.

Registration

For security purposes, members of the public who wish to attend the meeting must pre-register online at <http://www.juvenilecouncil.gov/meetings.html> no later than September 5, 2008. Should problems arise with Web registration, call Daryel Dunston at 240-221-4343 or send a request to register for the September 12, 2008, Council meeting to Mr. Dunston. Include name, title, organization or other affiliation, full address and phone, fax and e-mail information and send to his attention either by fax at: 301-945-4295 or by e-mail to ddunston@edjassociates.com. [**Note:** these are not toll-free telephone numbers.] Additional identification documents may be required. Space is limited.

Note: Photo identification will be required for admission to the meeting.

Written Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments and questions by Friday, September 5, 2008, to Robin Delany-Shabazz, Designated Federal Official for the Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention, at Robin.Delany-Shabazz@usdoj.gov. The Coordinating Council on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention expects that the public statements presented will not repeat previously submitted statements.

Dated: August 14, 2008.

Gregory Harris,

Principal Deputy Administrator.

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