

(301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 8, 2008, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 58941) that a request for a scientific research permit to conduct research on captive marine mammals had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The issued permit allows for the continuation of research activities authorized under Permit No. 984-1587. This research compares the energetic responses and diving physiology of odontocetes and pinnipeds to determine key physiological factors required for survival. Two adult bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) currently maintained at Long Marine Lab will continue to be used as research subjects. Additional odontocetes and other marine mammal species (up to 122 animals representing 7 species over 5 years) would be added through cooperative agreements with accredited zoological institutions. Other species and subjects from rehabilitation and stranding programs may be added opportunistically. This permit has been issued for five years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 4, 2009.

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

RIN 0648-XR45

Marine Mammals; File No. 14233

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Scott D. Kraus, Ph.D., New England Aquarium Edgerton Research Laboratory, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on North Atlantic right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 13, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 14233 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9333; and

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

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 NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 14233.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Amy Hapeman or Kristy Beard,
(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).

Dr. Kraus requests a five-year scientific research permit to study North Atlantic right whales along the U.S. East Coast from Florida to Maine with intensive sampling in designated right whale critical habitats. Using aerial and vessel surveys, the program would annually monitor as many individuals as possible, identifying and documenting: skin and body condition; anthropogenic scarring; calf production; calving intervals; birth rates of individual females; sex, age, and genetic patterns in movement, behavior, and habitat use; rates and causes of mortality; hormone and stress levels, and behavior and association data over time. Aerial surveys would occur at approximately 1,000 ft. primarily off the coast of the southeastern United States. During vessel surveys, researchers would approach, photograph and collect fecal samples from up to 450 whales, 50 of which would also be biopsy sampled annually. All age classes would be targeted for research. Individual whales may be approached up to 10 times per year. Researchers also request the authority to import and export up to 50 biological samples per year, including samples and tissues from dead right whales in other parts of the world to use in control and comparative studies. These data would be used to test hypotheses on the potential links between contaminants, biotoxins, food supply, nutrition, global warming, acoustic disturbance and habitat loss, and the decline in reproduction of right whales.

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: September 3, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1645]

Reorganization/Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 25; Broward County, FL

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones (FTZ) Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Port Everglades Department of Broward County, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 25, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand and reorganize FTZ 25, within the Port Everglades Customs and Border Protection port of entry (FTZ Docket 70-2008, filed 12/11/2008);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (73 FR 79441, 12/29/2008) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize and expand FTZ 25 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 27th day of August 2009.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

Attest:

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Request for Applicants for the Appointment to the United States-India CEO Forum

AGENCY: Market Access and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In 2005, the Governments of the United States and India established the U.S.-India CEO Forum. The two sides are reconstituting the Forum, and this notice announces membership opportunities for appointment as representatives to the U.S. Section of the Forum.

DATE: Applications should be received no later than October 1, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Please send requests for consideration to Linda Droker and Awinash Bawle, Office of South Asia and Oceania, U.S. Department of Commerce, either by e-mail at linda.droker@mail.doc.gov and awinash.bawle@mail.doc.gov, or by mail to U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 2310, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Droker, Director, Office of South Asia and Oceania, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone: (202) 482-2955.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S.-India CEO Forum, consisting of both private and public sector members, is expected to bring together leaders of the respective business communities of the United States and India to discuss issues of mutual interest, particularly ways to strengthen the economic and commercial ties between the two countries, and to communicate their joint recommendations to the U.S. and Indian governments. The Forum will have U.S. and Indian co-chairs; the Deputy Assistant to the President and Deputy National Security Advisor for International Economic Affairs, together with the Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission of India, plan to co-chair the Forum. The Forum will include a Committee comprising private sector members. The Committee will be composed of two Sections, each consisting of 10-12 members from the private sector representing the views and interests of the private sector business community in the United States and India. Each government will appoint the members to its respective Section. The Committee will provide recommendations to the two governments and their senior officials

that reflect private sector views, needs, and concerns about the creation of an environment in which their respective private sectors can partner, thrive, and enhance bilateral commercial ties to expand trade and economic links between the United States and India.

Candidates are currently being sought for membership on the U.S. Section of the Forum. Each candidate must be Chief Executive Officer or President (or have a comparable level of responsibility) of a U.S.-owned or controlled company that is incorporated in and has its main headquarters located in the United States and is currently doing business in both India and the United States. Each candidate also must be a U.S. citizen or otherwise legally authorized to work in the United States and be able to travel to India and locations in the United States to attend official Forum meetings as well as Section meetings on the U.S. side. In addition, the candidate may not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.

Evaluation of applications for membership in the U.S. Section by eligible individuals will be based on the following criteria:

- A demonstrated commitment by the individual's company to the Indian market either through exports or investment.
- A demonstrated strong interest in India and its economic development.
- The ability to offer a broad perspective and business experience to the discussions.
- The ability to address cross-cutting issues that affect the entire business community.
- The ability to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the Forum will be active.

Members will be selected on the basis of who best will carry out the objectives of the Forum as stated under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**, above. The U.S. Section of the Forum should also include members who represent a diversity of business sectors and geographic locations. To the extent possible, Section members also should represent a cross-section of small, medium, and large firms.

U.S. members will receive no compensation for their participation in Forum-related activities. Individual members will be responsible for all travel and related expenses associated with their participation in the Forum, including attendance at Committee and Section meetings. It is anticipated that the first meeting will be held in late November in Washington, DC, in conjunction with senior level