

Secretariat, or (2) in any area or subarea for which the Flag State or fishing vessel has not provided prior notification, the Secretariat shall notify the Flag State and require an explanation. The explanation will be forwarded to the Secretariat for evaluation by the Commission at its next annual meeting.

Catch Documentation Scheme

The Commission revised its measure on the Catch Documentation Scheme (CDS) to include a procedure for cooperation with CCAMLR by non-Contracting Parties involved in the trade of *Dissostichus* species. The Commission also revised the CDS measure to clarify that only government officials may request and examine the documentation of each shipment of *Dissostichus* species imported into or exported from its territory to verify that it includes validated documents.

Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing

The Commission approved a combined list of Contracting Party Vessels and non-Contracting Party Vessels suspected of illegal, unregulated or unreported fishing or trading (the IUU Vessel List). A number of vessels on the combined IUU Vessel List have been identified on previous lists by other names and flags. The combined list is posted on the public section of the CCAMLR website (www.ccamlr.org). A vessel on the IUU Vessel List will not be permitted to participate in exploratory fisheries. Contracting Parties are urged to prohibit trade with the vessels on the CCAMLR IUU Vessel List.

The Commission revised the schemes to promote compliance by Contracting Party and non-Contracting Party vessels with CCAMLR conservation measures. As revised the schemes now require that Contracting Parties deny port access to vessels on the IUU Vessel List unless for the purpose of enforcement action or for reasons of force majeure or for rendering assistance to vessels, or persons on those vessels, in danger or distress. Vessels allowed entry to a Contracting Party port are to be inspected in accordance with CCAMLR conservation measures on inspection. Where port access is granted to such vessels Contracting Parties are required to examine documentation and other information, including *Dissostichus* Catch Documents, with a view to verifying the area in which the catch was taken. Where the origin of the catch cannot be adequately verified, Contracting Parties are required to detain the catch or refuse any landing or transshipment of the catch. When catch

is found to be in contravention of CCAMLR conservation measures, Contracting Parties should, where possible, confiscate the catch; and prohibit all support to vessels with such catch, including non-emergency refueling, resupplying and repairs.

The Commission adopted a new scheme to promote compliance by Contracting Party nationals with CCAMLR conservation measures. The scheme requires Contracting Parties to take appropriate measures to verify if any natural or legal persons subject to their jurisdiction are engaged in IUU fishing activities and take appropriate actions, including seeking cooperation by industries within their jurisdiction. Contracting Parties are required to submit reports on actions taken with respect to the scheme to the CCAMLR Secretariat and to Contracting Parties and non-Contracting Parties cooperating with CCAMLR for purposes of implementing the CDS. The scheme will be binding on Contracting Parties beginning July 1, 2008.

The Commission adopted a resolution urging Contracting Parties to pursue diplomatic and other actions with non-Contracting Parties to combat IUU fishing.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 2431 *et seq.*

Dated: March 14, 2007.

William T. Hogarth,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081806E]

Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; File No. 1076-1789

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alliance of Marine Mammal Parks and Aquariums (The Alliance), 418 North Pitt Street, Alexandria, Virginia 22314 (Kristi West, Ph.D., Principal Investigator) has been issued a permit to import and export parts from all cetaceans and pinnipeds species (excluding walrus) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 17, 2005, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 69743) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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 18 and 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 Alliance has been issued a scientific research permit to receive, import and export a specified number of marine mammal specimens (cetaceans and pinnipeds, except for walrus) under the jurisdiction of NMFS to study and document the health and biology of wild marine mammals as well as those marine mammals maintained in public display, research, or stranding facilities or from samples taken during other permitted research. Only specimens collected legally and in a humane manner would be authorized by the permit. Sources of samples may include animals that have already died and from captive animals during routine husbandry procedures. No animals may be intentionally killed for the purpose of collecting specimens, and no money can be offered for the specimens. Specimens may be taken world-wide at anytime of the year for up to 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.

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.

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)713-0376; <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/review.htm>;

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)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and

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

Dated: March 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

[I.D.#031207C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 774-1847-01

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Antarctic Marine Living Resources Program (Rennie Holt, Ph.D., Principal Investigator), 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 774-1847.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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; 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: Kate Swails or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 23, 2007 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 2868) that an amendment of Permit No. 774-1847, issued September 11, 2006 (71 FR 53423) had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted 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).

Permit No. 774-1847 authorizes the permit holder to continue a long-term ecosystem monitoring program of pinniped species in the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica. The permit holder is authorized to take up to 710 Antarctic fur seals (*Arctophalus gazell*) and 20 leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*) annually. The animals are captured, measured, weighed, tagged, blood sampled, and have time-depth recorders, VHF transmitters, and platform terminal transmitters attached. A subset of fur seals are given an enema, have a tooth extracted, milk sampled, and are part of a doubly-labeled water study on energetics. A subset of leopard seals are blubber and muscle sampled.

The amendment authorizes the permit holder to increase annual research-related mortality to eight Antarctic fur seals (3 adults and 5 pups) and two leopard seals. Permit conditions are such that research must be stopped when the mortality level is reached. The amendment is intended to allow the continuation of the long-term monitoring studies in the event of greater than anticipated levels of research-related mortality.

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: March 14, 2007.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, April 6, 2007.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen A. Donovan, 202-418-5100.

Eileen A. Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, April 13, 2007.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen A. Donovan, 202-418-5100.

Eileen A. Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, April 20, 2007

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Enforcement Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Eileen A. Donovan, 202-418-5100.

Eileen A. Donovan,

Acting Secretary of the Commission.

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