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Send completed applications to NMFS PIR, Attn: ASLE Permit Upgrade, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Walter Ikehara, NMFS PIR, Tel (808)944-2275, Fax (808) 973-2940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 25, 2005, NMFS published a final rule that established a limited entry program for the pelagic longline fishery based in American Samoa, under Amendment 11 to the Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Fisheries in the Western Pacific Region (70 FR 29646). American Samoa longline limited entry permits were established for four vessel size classes, based on length:

- a. Class A - less than or equal to 40 ft (12.2 m),
- b. Class B (and B-1) - over 40 ft (12.2 m) to 50 ft (15.2 m) inclusive,
- c. Class C (and C-1) - over 50 ft (15.2 m) to 70 ft (21.3 m) inclusive, and
- d. Class D (and D-1) - over 70 ft (21.3 m).

A total of 60 American Samoa longline limited entry permits is allowed in this limited access fishery. The limited entry program allowed for a total of 26 permit upgrades to be made available for the exclusive use of permit holders in Class A, distributed over a four-year period following the issuance of initial limited entry permits in late 2005, and 2009 is the last year of the upgrade program. Nineteen permit upgrades are available: 13 for vessel Class B-1 and six for Class C-1.

The Regional Administrator may issue Class B-1 and C-1 permit upgrades only to persons who currently hold a Class A permit and who participated in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery before March 22, 2002. The highest priority will be given to those with the earliest date of documented participation. Those receiving upgraded permits must surrender their Class A permits and the surrendered permits are deducted from the allowed Class A permit total. This notice announces the availability of permit upgrades and solicits applications for the upgrades.

On January 28, 2009, NMFS published a notice soliciting applications for American Samoa longline permits (70 FR 4942). In August 2009, NMFS issued permits to certain applicants, and the holders of Class A permits issued in August 2009 may now apply for upgrades.

Complete applications must include the completed and signed application form (see **ADDRESSES**), legible copies of

documents supporting historical participation in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery, and payment for the non-refundable application processing fee. Documents supporting participation should show that fishing was conducted using longline gear. Applications must be received by NMFS by November 9, 2009 to be considered for eligibility for the 2009 permit upgrades. Applications will not be accepted if received after that date.

Authoritative additional information on the American Samoa limited entry program may be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 50, part 665.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 2, 2009.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-820]

Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Products From India: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Zhang, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4014, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230, *telephone:* (202) 482-1168.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 2, 2009, the U.S. Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on hot-rolled carbon steel products from India covering the period December 1, 2008, through November 30, 2008. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*, 74 FR 5821 (February 2, 2009). The preliminary results are currently due no later than September 2, 2009.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"),

requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act further states that if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period specified, the administering authority may extend the 245-day period to issue its preliminary results to up to 365 days.

Due to the complexity of the issues in this administrative review, in particular the overlapping issues associated with the ongoing countervailing duty review of the same product, we have determined that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within the 245-day period. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of the review by 120 days. The preliminary results are now due no later than December 31, 2009. The final results continue to be due 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: September 2, 2009.

John M. Andersen,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XR48

Marine Mammals; File No. 13602

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Long Marine Lab, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has been issued a permit to conduct research on captive marine mammals.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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)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.