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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 633-1778

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 the Center for Coastal Studies, Principal Investigator: Richard Delaney, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 633-1778.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandy Hutnak or Carrie Hubbard, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 21, 2005, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 13481) that a scientific research permit (No. 633-1778), issued June 26, 2006 (71 FR 40995), had been requested by the above-named individual. A portion of the action area, as originally requested, was left out of the permit as an oversight, although it was previously analyzed. On March 11, 2007, the applicant requested that the permit be amended to include the entire action area, as requested in the original application. This amendment was issued on July 19, 2007. 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.*), 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).

This amendment extends the action area to include all U.S. waters of the North Atlantic Ocean (with the exception of the Gulf of Mexico, the U.S. Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a supplemental environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement.

Issuance of this permit amendment, 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.

Dated: July 25, 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 (NOAA)

Science Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice

provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held Wednesday August 22, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and Thursday August 23, 2007, from 10 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the web page <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/meetings.html> for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

Place: The meeting will be held both days at the Mystic Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Boulevard, Mystic, Connecticut 06355, pending approval of a purchase order. Please check the SAB Web site <http://www.sab.noaa.gov> for confirmation of the venue.

Status: The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period on August 22 (check Web site to confirm time). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by August 15, 2007 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after August 15, 2007, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will include the following topics: (1) the Merger of the Ocean Exploration and National Undersea Research Programs; (2) the Results from the Ocean Exploration Advisory Working Group Workshop on Planning the Maiden Voyage of the Okeanos Explorer; (3) Nekton Studies around Bear Seamount; (4) Extended Continental Shelf Exploration; (5) Update on the NOAA Response to the External Review of NOAA's Ecosystem Research and Science Enterprise; (6) Report on the NOAA Response to the National Research Council Decadal Survey; (7) Update on the NOAA Response to the Hurricane Intensity Research Working Group Reports; (8) the Results of the SAB Climate Working Group's Climate Observations and Analysis Program Review; (9) Report on the Recommendations from the Data Archive and Access Requirements Working Group; and (10) Updates from