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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 42-1642, which was most recently amended on April 28, 2004 (69 FR 24586), is requested 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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 42-1642 authorizes the permit holder to conduct nutritional research on captive Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) and to receive, import, and export samples from pinniped and cetacean species for nutritional and health-related research. The permit holder requests authorization to increase the number of blood samples received, imported, or exported from 1000 per year to 10,000 per year. No takes from live animals are requested. The increase is requested to accommodate the availability of banked serum samples from other institutions for Brucella analysis. The amendment would be effective until the expiration date of the permit, October 15, 2007.

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: February 5, 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. 020507E]

**Endangered Species; File No. 1447**

**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 South Carolina Department of Natural Resources 217 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29412 [Responsible Party/Principal Investigator: Mark Collins, PhD], has been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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; and Protected Resources Division, Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Malcolm Mohead or Carrie Hubard, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 09, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 53140) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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 parts 222-226).

The South Carolina Department of Natural Resources [Dr. Mark Collins, Principal Investigator], is authorized to sample and track shortnose sturgeon in South Carolina coastal waters. Annually, up to 100 fish will be taken via gill nets, measured, weighed, PIT and Dart tagged, anaesthetized, and gastric lavaged. A subset of 50 fish will be fitted with radio/sonic transmitters and tracked during the study. Additionally, the researcher will deploy buffer pads as substrate to collect up to

100 sturgeon eggs annually to verify spawning periodicity. Two fish are authorized annually as unintentional mortality. The permit will terminate on February 28, 2012. 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 the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 6, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Department of the Army**

**Notice of Intent To Grant a Partially Exclusive License; Symbiont Enterprises, Inc.**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(e) and 37 CFR 404(a)(1)(i), the Department of the Army announces the intent to grant a revocable, non-assignable, partially exclusive license to Symbiont Enterprises, Inc., Huntsville, AL, for the AWarE Video Elements (AVE) government-owned software for archiving and conducting searches of video data.

**DATES:** Anyone wishing to object to the grant of this license can file written objections, along with supporting evidence, if any, within 15 days from the date of this publication.

**ADDRESSES:** Written objections are to be filed with the Office of Research and Technology Applications, SDMC-RDTC-TDL (Ms. Susan D. McRae), Bldg. 5220, Von Braun Complex, Redstone Arsenal, AL 35898.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Joan Gilsdorf, Patent Attorney, e-mail: *joan.gilsdorf@smdc.army.mil*; (256) 955-3213 or Ms. Susan D. McRae, Office of Research and Technology Applications, e-mail: *susan.mcrae@smdc.army.mil*; (256) 955-1501.

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