

2. Assessing the evidence on availability of specific nutrients in seafood compared to other food sources and determine the impact of modifying food choices to reduce intake of naturally-occurring and introduced toxicants on nutritional intake and status within the population, including vulnerable population subgroups.

3. Developing a decision path, geared to the needs of U.S. consumers, for selecting seafood to obtain maximal nutritional benefits while minimizing potential exposure risks.

4. Identifying additional data needs and making recommendations for future research, including assessment of the mitigation effects of nutrients on toxicants in seafood.

Agenda

Tuesday, February 1, 2005

1:00 p.m.: Welcome, Introductions, and Purpose of the Public Session
Presentations from the Sponsoring Agency

1:10 p.m.: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Marine Fisheries Service

2:10 p.m.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Food and Drug Administration

2:40 p.m.: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

3:10 p.m.: Break

3:30 p.m.: Open Discussion.
Interested individuals and organizations are invited to present their views during this part of the open session. To be considered for a 3-minute presentation, please provide topic and contact information to Sandra Amamoo-Kakra no later than January 25, 2005, by fax (202) 334-236, or by email (samamook@nas.edu).

4:00 p.m.: Adjourn

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least five working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 18, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011105H]

Endangered Species; Permit No. 1299

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research Permit No. 1299 submitted by Raymond R. Carthy has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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 Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the provisions of 50 CFR 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

The modification extends the expiration date of the Permit from December 31, 2004, to December 31, 2005, for takes of green (*Chelonia mydas*), loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles. The permit allows Dr. Carthy to conduct sea turtle research in the Gulf of Mexico waters of northwestern Florida. The purpose of the research is to (1) study the use of coastal waters by both juvenile and adult loggerhead, green, and Kemp's ridley sea turtles along the St. Joseph Peninsula, St. Joseph Bay, Florida; (2) examine the inter-nesting movements and habitat usage of adult loggerhead turtles along the northwestern coast of Florida; (3) examine the species composition, population densities and habitat utilization in coastal bays in the same area by juvenile sea turtles; and (4) track gross movements and seasonal

migrations of the three species of juvenile sea turtles initially captured in the study area utilizing satellite telemetry.

Issuance of this modification, 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 threatened and endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

Amy C. Sloan,

Acting 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. 011405C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 881-1710

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), 301 Railway Avenue, Seward, AK 99664, (Shannon Atkinson, Ph.D., Principal Investigator) has been issued an amendment to Permit No. 881-1710-02 to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*).

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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 15, 2004, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (69 FR 42424) that a request for a permit amendment to conduct research on the species identified above 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

This permit amendment authorizes a study to assess protein turnover rates in eight harbor seals authorized to be held at the ASLC. The study involves the administration of the stable isotope ¹⁵[N] glycine, a non-essential amino acid involved in protein synthesis, to assess protein turnover in the seals through analysis of blood samples. Sodium bromide (NaBr) would also be administered and post dosage blood samples would occur concurrently for the substances. NaBr is a nonradioactive substance and is used to measure the extracellular phase of body water. This study will be part of a long term study to investigate the effects of high and low lipid diets on the growth, development, maturity, and health of harbor seals in captivity. This amendment is authorized until the expiration of permit, November 30, 2008.

Dated: January 14, 2005.

Amy C. Sloan,

Acting 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. 011405A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1073-1777

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Kathy Carlstead, Honolulu Zoo, 151 Kapahulu Ave., Honolulu, HI 96815, has requested a permit to import marine mammal parts for scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before February 23, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, 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 email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1073-1777.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 applicant is requesting a permit to import into the United States approximately 24 blood samples, 150 fecal samples, and 150 saliva samples from three captive false killer whales *Pseudorca crassidens* from Ocean Adventure in the Philippines. The applicant will be studying stress in false killer whales using behavioral observations, non-invasive glucocorticoid assessment and analysis of blood profile panels. The following research questions will be addressed: (1) are in-water interactions with visitors stress-inducing for captive pseudorcas? (2) which combinations of physiological and behavioral measurements are most useful for assessment of stress in pseudorcas? and (3) what are the effects on stress responses of pseudorcas of introducing dolphins to the facility? The permit is requested for five years.

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

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: January 14, 2005.

Amy C. Sloan,

Acting 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

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Marine Mammals; NMFS Permit No. 31-1741-00; USFWS Permit No. MA081663-0

AGENCIES: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), 2300 Southern Blvd., Bronx, New York 10460 [Dr. Howard C. Rosenbaum, Principal Investigator], has been issued a permit to obtain and import/export marine mammal specimens for purposes of scientific research.

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;

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

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Management Authority, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 700, Arlington, VA 22203 (1-800-358-2104).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 27, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 22770) that a