

within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gary Barone (301-713-2289).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

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 Fur Seal Act of 1966 (16 U.S.C. 1151-1187) and the Regulations promulgated thereunder (50 CFR part 215).

The applicant seeks to sedate up to 10 percent of the fur seals authorized under Condition A-5 of Permit 837; take tissue samples from up to 300 fur seals; instrument 46 fur seal pups with time-wet recorders or time-depth recorders; satellite tag up to 30 adult female fur seals on San Miguel Island; and inadvertently harass up to 7,431 additional fur seals and 15,000 California sea lions.

Dated: May 18, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits & Documentation Division,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P524B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI 96822 (co-investigators: Dr. Shannon Atkinson and James Palmer), has applied in due form for a permit to obtain blood and blubber samples and to import samples from **DATES:** various species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research. Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received on or before June 23, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250);

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141);

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001);

Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA, 98115-0070 (206/526-6150); and

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kellie Foster (301/713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

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.

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.*), 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The applicants seek authorization to obtain blood serum and blubber samples from cetaceans taken in subsistence hunting, and incidental, stranded and captive mortalities. The applicant also requests authorization to import blood and blubber samples from Iceland, Norway, Japan, Russia, and Denmark as well as utilize samples in storage at the National Marine Mammal Lab. No specimens will be imported into the United States that were taken illegally in the country of origin. The objectives of this research are to develop a method of extracting steroid hormones from

cetacean blubber and then to compare and determine a possible correlation between blood and blubber steroid concentrations.

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Ann D. Terbush,

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of Scientific Research Permits Nos. 954 (P492A) and 955 (P492B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Graham Worthy and Co-investigators Mr. Alan Abend and Ms. Lisl Shoda have been issued permits No. 954 and 955, to obtain and import/export marine mammal specimens and to take specimens from rehabilitated elephant seals, respectively, 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 Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

(P492A) Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2532 (813/570-5312); (P492B) Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 10, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 13121) that applications had been filed by the above named individuals to obtain tissue samples for scientific research purposes. The requested Permits have been granted under 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of