

7. Pre-award activities. If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of the Department to cover pre-award costs.

Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Applications under this program are subject to E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

This notice contains a collection-of-information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The collection of this information has been approved by OMB (OMB control number 0648-0289). Public reporting burden for preparation of the grant application is estimated to be 1 hour per response including the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. An additional 15 hour reporting burden is estimated for those applicants who are accepted by NMFS including time for documenting the income claims on their applications, how outstanding liens on their vessels will be satisfied, and how the vessels will be scrapped.

Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Richard Roberts, NOAA/IRMS, 6010 Executive Blvd., Rm. 722, WSC-5, Rockville, MD 20852; and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, OMB, Washington, D.C. 20503, Attention: NOAA Desk Officer.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(d).

Dated: June 16, 1995.

Gary Matlock,

Program Management Officer, 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 (P771#74).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Howard Braham, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand point Way NE., Bldg. 4, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115, has applied in due form for a permit to take California Sea Lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received on or before July 24, 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); and

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

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. 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.

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

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.*), 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 Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222), the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*), and the fur seal regulations at 50 CFR part 215.

The applicant proposes to conduct four research projects which will focus on several aspects of California sea lion biology: 1) annual at-sea distribution, foraging behavior, and food habits of adult females, mother-pup activity patterns and weaning behavior. Twenty California sea lion female/pup pairs are proposed to be taken yearly by

attachment of instrumentation. Up to 6,000 California sea lions, 350 northern fur seals and 1,650 northern elephant seals are proposed to be taken yearly incidental to activities related to instrumentation and/or scat collection; 2) identification of diseases in the population and the effects of diseases on survival of individuals and weaning parameters of pups. Twenty adult females, four hundred-twenty pups and thirty juvenile California sea lions are proposed to be taken yearly for blood collection, viral and bacterial swabs, measurements and marking by lavage coloring. Ten thousand one hundred California sea lions, three hundred northern fur seals, and one thousand northern elephant seals are proposed to be taken yearly incidental to activities related to the gathering of pups; 3) assessment of vital parameters. Five hundred ninety California sea lion pups are proposed to be taken yearly by hot branding, tagging and measurements. Ninety California sea lion pups are proposed to be taken yearly by measurements and eight thousand eight hundred California sea lions, three hundred northern fur seals and three hundred northern elephant seals are proposed to be harassed yearly incidental to activities related to the gathering of pups for sampling; and 4) assessment of population trends and pup mortality. Twenty-eight thousand California sea lions, one thousand twenty-five northern fur seals and fifteen hundred northern elephant seals are proposed to be harassed yearly incidental to ground surveys to count live and collect and mark dead California sea lion pups. Research will take place on San Miguel Island, the Channel Islands and haul-out sites along the coast of central and northern California. Project duration is 5 years beginning September 1995.

Dated: June 13, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Northwest Emergency Assistance Program; Final Amendment

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