

[I.D. 071295A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P592).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Children's Museum, Canadian Museum of Civilization, 100 Laurier Street, Hull, Quebec J8X 4H2 Canada, has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to import handicraft artifacts made from marine mammal parts and part of a travelling exhibit produced by the museum.

DATES: Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources at the above address on or before [insert date 30 days after date of publication in the Federal Register]. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

ADDRESSES: The application is available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9731 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (813/570-5301);

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

Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (206/526-6150).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Hochman, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 applicant requests permission to export 24 artifacts for participation in an educational exhibit "Siqiniq: Under the Same Sun" for display at seven U.S. children's museums beginning in July

1995. At the conclusion of the tour in October 1997, the artifacts will return to Canada. The items are made all or in part from the Harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*) that were legally harvested in the Baffin Region of the Northwest Territories, Canada, within the last 5 years. The purpose for this exhibit is to increase the understanding and appreciation among children of the culture and natural environment of the native people of Arctic Canada, particularly the use of natural materials in their daily diet and lifestyle.

Dated: July 12, 1995.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Division of Permits and Documentation, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Modification no. 1 to scientific research permit no. 917 (P774#2).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 917 submitted by Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA, 02543-1026, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The modified permit is available for review by interested persons in the following offices by appointment:

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

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9150).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 25, 1995, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 27723) that a modification of permit no. 917, issued May 11, 1994 (59 FR 25891) had been requested by the above-named applicant. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of §§ 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking,

Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Species (50 CFR part 222).

The modification authorized the holder to take a maximum of 50 biopsy samples, given 150 attempts from sei whales (*Balaenoptera borealis*) annually during research surveys off the northeast U.S. coast for the duration of the permit which expires on June 30, 1999. All samples will be exported to the genetics lab at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark for analysis.

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 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: July 12, 1995.

Eugene T. Nitta,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary of Defense****Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on August 1, 1995; August 8, 1995; August 15, 1995; August 22, 1995; and August 29, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. in Room 800, Hoffman Building #1, Alexandria, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.