

1. Require a minimum weakfish size of 12 inches total length;

2. Require that weakfish harvested in the EEZ be landed in accordance with the landing laws of the state in which they are landed, with the exception that weakfish harvested in the EEZ may not be landed in a "de minimus" state;

3. Require minimum mesh sizes in the EEZ "consistent" with a 12-inch minimum fish size. Non-directed fisheries using smaller mesh sizes may possess no more than 150 pounds of weakfish in any one day; and

4. Require that any "flynets" used in the EEZ south of Cape Hatteras be operated in compliance with the applicable regulations of the adjacent state(s).

All states which have declared an interest in the management of fisheries for weakfish are to implement Amendment 3 by October 1, 1996. NMFS will assess the Commission's recommendations during the SEIS process.

Management responsibility for weakfish resides primarily with the coastal states through the Commission's Fishery Management Plan For Weakfish (Plan). This Plan was adopted in 1985 by the coastal states from Maine through Florida in response to severe declines in the weakfish catches and populations along the coast. Increasingly strict state regulations have been imposed by amendments to the Plan since 1985 to restrict further the harvest of weakfish by recreational and commercial fisheries and to allow rebuilding of the stocks.

However, as indicated in the FEIS published in September 1995, even with these restrictions, the weakfish population is not showing signs of recovery. The FEIS clearly indicates that the weakfish stock is overfished and beginning to suffer recruitment failure. Harvest restrictions are definitely needed if weakfish are to recover.

Based on the recent stock assessments, NMFS will consider measures to regulate the Atlantic Coast weakfish fishery in the EEZ for the 1996 fishing year and beyond, including: (1) A prohibition on the taking or possession of weakfish in the EEZ; (2) applying state regulations to the EEZ; (3) imposition of specific Federal regulations on weakfish fishing in the EEZ as recommended by the Commission's Amendment 3 to Plan; and (4) status quo or no action taken.

The Mid-Atlantic Council's workload will not permit it to undertake a Plan at this time. NMFS has determined that regulations in the EEZ must be implemented to support the CFMP for weakfish if there is to be a cooperative

state and Federal effort to rebuild the weakfish stock.

NMFS has determined that the preparation of an SEIS is appropriate, because of the potentially significant impact of EEZ regulations on the human environment, and because no specific EEZ recommendations were available in the Commission's Plan when the 1995 FEIS was prepared. The current Amendment 3 to the Plan has such recommendations (alternative 3), which will be assessed during the SEIS process. Participants in this fishery will be affected and may face more restricted harvest of the weakfish resource while the natural stocks of weakfish are allowed to recover.

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#### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1004 (P595)

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a permit for scientific research has been issued to the Whale Conservation Institute, 191 Weston Road, Lincoln, MA 01773.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment, in the following offices:

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 (508/281-9250).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 28, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 50189) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named organization. The request was to import biopsy samples collected from both dead stranded and living, free-ranging animals in the territorial waters of Argentina, Mexico, Costa Rica, Ecuador, Peru, and Chile, over a 2-year period. 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.*), 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 regulations governing endangered species permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Issuance of this Permit as required by the ESA of 1973 was based on a finding that the 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: June 21, 1996.

William W. Windom,  
Acting Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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#### CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

##### Correction of Information Collection Activity Proposed

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS).

**ACTION:** Correction to information collection activity proposed.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains corrections to the notice of 60-day comment period prior to submitting Volunteers In Service To America Pre-Application Inquiry, Volunteers In Service To America Project Application, Volunteers In Service To America Project Grant Application, and AmeriCorps\*VISTA Project Progress Report forms, published in the Federal Register Volume 61, No. 116 (June 14, 1996), pp. 30226-30227.

**DATES:** AmeriCorps\*VISTA will consider written comments on the proposed applications and reporting requirements received no later than August 13, 1996.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

As published, the Notice omitted the need for each proposed collection of information to solicit comments which:

- Evaluate the accuracy of the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;