

de Fuca Strait, Haro Strait, Boundary Pass, Georgia Strait, and the waters surrounding the San Juan Islands.

Dated: August 5, 1996.

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P368G)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that James Harvey, Ph.D. and Jenifer Hurley, Ph.D., Moss Landing Laboratory, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing, CA (95039-0450), has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before September 16, 1996.

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.

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. 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.

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.*), and the regulations governing the taking,

importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The applicant proposes to obtain up to 10 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) to conduct three research projects: (1) videocamera study—sea lions will be trained to carry a videocamera attached to a backpack and will swim alongside whales allowing underwater recording of whale behaviors (e.g., diving, feeding and mating); (2) tag attachment—sea lions will be used to deliver and attach small radio and TDR tags on the backs of large whales. Annually, up to 30 each blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) and fin whales (*B. physalus*), 60 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), 100 gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), 20 each minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) and sperm whales (*Physeter catodon*), will be tagged, and up to 100 gray whales may be inadvertently harassed during research activities; and (3) physiological study—the trained sea lions will participate in a study of the diving physiology of this species in the open ocean.

Dated: August 12, 1996.

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1006 (P466C)

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 Mr. Scott D. Kraus, Edgerton Research Laboratory, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, Massachusetts 02110-3399.

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 May 28, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 26505) that a request for a scientific research permit

had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The request was to harass harbor porpoise in the Gulf of Maine during the course of underwater acoustic playback experiments. 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).

Dated: August 9, 1996.

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

Notice of Transmittal of Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 1997 to Congress and the Office of Management and Budget

Pursuant to Section 254(b) of the Balanced Budget and Emergency Deficit Control Act of 1985 (2 U.S.C. 904(b)), the Congressional Budget Office hereby reports that it has submitted its Sequestration Update Report for Fiscal Year 1997 to the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Office of Management and Budget.

Stanley L. Greigg,

*Director, Office of Intergovernmental
Relations, Congressional Budget Office.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

National Action Plan to Develop the Hydrogeomorphic Approach for Assessing Wetland Functions

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Corps of Engineers is announcing, through the National Action Plan, the strategy the Corps and other Federal agencies will follow to develop the Hydrogeomorphic Approach for Assessing Wetland Functions (HGM Approach). The National Action Plan was developed by a National Interagency Implementation Team. Agencies represented on the Implementation Team are the Corps of