

approval of this geographic extension; and this area is neither expected to increase the number of marine mammals taken by harassment, nor result in additional marine mammal species being taken, NMFS modified the IHA on September 9, 1996, to include the waters offshore from the Colville River Delta, Alaska.

The August 30, 1996, letter notified NMFS that, in accordance with the results of the transmission loss (TL) test required by condition 5(d) of the IHA, the safety ranges around the source for pinnipeds and cetaceans should be increased by 100 m (328 ft) to 250 and 750 m (820 and 2,460 ft), respectively. Further investigation determined that these increased safety ranges would be appropriate for the seismic array only, and would not apply to the use of single airguns, which had a 20 dB (re 1 $\mu$ Pa @ 1 m) lower amplitude. NMFS understands that these increased safety ranges were immediately implemented by BPXA. NMFS has reviewed the preliminary results of the TL test and concurs with this recommended modification. Accordingly, condition 5(b) of the IHA has been modified.

Dated: September 11, 1996.

Rennie S. Holt,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1013 (P617)

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Cynthia K. Riseling, California State Polytechnic University at Pomona, 12659 16th Street, Chino, California 91710, has been issued a permit to sample California sea lions for scientific purposes.

**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, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 9, 1996, notice was published in the

Federal Register (61 FR 36036) that a request for a scientific research permit to sample California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently held in rehabilitation centers had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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: September 12, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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