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Dated: September 25, 1996.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 866 (P537)

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

ACTION: Issuance of amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit No. 866 submitted by Mr. Fred A. Sharpe, Behavioral Ecology Research Group, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, B.C. Canada V5A 1S6, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 26, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 33096) that an amendment of permit no. 866, issued July 15, 1993, had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment 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 § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of

endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-222). The amended permit is effective upon signature by NMFS and the individual named above.

Permit 866 authorizes the permit holder to: Harass (i.e., observe/photo-identify, conduct side-scanning sonar activities) up to 1000 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) per year, up to 18 of which may be fitted with suction cup time-depth recorders annually through September 30, 1997. The permit holder is also authorized to harass up to 100 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) annually on an opportunistic basis during the proposed humpback whale studies. Research activities are authorized to be conducted between Dixon Entrance and Cross Sound.

The Permit has now been amended to authorize the conduct of playback studies on up to 280 humpback whales annually, in the waters of Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound, Alaska. Although playback activities were requested to be conducted over a three-year period, the permit expires on September 30, 1997. The permittee has been advised that in order to continue activities beyond that date, a permit extension or a new permit will be required.

Dated: August 29, 1996.

William Windom,

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

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1006 (P466B)

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);

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 25, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 32774) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The request was to harass during photo-identification studies and aerial, and vessel surveys, up to 350 North Atlantic right whales, up to 10 time each, annually, over a five year period. Of these 350 animals, up to 80 may be biopsy darted, up to 10 may be radio tagged, up to 15 may be satellite tagged, and up to 50 may have blubber measurements taken ultrasonically, annually. In addition, authorization was requested to import up to 100 and export up to 100 tissue samples annually, and to collect an unspecified number of samples and/or entire carcasses, if feasible, from up to 10 right whale annually that die and strand along the coast of the United States. 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, 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 parts 217-222). Authorization for collection and possession of specimens and/or whole carcasses of dead, stranded right whales, has not been granted, inasmuch as this activity is more appropriately handled through a letter of authorization from the Northeast Region's Stranding Network. Issuance of this permit, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973, 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 Act.

Dated: August 29, 1996.

William Windom,

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

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