

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).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 26, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 39120) that an amendment of permit no. 976, issued on August 29, 1995 (60 FR 46576), 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.*), and the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: October 3, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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### **Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1016 (P167H)**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109, has been issued a permit to take (i.e., harass) several species of small cetaceans and pinnipeds for scientific research 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 37882) that a request for a scientific research permit to take (i.e., harass) several species of small cetaceans and pinnipeds during experiments to measure their interaction with fishing gear equipped with pingers had been submitted by the above-named organization. Animals would be from

stranded rehabilitated or permanently captive stock. The proposed experiments would take place at Sea World parks in California, Texas, Ohio, and Florida, over a 2 1/2 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.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

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## **CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE**

### **Notice of Transmittal of Final Sequestration 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 Final Sequestration 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**

### **Office of the Secretary**

#### **Cancer Treatment Clinical Trials**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of demonstration project.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested parties of a one-year extension of a demonstration project in which the DOD provides CHAMPUS reimbursement for eligible beneficiaries who receive cancer treatment under approved National Institutes of Health, National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials. Participation in these clinical trials will improve access to promising cancer therapies for CHAMPUS eligible beneficiaries when their conditions meet protocol eligibility criteria. DOD financing of these procedures will assist

in meeting clinical trial goals and arrival at conclusions regarding the safety and efficacy of emerging therapies in the treatment of cancer. At this time, there is insufficient demonstration data for a full evaluation of costs associated with enrollment in clinical trials. Extending the demonstration for an additional year will allow sufficient time for patient accrual to clinical trials and collection of data which allows for comprehensive economic analysis. This demonstration project is under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 1092.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Bynum, (703) 697-4111.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On January 24, 1996, the Department provided notice in the Federal Register (61 FR 1899) of an expansion of an existing demonstration for breast cancer treatment clinical trials to include all cancer treatment clinical trials under approved National Cancer Institute (NCI) clinical trials. The demonstration purpose is to improve beneficiary access to promising new therapies, assist in meeting the National Cancer Institute's clinical trial goals, and arrival at conclusions regarding the safety and efficacy of emerging therapies in the treatment of cancer. The January 24, 1996, notice anticipated the possibility of extending the demonstration.

The NCI trials program is the principal means by which the oncology community has developed clinical evidence for the efficacy of various treatment approaches in cancer therapy. Participating institutions include NCI's network of comprehensive and clinical cancer centers, university and community hospitals and practices, and military treatment facilities. Despite this extensive network which includes the nation's premier medical centers, cure rates for most types of cancer remain disappointing, highlighting the significant effort still required for improvement. The principal means by which advances in therapy will be realized is through application of research to victims of cancer. In support of NCI's efforts to further the science of cancer treatment, the Department expanded its breast cancer demonstration to include all NCI-sponsored phase II and phase III clinical trials. This expanded demonstration will enhance current NCI efforts to determine safety and efficacy of promising cancer therapies by expanding the patient population available for entry into clinical trials and stabilizing the referral base for these