

[I.D. 092596A]

**Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of modifications 1 and 2 to amendment 1 of permit 942.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS issued modifications 1 and 2 to amendment 1 of Permit 942 to Jane Provancha of the Kennedy Space Center (P576), to take listed sea turtles subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications, permits, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 19, 1996, and September 23, 1996, NMFS issued modifications 1 and 2 to amendment 1 of Permit 942 to Jane Provancha of the Kennedy Space Center (P576) to take listed sea turtles as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227). Permit 942 authorizes the capture of loggerhead and green sea turtles in Mosquito Lagoon, FL, to determine trends of population structure and distribution. Turtles are netted, examined, measured, photographed, triple tagged, lavaged, and have 10cc of blood taken. Modification 1 was issued to change the study area to include all waters of the Kennedy Space Center. Modification 2 was issued to change the net length limit from 91.4m to 250m. Issuance of these modifications to Permit 942, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such modifications: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the modifications, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**Marine Mammals; Permit No. 873 (P773#63)**

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 873 submitted by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, 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, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (310/980-4016).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 20, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 40439) that an amendment of permit no. 873, issued July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), had been requested by the above-named organization. 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 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 873 authorized the permit holder to biopsy several species of cetaceans off the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, and to import biopsy tissues collected outside of U.S. waters. The permit has been amended to: (1) Expand the location of the research activities on particular species to include the U.S. and international waters of the Gulf of Mexico; (2)

increase the number of biopsy tissue sample takes from 20 to 50 for northern right whale dolphins (*Lissodelphis borealis*), pilot whales (*Globicephala spp.*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), and blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) in the Pacific Ocean; and (3) increase the number of biopsy tissue sample takes for sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) from 20 to 200.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such amendment: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which are the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 25, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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**COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS****Notice of Cancellation of Public Meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee to the Commission which was to have convened at 9:00 a.m. and adjourned at 3:00 p.m. on November 4, 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona, has been canceled.

The original notice for the meeting was announced in the Federal Register on October 28, 1996, FR Doc. 96-27595, 61 FR 55616.

Persons desiring additional information should contact Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435).

Dated at Washington, DC, October 29, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

*Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.*

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