

had been filed by CRITFC for modification 8 to scientific research permit 825 (P513). Modification 8 to permit 825 was issued to CRITFC on May 2, 1997. Permit 825 authorizes CRITFC annual takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with six studies. For modification 8, CRITFC is authorized increases in the takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with additional sampling locations and a new study. Also for modification 8, CRITFC is authorized a take of adult, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with Studies 3 (spawning ground surveys) and 4 (acquisition of scale samples). Modification 8 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 825 expires on December 31, 1997.

Notice was published on April 9, 1997 (62 FR 17178) that an application had been filed by ICFWRU for modification 2 to scientific research permit 994 (P497D). Modification 2 to permit 994 was issued to ICFWRU on May 19, 1997. Permit 994 authorizes ICFWRU annual takes of adult, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) and adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to assess the passage success of migrating adult salmonids at the four dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest, evaluate fish responses to specific flow and spill conditions, and evaluate measures to improve passage. For modification 2, ICFWRU is authorized an increase in the take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a new study designed to determine if adult salmon successfully return to natal streams or hatcheries and if homing is affected by mode of seaward migration (in-river versus transport). Modification 2 is valid in 1997 only. Permit 994 expires on December 31, 2000.

Notice was published on March 11, 1997 (62 FR 11158) that an application had been filed by USGS for modification 2 to scientific research permit 956 (P45S). Modification 2 to permit 956 was issued to USGS on May 21, 1997. Permit 956 authorizes

USGS an annual take of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and

artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a study designed to obtain data on the distribution, abundance, movement, and habitat preferences of the anadromous fish that migrate through Lower Granite Reservoir; to evaluate the operation of a surface bypass collector in the forebay of Lower Granite Dam; and to verify species of hydroacoustic surveys. For modification 2, USGS is authorized an annual take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with research designed to evaluate juvenile fall chinook salmon use of the surface bypass collector at Lower Granite Dam. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 956 expires on September 30, 1999.

Issuance of the modifications to permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061297B]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 779-1339

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149, as been issued a permit to take a variety of marine mammals during level B harassment and biopsy sampling for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2532 (813/570-5301).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 7, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 165620) that a request for a scientific research permit to take cetaceans had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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 (ESA; 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).

Issuance of this permit as required by the ESA 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 ESA.

Dated: July 8, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070297C]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of public display permit no. 116-1380

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Sea World Inc., has been issued a permit to import for public display purposes.

ADDRESSES: The permit is available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources,