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Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9731 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (813/570-5301); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Ste 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 (310/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ann Hochman, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Wednesday, May 14, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 26476) that an application had been filed by Sea World, Inc., Orlando, FL. A public display permit was requested to import one adult male beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) from the Vancouver Aquarium, Stanley Park, British Columbia, Canada, into the United States for public display purposes.

The requested permit has been issued subject to the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), and the conditions set forth therein.

Dated: July 9, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071197B]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Institute of Geophysics and Planetary Physics (0225), 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, California 92093-0225, has requested an adjustment to the expiration date of Permit No. 970.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 15, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment is requested 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 222.23).

Permit No. 970 authorizes the harassment of individuals of several species of cetaceans during the course of acoustic studies off the north shore of Kauai, HI through September 30, 1997. Research has not yet begun, and the Holder is requesting that the expiration date of the permit be adjusted to compensate for the approximately two year delay in the start of the research program. Comments are requested only on the issue of adjusting the expiration date of the permit to compensate for the approximately 2-year delay in the start of the research program.

Dated: July 10, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Wednesday, July 23, 1997; 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 420, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Open to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

FY 1999 Budget Request

The Commission will consider issues related to the Commission's budget for fiscal year 1999.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Date: July 14, 1997.

Signed:

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Thursday, July 24, 1997, 2:00 p.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the public

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

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CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Date: July 14, 1997.

Signed:

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Armed Forces Epidemiological Board (AFEB)

AGENCY: Office of the Surgeon General.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of Public Law 92-463, The Federal Advisory Committee Act, this announces the forthcoming AFEB Meeting. The meeting will be held from 0800-1630, Thursday and Friday, August 21-22. The purpose of the meeting is to address pending Board issues, provide briefings for Board members on topics related to ongoing and new Board issues, and to conduct an executive working session. The meeting location will be at the Walter Reed Army Institute Research (WRAIR), Washington, D.C. The meeting will be open to the public, but limited by space accommodations. Any interested person may attend, appear before or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Col. Vicky Fogelman, AFEB Executive Secretary, Armed Forces Epidemiological Board, Skyline Six, 5109 Leesburg Pike, Room 693, Falls Church, Virginia 22041-3258, (703) 681-8012/4.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Gregory D. Showalter,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report/ Feasibility Study (EIS/EIR/FS) for the Oakland Harbor Navigation Improvement (- 50') Project, Alameda County, California

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The Port of Oakland proposes to deepen the federal channels of Oakland Harbor and Port-maintained berths to a depth of 50' below mean lower low water (MLLW) to accommodate the newest generation of deep-draft container ships. In constructing this Project, the Port expects to dredge up to 20 million cubic yards (MCY) of sediment. A variety of disposal options are under consideration.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions regarding the scoping process or preparation of the EIS/EIR/FS may be directed to Gail Staba, Port of Oakland,

530 Water Street, Oakland, CA 94607, (510) 272-1479, or Eric Jolliffe, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 333 Market Street, Seventh Floor, San Francisco, CA 94105-2102, (415) 977-8543.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR Parts 1500-1508), the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), and Public Law 102-484 Section 2834, as amended by Public Law 104-106 Section 2867, the Department of the Army and the Port of Oakland hereby give notice of intent to prepare a joint Environmental Impact Statement/ Environmental Impact Report/ Feasibility Study (EIS/EIR/FS) for the proposed Oakland Harbor Navigation Improvement (- 50') Project (Project), Alameda County, California.

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will be the lead agency in preparing the combined EIS/EIR/FS. The EIS/EIR/FS will provide an analysis supporting both the requirements of NEPA and CEQA in addressing impacts to the environment which may result from dredging the Port's Inner and Outer Harbor Channels to 50' below MLLW and disposing of dredged sediments.

The FS is normally prepared by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to identify a Federal interest in a proposed navigation improvement project. The FS is necessary to obtain congressional authorization and funding for the project pursuant to the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) of 1986. Under the provisions of Section 203 of the WRDA, the Port will prepare this feasibility analysis directly, as part of the necessary EIS/EIR documentation, and will submit the studies directly to the Secretary of the Army with the intent of obtaining authorization for the project to be included in the WRDA of 1998.

1. Proposed Action

The specific improvements under consideration include:

- a. Deepening and widening the Oakland Bar Channel and Approach.
- b. Deepening and widening the Oakland Outer Harbor Channel.
- c. Modifying the Bay Area Rapid Transit (BART) submarine rail tube structure and/or anode cables.
- d. Deepening and widening the Oakland Outer Harbor turning basin.
- e. Deepening and widening the Oakland Inner Harbor turning basin.
- f. Deepening and widening the Oakland Inner Harbor Channel.

Up to approximately 20 MCY of material will require dredging and

disposal as part of this proposed project. The sediment to be dredged will be classified as Suitable for Unconfined Aquatic Disposal (SUAD) or Not Acceptable for Unconfined Aquatic Disposal (NUAD) as designated by Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) protocol for sediment chemistry and bioassay testing.

2. Project Alternatives

a. No Project: Area would remain at current 42' depth and footprint.

b. Provision of *Unrestricted Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include a - 50' depth, 750' wide, one-way traffic Inner Harbor channel, a 1500' diameter Inner Harbor turning basin, a - 50' depth, widened to 1000' two-way traffic Outer Harbor channel, and a 1600' diameter Outer Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes five berths would be constructed at the entrance of Inner Harbor as a result of the Vision 2000 project, and one replacement marine terminal would be constructed as part of the Berth 22 extension.

c. Provisions of *Inner Harbor One-way Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include the existing - 42' depth and footprint in the Outer Harbor, a - 50' depth, 750' wide one-way traffic Inner Harbor channel, and a 1500' diameter Inner Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes five berths would be constructed at the entrance to the Inner Harbor as a result of the Vision 2000 project.

d. Provisions of *Outer Harbor Two-way Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include the existing - 42' depth and footprint in the Inner Harbor, a - 50' depth, 1000' wide two-way traffic Outer Harbor channel, and a 1600' diameter Outer Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes that one replacement marine terminal would be constructed as part of the Berth 22 extension.

e. Provisions of *Outer Harbor One-way Access* for "K" Class Shipping Requirements: The project would include the existing - 42' depth and footprint in Inner Harbor, a - 50' depth, 750' wide one-way traffic Outer Harbor channel, and a 1600' diameter Outer Harbor turning basin. This alternative assumes that one replacement marine terminal would be constructed as part of the Berth 22 extension.

3. Dredged Material Disposal Alternatives

a. Aquatic disposal at San Francisco Deep Ocean Disposal Site (SF-DODS) or