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Peter Hale,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120897A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Revision of Species on Candidate Species List Under the Endangered Species Act

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

ACTION: Notice of modification to list of candidate species.

SUMMARY: NMFS revises its candidate species list in regard to Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

ADDRESSES: Comments and reliable documentation concerning this revision should be sent to the Chief of Endangered Species, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, F/PR3, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Chu or Terri Jordan at (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published today, NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) renamed the Seven Rivers Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Atlantic Salmon the Gulf of Maine DPS in order to allow future inclusion in the DPS those extant populations from the Kennebec River north to, but not including, the St. Croix River. NMFS believes that the populations previously identified in Togus Stream, a tributary to the Kennebec River, and Cove Brook, a tributary to the Penobscot River, and other extant river populations warrant further investigation and may warrant future inclusion in the Gulf of Maine DPS.

NMFS previously identified populations of Atlantic Salmon in the Kennebec River, Penobscot River, Tunk Stream, and St. Croix River as candidate species and included them in the July 14, 1997, candidate notice of review (62 FR 37560). With this notice, NMFS revises its List of Candidate Species to include the Gulf of Maine DPS of Atlantic salmon, which includes some of the populations previously identified as candidate species. In addition, NMFS notes that the proposed rule to list the Seven Rivers DPS as threatened under the ESA (60 FR 50530) was withdrawn in a notice published today.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

TABLE 1.—Revised List of Candidate Species

Common name	Scientific name	Family	Area of concern
Atlantic salmon*	Salmo salar.	Salmonidae.	Gulf of Maine DPS.

*This is a revision of the listing for "Atlantic Salmon" found in the table at 62 FR 37562, July 14, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120497A]

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

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. 1016 submitted by Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 (562/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 28, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 55787) that an amendment of permit no. 1016, issued October 16, 1996 (61 FR 53901) had been requested by the above-name organization. The requested amendment 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).

The permittee currently has authorization to harass several species of stranded rehabilitated and permanently captive pinnipeds and small cetaceans in order to measure their interaction with fishing gear and to determine the effect of introducing an auditory stimulus (i.e., pinger) on responses. The research is authorized to be conducted over a five year period. The permit has been amended to authorize: the addition of 2 pinger trials and 2 net trials with 14 of the 18 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently authorized to be involved in motivational state trials; and an increase in the number of California sea lions to be used in the naive trials from 30 to 40.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Soliciting Applications for Membership on Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office is seeking five members for the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs. Member terms would begin on January 1, 1998. A member must be an organization that is representative of the intellectual property community, e.g., a bar group, a business organization or an academic institution. Organizations interested in membership should send a letter expressing that interest and containing the information set out in the