

Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2941).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 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.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 848-1335, issued on June 10, 1997 (62 FR 32586) 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 FR 222.23).

The permit holder is currently authorized to conduct population assessment, disease assessment, recovery actions, and pelagic ecology studies of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll, through May 31, 2002. The permit holder is now requesting authorization to conduct sedation studies on up to 10 captive, unreleasable, female Hawaiian monk seals. The purpose of the proposed study is to determine the safety and efficacy of various drugs for sedating monk seals in the field. Biological specimens (i.e., blood (35 cc), swabs from natural orifices, and 6 mm blubber biopsy punches) will be collected from the animals during the sedation trials.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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.

Dated: April 9, 1998.

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. 032598B]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 895-1450)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Ms. Rachel Cartwright, 10 Greave, Romiley, Stockport, Cheshire SK6 4PU, England, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before May 15, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application 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);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit 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).

The purpose of the proposed research is to study humpback whale calf behavior and development in Hawaii waters, over a three year period.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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.

Dated: April 9, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

April 10, 1998.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a guaranteed access level.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 15, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this level, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin

boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

Upon a request from the Government of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Government agreed to increase the current guaranteed access level for Category 433.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67622, published on December 29, 1997.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 10, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during 1998.

Effective on April 15, 1998, you are directed to increase the guaranteed access level for Category 433 to 41,000 dozen.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

AmeriCorps State Formula Program Grants: North Dakota and South Dakota

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds for new and renewal grants; notice of

availability of 1998 application guidelines.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$450,000 to support new national service programs in North Dakota and approximately \$450,000 to support new and renewal national service programs in South Dakota. (CFDA #94.004).

DATES: To be considered, applications must be received by 3:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, June 23, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applications must be submitted to the Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue NW., Box SND, Washington, DC 20525. Facsimiles will not be accepted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: For further information contact James Cooper, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20525, phone (202) 606-5000, ext. 149, TDD (202) 565-2799.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Application guidelines may be obtained by calling Tanya Archie, Corporation for National Service, (202) 606-5000, ext. 476.

These funds are authorized under the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended, and represent the statute's population-based provision of program assistance formula funds that, in most cases, flow through approved state commissions on national and community service. Because neither North Dakota nor South Dakota currently maintains an approved state commission or alternative administrative entity, eligible entities may apply directly to the Corporation for formula funds. Local government agencies, institutions of higher education, public or private nonprofit organizations, and Indian Tribes in North Dakota and South Dakota are eligible entities. An organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities is not eligible for these funds.

Requirements relating to this assistance are published at 45 CFR Parts 2510 *et seq.* and are further described in the application guidelines. The Corporation will also provide *Principles for High Quality National Service Programs*, which includes program examples, upon request.

Organizations interested in applying for these program funds may participate in one of two conference calls to be held on May 8, 1998 and June 5, 1998, respectively, during which Corporation

staff will provide technical assistance to potential applicants. The calls will begin at 1:00 p.m. and conclude at 3:00 p.m. (EST). To register for either call, please contact Rosa Harrison, at (202) 606-5000, ext. 433. Upon registration, you will be apprised of the applicable 800 number needed for participation.

The provision of these grants is subject to the availability of appropriated funds.

Dated: April 9, 1998.

Kenneth L. Klothen,

General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for New Foster Grandparent Projects—Nationwide

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") announces the availability of up to \$3,000,000 to support 684 Foster Grandparents in new geographic areas that do not fall within approved geographic service areas of current Foster Grandparent program sponsors or urban areas or large counties where the project serves only part of the city or county. Approximately \$1,500,000 will be made available to support each of two national organizations and six of their local affiliates. Each national organization will be expected to provide coordination, networking, and training and technical assistance to its local affiliates. The affiliates of each national organization will support a total of approximately 337 Foster Grandparents for each national organization. Awards will cover a twelve-month period and can be renewed for up to twenty-four additional months contingent upon the continuing need for the projects, performance and the availability of appropriations. This allows the Corporation to fund multi-state and multi-site projects that are national in scope and build on the existing networks of the national organizations. The Corporation is seeking national organizations that are willing to actively promote senior service within their own networks and that view older volunteers as an important resource in accomplishing their own objectives.

The purpose of the Foster Grandparent Program is to provide