

from June 8–12, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. This public meeting will be on Tuesday, June 9 at 7:00 P.M. in the Admiral Room, Raymond M. Blasco M.D. Memorial Library, 160 East Front Street, Erie, Pennsylvania 16507.

The Alaska Coastal Management Program site visit will be from June 9–18, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be on Thursday, June 11, 1998, at 7:00 P.M. at the Anchorage Legislative Information Office, 716 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 200. Teleconference connections will be provided between Anchorage and the coastal communities of Ketchikan, Sitka, Juneau, Cordova, Valdez, Kenai, Kodiak, Dillingham, Bethel, Nome, Kotzebue, and Barrow.

Each State will issue notice of the public meeting in a local newspaper at least 45 days prior to the public meeting, and will issue other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the States, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting. Please direct written comments to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division (PCD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713-3090, ext. 126.

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Dated: May 1, 1998.

Nancy Foster,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050598B]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Fred Sharpe, Behavioral Ecology Research Group, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5A 1S6, Canada, has applied in due form for a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 10, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99801 (907/586-7221).

Written comments 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, 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 amendment 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: Ms. 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.*), 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: examine the behavior, social structure and foraging ecology of North Pacific humpback whales through passive observation (photo-identification, hydrophone recordings, video recording), side-scan sonar, playbacks of humpback whale sounds, and suction cup tagging with "critter cam" dive tags; and obtain opportunistic photo-identification images and recordings of killer whales. Up to 390 humpback whales may be harassed annually during these activities (only 18 of this number may be suction cup tagged annually). Up to 300 killer whales may be harassed annually during photo-identification studies. Research activities will be conducted over a five-year period in southeast Alaska waters.

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: May 6, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Registration for Scientific and Technical Information Services; DD Form 1540; OMB Number 0704-0264.

Type of Request: Extension.
Number of Respondents: 500.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.