

Douglas P. DeMaster, Director, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 782-1355.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before August 17, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The application (File No. 481-1464), amendment request (Permit No. 782-1355), 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, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (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:** Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit application and amendment to Permit No. 782-1355, issued on July 15, 1997 (62 FR 39826) are 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 (ESA; 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).

Dr. Richardson (File No. 481-1464) requests authorization to study the feeding ecology of bowhead whales in the eastern Alaskan Beaufort Sea through aerial surveys and sampling of prey species.

Permit No. 782-1355 authorizes the permit holder to take Pacific Harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in the following manner: Harass during census flights; capture, restrain, measure (weight length, girth), sample (flipper punch, vibrissa, blood, blubber/muscle biopsy, ultra sound, enema), radio tag, flipper tag, and release 500 animals; and incidentally harass up to 2000 during the conduct of these activities, and during collection of scat samples from haulouts. The permit holder requests authorization to: increase the number of seals instrumented with time-depth recorders, biopsy sampled, and harassed.

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 activities proposed are 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: July 7, 1998.

**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 22, 1998, 10:00 a.m.

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

**STATUS:** Open to the Public.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:**

*FY 2000 Budget Request*

The Commission will consider issues related to the Commission's budget for fiscal year 2000.

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) 504-8000.

Dated: July 13, 1998.

**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:** Monday, July 27, 1998, 2:00 p.m.

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

**STATUS:** Closed to the Public.

**MATTERS 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.

Dated: July 14, 1998.

**Sadye E. Dunn,**

*Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### TRICARE Senior Demonstration of Military Managed Care

**AGENCY:** Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Health Affairs).

**ACTION:** Notice of demonstration project.

**SUMMARY:** This notice is to advise interested parties of a demonstration project in which the Department of Defense (DoD) will provide health care services to Medicare-eligible military retirees in a managed care program, called TRICARE Senior, and receive reimbursement for such care from the Medicare Trust Fund. The program is authorized by section 1896 of the Social Security Act, amended by section 4015 of the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 (P.L. 105-33). The statute authorizes DoD and the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to conduct at six sites during January 1998 through December 2000, a three-year demonstration under which dual-eligible beneficiaries will be