

Services' concerns regarding the species. NMFS will retain Atlantic sturgeon on its list of candidate species in order to continue to monitor the species' status.

The candidate species list serves to notify the public that NMFS has concerns regarding these species/vertebrate populations that may warrant listing it as a threatened or endangered species in the future, and it facilitates voluntary conservation efforts. NMFS believes it is important to highlight candidate species so that Federal and state agencies, Native American tribes, and the private sector are aware of which species could benefit from proactive conservation efforts and to take these species into account in project planning.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

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Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081998D]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that LGL Limited, environmental research associates, 22 Fisher Street, P.O. Box

280, King City, Ontario, Canada L7B 1A6, has been issued a permit to take bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) and beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907/586-7012).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 17, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 38557) that a request for a scientific research permit to take bowhead whales, ringed seals, bearded seals, and beluga whales had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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 (ESA) 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 part 222).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the

endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 24, 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

[Transmittal No. 98-52]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-52, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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