

recommendations to the Council regarding the extent of Federal waters off Texas that will be closed in 2000 concurrently with the closure of Texas waters. Finally, the Shrimp AP will review a draft of an Options paper for Amendment 10 to the Shrimp Fishery Management Plan. This options paper contains provisions for requiring additional measures to reduce bycatch in the shrimp fishery, particularly on the west coast of Florida, south and east of 85°30' W. long. Measures being considered include area and/or seasonal closures as well as bycatch reduction devices.

The Shrimp AP consists principally of commercial shrimp fishermen, dealers, and association representatives. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the AP for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by December 29, 1999.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

Gary C. Matlock,

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111699A]

Marine Mammals; File No. P598

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 987 issued to Dr. Jim Darling, Box 384, Tofino, B.C., Canada

VO4 2Z0, was amended to extend the expiration date to September 30, 2000.

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

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

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

Protected Resources Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700 (808/973-2937).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 23, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 51518) that an amendment of Permit No. 987, issued June 20, 1996 (61 FR 34801), had been requested by the above-named individual. The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of 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 provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR part 222-226).

Issuance of this permit, 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: November 24, 1999.

Thomas J. McIntyre,

*Acting 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. 110899C]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 731-1509-01)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Biology Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova Scotia, B3H 4J1 Canada, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 731-1509-00.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 13, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 25875) that Dr. Robin W. Baird had applied in due form for a permit to take several species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research. Permit No. 731-1509-00 was subsequently issued on July 23, 1999, which authorized a portion of the requested activities (*i.e.*, photo-identification and suction cup tagging of non-listed species of cetaceans in the Pacific Ocean, and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) and fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*) in the Mediterranean and Ligurian Seas. The permit has now been amended to authorize the taking of listed species of cetaceans in the Pacific Ocean.

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.*), 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.

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