

copies are also available for viewing, and partial or complete duplication, at the following libraries: Olympia Timberland Library, Reference Desk, 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA, (360)352-0595; Tacoma Main Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA, (253)591-5666; Enumclaw City Library, 1700 1st Street, Enumclaw, WA, (360)825-2938; Auburn Public Library, 808 9th Street SE, Auburn, WA, (253)931-3918; and, Seattle Public Library, Government Publications Desk, 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA, (206)386-4636. The documents are also available electronically on the World Wide Web at <http://www.r1.fws.gov/>.

Written comments on the permit application, Environmental Impact Statement, Plan, and Implementing Agreement should be sent to Tim Romanski, Project Biologist, FWS, 510 Desmond Drive, SE., Suite 102, Lacey, WA, 98503-1273, (telephone: 360/753-5823; facsimile: 360/534-9331), or Mike Grady, Project Biologist, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive, SE., Suite 103, Lacey, Washington, 98503-1273 (telephone: 360/753-6052; facsimile: 360/753-9517). Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. Comments and materials received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (360)534-9330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tim Romanski, FWS, (phone: 360/753-5823, fax: 360/534-9331, e-mail: Tim_Romanski@r1.fws.gov), or Mike Grady, NMFS, (phone: 360/753-6052, fax: 360/753-9517, e-mail: Michael_Grady_AT-NMFS-OFO.1PO-OLES.FWCC_1POHUB@fws.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The original **Federal Register** publication announcing the public comment period for this project was announced on January 14, 2000 (65 FR 2390). That notice stated that comments would be accepted through March 14, 2000. The purpose of this extension is to provide additional review and comment time in response to requests from several parties.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

Thomas J. Dwyer,

Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.

Dated: March 10, 2000.

Wanda L. Cain,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021000D]

International Whaling Commission; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice defines guidelines for participating on the Committee, provides a tentative schedule of meetings and of important dates, and describes the procedure for submitting nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings.

DATES: The March 21, 2000, Interagency Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings are due on April 1, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for tentative 2000 meeting schedules.

ADDRESSES: The March 21, 2000, meeting will be held in Room B841-A, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230. Copies of nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings should be sent to Cathy Campbell, Office of International Affairs, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Room 6228, Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cathy Campbell, (202) 482-2652.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The March 21, 2000, Interagency Committee meeting will review recent events relating to the IWC and issues that will arise at the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who is also the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. The U.S. Commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the

Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts meetings and other activities to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide input in the development of policy by individuals and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in United States whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

Tentative Meeting Schedule

The tentative schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 2000 follows. Specific locations and times will be published in the **Federal Register**.

March 21, 2000 (Rm B841-A, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C.): Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

April 1, 2000: Nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings are due to the U.S. Commissioner, with a copy to Cathy Campbell (see **ADDRESSES**). All persons wishing to be considered for the U.S. Commissioner's recommendation to the Department of State concerning the composition of the delegation should ensure that nominations are received by this date. Prospective Congressional advisors to the Delegation should contact the Department of State directly.

May 17, 2000 (Rm 4830, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C.): Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

June 12–13, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia): IWC Scientific Committee Working Groups and Sub-committees.

June 14–26, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia): IWC Scientific Committee.

June 28 - July 1, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia): IWC Commission Committees, Sub-committees and Working Groups.

July 3–6, 2000 (Adelaide, Australia): IWC 52nd Annual Meeting.

Special Accommodations

Department of Commerce meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cathy Campbell (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 2, 2000.

Art Jeffers,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021100C]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 642–1536–00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of Permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Joseph R. Mobley, Jr., Ph.D., University of Hawaii - West Oahu, 96–129 to take (*i.e.*, harass) several species of cetaceans in Hawaiian waters 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);

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, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4700;

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 3, 1999, notice was published in the Federal Register (64 FR 67882) that a request for a scientific research permit to take several species of cetaceans for purposes of scientific research had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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 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 parts 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: March 3, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 00–C0007]

Tacoma Electric, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1115.20(4). Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with Tacoma Electric Supply, Inc., containing monetary payments totalling between \$205,000 and \$375,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comments on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by March 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comment to the Comment 00–C0007, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margaret H. Plank, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504–0626, 1450.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: March 9, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

Consent Agreement

This Consent Agreement is made by and between the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and Tacoma Electric Supply, Inc. (“Tacoma”), a domestic corporation, to settle the staff’s allegations that Tacoma distributed in commerce certain allegedly defective in-wall electric heaters manufactured by Cadet Manufacturing Company (“Cadet”), a domestic corporation, with its principal place of business located at 2500 West Fourth Plain Boulevard, Vancouver, Washington 98660.

Parties

1. The “staff” is the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (“the CPSC” or “the Commission”), an independent regulatory agency of the United States of America, established by Congress pursuant to Section 4 of the Consumer Product Safety Act (“CPSA”), 15 U.S.C. 2053, as amended.

2. Respondent Tacoma is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Washington, with its principal place of business located at 1311 South Tacoma Way, Tacoma, WA 98409. Tacoma is a distributor of electrical materials and products.

Subject Matter

3. Since approximately 1978, Cadet has allegedly manufactured, sold and/or distributed in commerce in-wall electric heaters for use in homes and residences under the brand names “Cadet” and “Encore.” These include all models and variants within each model of the series FW (including models FW–051, FW–101, FW–122, FW–202, and FW–751), manufactured between 1978 and 1987, series FX (including models FX–051, FX–052, FX–071, FX–072, FX–101, FX–102, FX–122, FX–151, FX–152, FX–202, and FX–242), manufactured between