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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 473-1433-02.

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. 473-1433-01, issued to Janice Straley, University of Southeast Alaska, 1332 Seward Avenue, Sitka, Alaska 99835-9498, was amended.

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); and Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, 4th Floor, Juneau, Alaska 99801, (907/586-7221).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 15, 2000, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (65 FR 49785) that an amendment of Permit No. 473-1433, issued December 23, 1997 (62 FR 67052), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted 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 and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The permit has been amended to authorize: (1) 100 sperm whale takes (*Physeter catodon*) by photo-identification; (2) 5 sperm whale takes by suction cup tagging for critter cam; and (3) 25 sperm whale takes for harassment incidental to suction cup

tagging with critter cam. No comments were received from the public on this permit amendment.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force Precision Targeting will meet in closed session March 29-30, 2001; April 19-20, 2001; May 10-11, 2001; June 14-15, 2001; and July 26-27, 2001, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201. The Task Force will examine the full range of the precision weapons targeting in tactical military operations, from target execution, location, and identification through mission execution and damage assessment. Target types will include fixed installations and both transportable and mobile military force elements.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. The Task Force will review: All planned precision weapons programs and procurements to determine the degree to which these weapons are compatible with targeting requirements for different target classes; the degree to which existing and planned reconnaissance and surveillance assets are used to effectively develop target sets, real time targeting data and perform battle damage assessment under varied degrees of cover, concealment and deception; our ability to identify and precisely locate targets while minimizing false alarms using automatic target recognition techniques and

precision location technologies; and our ability to attack moving targets.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Managed Information Dissemination Follow-On Initiative will meet in closed session on February 22-23, 2001, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will review the need and feasibility of a coordinated information dissemination capability within the U.S. Government encompassing tactical, operational, and strategic information. Specifically, they will investigate: detailed and actionable recommendations with respect to enabling "channels" and establishing appropriate "brand identity"; DoD's role in a U.S. strategic information dissemination capability; policy, legal, and economic issues hindering U.S. capabilities; and identify new and emerging technologies capable of enhancing U.S. capabilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will review and evaluate the Department's ability to provide information.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board meeting, concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (1), and that accordingly