

Level B Harassment of non-listed marine mammals for photographic purposes.

The applicant proposes to film up to 200 bottlenose dolphins feeding on the mud banks of Hilton Head, South Carolina for Sir David Attenborough's series, *The Life of Mammals*, which will air on the BBC in the United Kingdom and on The Discovery Channel in the United States. Filming will take place for approximately 17 days during the month of October, 2001.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular 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 by other electronic media.

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: May 31, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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. 053001C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 774- 1634-00

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Karin A. Forney) has applied in due form for a permit to take, primarily, the eastern and southern 'Whitebelly' stocks of spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris orientalis*) and the northeastern offshore and coastal stocks of pantropical spotted dolphin (*Stenella attenuata graffmani*). Additional species that may be encircled and sampled include: short-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), long-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus capensis*), spotted dolphin (*Stenella attenuata*), southern/western stock spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris centroamericana*), Central American stock striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Fraser's dolphin (*Lagenodelphis hosei*), Pacific white-sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), rough-toothed dolphin (*Steno bredanensis*), Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), pilot whale (*Globicephala spp.*), and melon-headed whale (*Peponocephala electra*), for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before July 6, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The application, accompanying Environmental Assessment, and other related documents are available for review by written request, by downloading from the internet, or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376, or the Permits Division's web page, (<http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot-res/overview/permits.html>); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018, or the Center's web page (<http://swfsc.ucsd.edu>).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams, Ph.D., (301) 713-2289).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant proposes to take the above mentioned species in a research project that covers the "experiment involving the repeated chasing and capturing of dolphins by means of intentional encirclement", as mandated in the 1997 International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) (MMPA, Sec. 304 (a)(3)(C)) as one component of stress studies on dolphins involved in the eastern tropical Pacific tuna purse seine fishery. The objective of the experiment, as outlined in the law, is to "evaluate whether the intentional deployment on, or encirclement of, dolphins by purse-seine nets is having a significant adverse impact on any depleted dolphin stock." The requested studies will include several complementary research projects that address different ways in which chase and capture stress may manifest itself in individual dolphins involved in tuna purse seine operations. The number of animals and research techniques that will be used for evaluating stress are outlined in the following table:

BROKEN DOWN BY COMBINATION OF TAKE TYPES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL

	TOTAL	Not handled		Re- strained in water	Handled in raft and examined					
		Set Only	Biopsy (Adult)		Skin Swab (Calf)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)
Number of dolphins: <i>Set-related takes</i>	24,000	21360	1800	300	20	5	15	50	445	5
Chase		X	x	x						
Helicopter overflight		x	x	x						

BROKEN DOWN BY COMBINATION OF TAKE TYPES FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL—Continued

	TOTAL	Not handled			Re- strained in water	Handled in raft and examined						
		Set Only	Biopsy (Adult)	Skin Swab (Calf)		(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	(Adults only)	
Encirclement		x	x	x								
Photographed		x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Biopsy			x									
Calf skin swab				x								
<i>Handling-related takes</i>												
Blood sample					x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Saddle Package - Radio tag					x							
Saddle Package - Satellite tag							x					
Saddle Package - Thermal tag								x				
Roto-Radio Tag											x	
Roto Tag									x			
Suction Cup Package - Thermal												x
Core temperature probe					x			x				x
Skin sample					x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Ultrasound					x	x	x	x	x	x		x
EKG					x	x	x	x	x	x		x
Accidental mortality					40 inclusive of all species ¹							

¹This dolphin mortality will be part of the IATTC Director's Reserve under the annual Dolphin Mortality Limits (DMLs) set for the fishery. It will replace any mortality that the chartered fishing vessel would have caused if it had been engaged in normal fishing operations.

Scientific research permits are generally categorically excluded from National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) (NEPA) requirements to prepare an EA or EIS; however, because of the impacts to the species involved and the intense public interest in this project, NMFS, in compliance with NEPA, has determined that an environmental assessment (EA) is warranted. The draft EA is a companion document to the scientific research permit application and is available for review simultaneously.

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE
AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain
Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile
Products Produced or Manufactured in
Pakistan**

June 1, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements
(CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs adjusting
limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross
Arnold, International Trade Specialist,
Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S.
Department of Commerce, (202) 482-
4212. For information on the quota
status of these limits, refer to the Quota
Status Reports posted on the bulletin
boards of each Customs port, call (202)
927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs
website at <http://www.customs.gov>. For
information on embargoes and quota re-
openings, refer to the Office of Textiles

and Apparel website at [http://
www.otexa.ita.doc.gov](http://www.otexa.ita.doc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural
Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);
Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as
amended.

The current limits are being adjusted
for carryover and the recrediting of
unused carryforward applied in
agreement year 2000.

A description of the textile and
apparel categories in terms of HTS
numbers is available in the
CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel
Categories with the Harmonized Tariff
Schedule of the United States (see
Federal Register notice 65 FR 82328,
published on December 28, 2000). Also
see 64 FR 66972, published on
November 8, 2000.

J. Hayden Boyd,

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile
Agreements**

June 1, 2001.

Commissioner of Customs,
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC
20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive
amends, but does not cancel, the directive
issued to you on November 2, 2000, by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. That directive
concerns imports of certain cotton and man-
made fiber textile products, produced or
manufactured in Pakistan and exported
during the twelve-month period which began