

SUMMARY: On June 11, 2001, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced its intent to prepare an environmental impact statement on the Proposed Indiana Coastal Zone Management Program (66 FR 31215). The public scoping period began with the publication of that notice in the **Federal Register**. Notice is hereby given of a new closing date for submission of written comments of August 6, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, tel. 301-713-3155, extension 195, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov.

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Dated: July 2, 2001.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061501D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 358-1564-00

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, 1255 W. 8th Street, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, Alaska 99802-5526 [P.I. Thomas Gelatt], has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit Number 358-1564-00.

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

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request 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 (301/713-2289); and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7248).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 amendment 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 other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 358-1564-00, issued on June 28, 2000 (65 FR 39878) is requested 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 and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 358-1564-00 authorizes the permit holder to: take Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) of all ages and both sexes over a five-year period in Alaska and British Columbia by aerial/boat surveys, capturing, handling, tagging, blood/biopsy sampling, and branding (of pups). The permit holder requests authorization to: administer Evans blue dye, collect additional blood and tissue samples from, and attachment of instruments to Steller sea lions already authorized to be captured and handled, and increase the frequency of aerial surveys and recaptures for purposes of scientific research.

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.

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: June 27, 2001.

Ann Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 209 (c)(1) and 37 CFR Part 404.7 (a)(1)(i), SBCCOM hereby gives notice that it is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States to practice the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Application 09/662,787, "Method and Apparatus for Counting Submicron Sized Particles", 09/662,788, "Method and System for Detecting and Recording Submicron Sized Particles", and U.S. Patent 6,051,189, "System and Method for Detection, Identification and Monitoring of Submicron-Sized Particles" to Virus Detection System Co, LLC, 245 C. Street, Suite 01, P.O. Box 378, Solomons, MD 20688.

This technology relates to a system and method for detection, identification, and monitoring of submicron sized particles, the method includes the steps of collecting a sample, extracting existing submicron particles from the collected sample based on density, purifying the extracted submicron particles by concentrating the extracted submicron particles based on size and, detecting and identifying the purified extracted submicron particles based on size and density thereby determining submicron particles present in the collected sample. The submicron particles detected and identified include viruses and virus-like agents such as prions. Thus, virus and virus-like agents can be detected and identified based only on their physical properties without the use of biochemical reagents or assays. A system for carrying out the method of detection and identification of these particles is also disclosed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeffrey L. Hinte, Technology Transfer Office, U.S. Army SBCCOM, ATTN: AMSSB-RAS, 5183 Blackhawk Road (Bldg E3330), APG, MD 21010-5423,