

having a high purity surface passivated direct band gap semiconductor crystal of less than about 3 microns thick and a transparent hemispherical body in optical contact with the crystal. The crystal is itself cooled when illuminated with a laser beam tuned to a frequency no greater than the band gap edge frequency of the crystal. Cooling is caused by emission of photons of higher energy than photons entering the crystal, the additional energy being accounted for by a process of absorption of thermal phonons from the crystal lattice.

Dated: November 1, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Coastal Impact Assistance Program: Availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact on Approval of State Plans from Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact on approval of State plans from Alabama, Alaska, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas under the Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIAP). The Fiscal Year 2001 Appropriations Act for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State (Pub. L. 106-553) created the CIAP by amending the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act. The CIAP will direct approximately \$142 million to the outer continental shelf (OCS) oil and gas producing states of Alaska, Alabama, California, Florida, Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas and the approximately 150 coastal political subdivisions within those states to help mitigate the impacts of OCS activities and protect coastal resources. The CIAP required these states to submit Coastal Impact Assistance Plans to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) detailing how

the funds will be expended. NOAA must approve the plans before disbursing funds.

Three alternatives are available to NOAA pertaining to the CIAP: approve the State plans; conditionally approve the State plans; and deny approval of the State plans. NOAA's preferred alternative is to approve the State plans. NOAA finds that the State plans meet the requirements of the CIAP legislation. This alternative will have a beneficial effect on the environment because it will fulfill the intent of the legislation by helping to mitigate impacts from outer continental shelf oil and gas activities. The requirements of 40 CFR parts 1500-1508 (Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations to implement the National Environmental Policy Act) apply to the preparation of this Environmental Assessment. Specifically, 40 CFR 1506.6 requires agencies to provide public notice of the availability of environmental documents. This notice is part of NOAA's action to comply with this requirement.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact may be found on the NOAA Web site at <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/cpd/> or may be obtained upon request from: John R. King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov.

DATES: Individuals or organizations wishing to submit comments on the Environmental Assessment should do so by December 16, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be made to: John R. King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John R. King, Acting Chief, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, phone (301) 713-3155, x188, e-mail john.king@noaa.gov.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: November 6, 2001.

Alan Neuschatz,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Information Officer, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, National Sea Grant College Program

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that applications may be submitted for a Fellowship program which was initiated by the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities, to provide educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students in marine and aquatic-related fields. The Fellowship program accepts applications once a year on or before May 1 for a one-year fellowship beginning February 1 of the following year. All applicants must submit an application to the local Sea Grant program in their state. Applicants from states not served by a Sea Grant program should obtain further information by contracting the Knauss Fellows Program Manager at the NSGO. **DATES:** Deadlines vary from program to program, but applications are generally due early to mid-April. Contact your state's Sea Grant program for specific deadlines (see list below). **ADDRESSES:** Applications should be addressed to your local Sea Grant program. Contact the appropriate state's Sea Grant program from the list below to obtain the mailing address, or the address may be obtained on the Web site <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/SGDirectors.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Nikola Garber, Knauss Fellows Program Manager, National Sea Grant College Program, R/SG, NOAA 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, Tel. (301) 713-2431 ext. 124; e-mail:

nikola.garber@noaa.gov. Also call your nearest Sea Grant program or visit the Web site <http://www.nsgo.seagrant.org/Knauss.html>.

Sea Grant Programs

Alabama, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (228) 875-9368
 Alaska, University of Alaska (907) 474-7086
 California, University of California, San Diego (858) 534-4440
 California, University of Southern California (213) 821-1335
 Connecticut, University of Connecticut (860) 405-9128
 Delaware, University of Delaware (302) 831-2841
 Florida, University of Florida (352) 392-5870
 Georgia, University of Georgia (706) 542-5954
 Hawaii, University of Hawaii (808) 956-7031
 Illinois, Purdue University (765) 494-3593
 Indiana, Purdue University (765) 494-3593
 Louisiana, Louisiana Sea Grant (225) 388-6710
 Maine, University of Maine (207) 581-1435
 Maryland, University of Maryland (301) 405-6371
 Massachusetts, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (617) 253-7131
 Massachusetts, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution (508) 289-2557
 Michigan, University of Michigan (734) 615-4084
 Minnesota, University of Minnesota (218) 726-8710
 Mississippi, Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium (228) 875-9368
 New Hampshire, University of New Hampshire (603) 862-0122
 New Jersey, New Jersey Marine Science Consortium (732) 872-1300 Ext. 21
 New York, New York Sea Grant Institute, SUNY (631) 632-6905
 North Carolina, North Carolina State University (919) 515-2454
 Ohio, Ohio State University, (614) 292-8949
 Oregon, Oregon State University (541) 737-2714
 Puerto Rico, University of Puerto Rico (787) 832-3585
 Rhode Island, University of Rhode Island (401) 874-6800
 South Carolina, South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium (843) 727-2078
 Texas, Texas A&M University (979) 845-3854
 Virginia, Virginia Graduate Marine Science Consortium (804) 924-5965
 Washington, University of Washington (206) 543-6600

Wisconsin, University of Wisconsin-Madison (608) 262-0905

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship, National Sea Grant College Program Purpose of the Fellowship Program In 1979, the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO), NOAA, in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities, initiated a program to provide a unique educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students who have an interest in ocean, coastal and Great Lakes resources and in the national policy decisions affecting these resources. The U.S. Congress recognized the value of this program and in 1987, Public Law 100-220 stipulated the Sea Grant Federal Fellows Program was to be a formal part of the National Sea Grant College Program Act. The recipients are designated Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellows pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1127(b). The National Sea Grant program is listed in the *Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance* under number 11.417: Sea Grant Support.

Announcement

Fellows program announcements are sent annually to all participating Sea Grant institutions and campuses by the local Sea Grant program upon receipt of notice from the NSGO.

Eligibility

Any student who, on May 1, 2002, is in a graduate or professional program in a marine or aquatic-related field at a United States accredited institution of higher education may apply to the NSGO through their local Sea Grant program.

How To Apply

Interested students should discuss this fellowship with their local Sea Grant Program Director. Applicants from states not served by a Sea Grant program should contact the Knauss Fellows Program Manager at the NSGO; subsequently, the applicant will be referred to the appropriate Sea Grant program. Applications must be submitted with signature to the local Sea Grant program by the deadline set in the announcement (usually early to mid-April). Each Sea Grant program may select and forward to the NSGO no more than five (5) applicants based on criteria used by the NSGO in the national competition.

Selected applications (one original and two copies) are to be received in the NSGO from the sponsoring Sea Grant program, no later than 5 p.m. EDT on May 1, 2002. The competitive selection

process and subsequent notification to the Sea Grant programs will be completed by June 14, 2002.

Stipend and Expenses

The local Sea Grant program receives and administers the overall grant of \$38,000 per student on behalf of each Fellow selected from their program. Of this grant, the local Sea Grant program provides \$32,000 to each Fellow for stipend and living expenses (per diem). The additional \$6,000 will be used to cover mandatory health insurance for the Fellow and moving expenses. In addition, any remaining funds shall be used during the Fellowship year, first to satisfy academic degree-related travel, and second for Fellowship-related travel. Indirect costs are not allowable for either the Fellowships or for any costs associated with the Fellowships, including placement week [15 CFR 917.11(e), National Sea Grant Program Funding Regulations]. No matching funds are required. During the Fellowship (February 1, 2003-January 31, 2004), the host may provide supplemental funds for work-related travel by the Fellow.

Application

An application must include:

(1) Personal and academic curriculum vitae (not to exceed two pages using 12 pt. font).

(2) A personal education and career goal statement emphasizing the applicant's abilities and the applicant's expectations from the experience in the way of career development (1000 words or less). Placement preference in the Legislative or Executive Branches of the Government may be stated; this preference will be honored to the extent possible.

(3) Two letters of recommendation, including one from the student's major professor; if no major professor exists, the faculty person academically knowing the applicant best may be substituted.

(4) A letter of endorsement from the sponsoring Sea Grant Program Director.

(5) Official copy of all undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.

Applications that are bound or contain staples will not be accepted. However, paperclips are acceptable.

All applicants will be evaluated solely on their application package according to the criteria listed below. Therefore, letters of endorsement from members of Congress, friends, relatives and others will not be accepted. Absolutely no prior contacts/arrangements are to be made with possible host offices.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria will include:

(1) Quality of the applicant's personal education and career goal statement.

(2) Endorsement/content of the letter from the applicant's Sea Grant Program Director, the applicant's major professor and second letter of recommendation.

(3) Strength of academic performance and diversity of educational background including extracurricular activities, awards and honors (from the curriculum vitae and transcripts).

(4) Experience in marine or aquatic-related fields, oral and written communication skills, and interpersonal abilities. The four evaluation criteria will be given equal weight.

Selection

Applicants will be individually reviewed and ranked, according to the criteria outlined above, by a panel appointed by the Director of the NSGO with input from the Sea Grant Association and the National Sea Grant Review Panel. The panel will include representation from the Sea Grant Association and the current, and possibly past, class of Fellows. Once the entire class is selected, based on the criteria listed, the Knauss Program Manager will then place the selected applicants into either the legislative or executive group based upon the applicant's stated preference and/or judgment of the panel based upon material submitted. Academic discipline and geographic representation may be considered by the National Sea Grant Office to provide overall balance. The number of fellows assigned to the Congress will be limited to 10.

Federal Policies and Procedures

Fellows receive funds directly from their sponsoring Sea Grant program and are considered to be subrecipients of Federal assistance. Hence, the Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2000 (66 FR 49917), are applicable to this solicitation.

Minority Serving Institutions Statement

Pursuant to Executive Orders 12876, 12900, and 13021, DOC/NOAA is strongly committed to broadening the participation of Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU), Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSI), and Tribal Colleges and Universities (TCU) in its educational and research programs. The DOC/NOAA vision, mission, and goals are to achieve full participation by Minority Serving

Institutions (MSI) in order to advance the development of human potential, to strengthen the Nation's capacity to provide high-quality education, and to increase opportunities for MSIs to participate in and benefit from Federal Financial Assistance programs. DOC/NOAA encourages applicants from MSI to participate. Institutions eligible to be considered HBCU/MSIs are listed at the following *Internet Website*: <http://www.ed.gov/offices/OCR/minorityinst.html>.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administration Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts according to 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2). Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. Application requirements have been approved by OMB under Control Number 0648-0362. Public reporting burden for an application is estimated to average 2 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Ms. Nikola Garber (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** above). The use off SF-LLL has been separately approved by OMB under Control Number 0348-0046.

Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Dated: October 7, 2001.

David L. Evans,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 1013-1648

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Patricia E. Mascarelli, Carribean Center for Marine Studies, P.O. Box 3197, Lajas, PR 00667, has applied in due form for a permit to take humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The application 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; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727) 570-5301; fax (727) 570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (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.*), 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 applicant proposes to harass humpback whales in Puerto Rican waters for purposes of photo-identification, passive acoustic recordings, and behavioral observations. Sloughed skin samples will also be collected for genetic analyses. The purpose of the study is to collect data on population abundance, distribution, and habitat use for management purposes. Spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*) and bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) may be incidentally harassed during the research.