

research permits are generally categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requirements to prepare an EA or environmental impact statement (EIS). However, because of the magnitude and intensity of proposed research, which is largely related to the recent funding opportunities, and the intense public interest in this species, NMFS determined that an EA was warranted. For additional information on recent funding, see the notice of availability of funds for the Steller Sea Lion Research Initiative (66 FR 15842). An EA was prepared on the issuance of the proposed permits, resulting in a finding of no significant impact, and is available for review as a companion document to the scientific research permit applications. The EA also considered proposed takes of Steller sea lions by aerial/vessel survey, harassment during scat collection and behavioral observations, as requested in an application for a scientific research permit submitted by the Aleutians East Borough, File No. 1010-1641. A notice of receipt of this application was published on August 22, 2001 (66 FR 44120) and a decision was deferred pending preparation of the EA.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 21, 2002.

**Trevor Spradlin,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Marine Mammals; Permit No. 782-1645-01**

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115 (PI: Dr. Robert DeLong) has been issued an

amendment to scientific research Permit No. 782-1645.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ruth Johnson or Carrie Hubard  
(301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 25, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 20491) that an amendment of Permit No. 782-1645, issued September 4, 2001 (66 FR 47016), had been requested by the above-named organization. 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The Permit was amended to allow capture, tagging and sampling of Dall's porpoise in Washington, Oregon and California waters.

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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Rules Related to Risk Disclosure Concerning Exchange Traded Commodity Futures and Options**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*,

Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on rules related to risk disclosure concerning exchange traded commodity futures and options.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before August 26, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to Lawrence B. Patent, Division of Trading and Markets, U.S. Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Lawrence B. Patent, (202) 418-5439; FAX: (202) 418-5536; E-mail: [lpatent@cftc.gov](mailto:lpatent@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the PRA, Federal agencies must obtain approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for each collection of information they conduct or sponsor. "Collection of information" is defined in 44 U.S.C. 3502(3) and 5 CFR 1320.3(c) and includes agency requests or requirements that members of the public submit reports, keep records, or provide information to a third party. Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A), requires Federal agencies to provide a 60-day notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, before submitting the collection to OMB for approval. To comply with this requirement, the CFTC is publishing notice of the proposed collection of information listed below.

With respect to the following collection of information, the CFTC invites comments on:

- Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Commission, including whether the information will have a practical use;
- The accuracy of the Commission's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Ways to enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Ways to minimize the burden of collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of