

3. Non-longline fishing vessels targeting Pacific pelagic management unit species with hooks must remove trailing gear from accidentally caught turtles and follow turtle resuscitation and release guidelines, wherever they fish.

4. Longline vessels operating under general permits must use circle hooks, mackerel-type bait and dehookers, when shallow-setting north of the equator.

During the preparation of an upcoming proposed rule for the regulatory amendment, it was noted that the amendment's text would require turtle handling practices by operators of non-longline pelagic fishing vessels as described in 50 CFR 223.206(d)(1)(i), (ii) and (iii). However the most recent Biological Opinion (BiOp) issued by NMFS for the Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries on February 24, 2004, directs that these vessel operators use the handling practices described in 50 CFR 660.32(c) and (d), in addition to those described in 50 CFR 223.206(d)(1)(iii). Although the differences are minor, the Council intends to consider revising the regulatory amendment's text to reflect the latter practices so as to be consistent with the February 2004 BiOp.

The Council's regulatory amendment would also require operators of all longline vessels to carry and use long-handled dehookers to release turtles, when fishing north of the equator. Small longliners are exempted from using long-handled line clippers based on concerns that using long-handled line clippers on these small vessels would be unwieldy and could pose a hazard to sea turtles. The Council will therefore consider whether a similar exemption from the use of long-handled dehookers should be provided for these small longliners when fishing north of the equator.

A public hearing will be held during the Council meeting to give the public opportunity to comment before the Council takes action on this agenda item.

#### Other Business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and to any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 10, 2005.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010705B]

##### Marine Mammals; File Nos. 1072-1771 and 540-1502

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit and permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions: Dr. Colleen Reichmuth Kastak, Long Marine Laboratory, Institute of Marine Science, University of California at Santa Cruz, 100 Schaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has been issued a scientific research permit (No. 1072-1771-00); and John Calambokidis, Cascadia Research Collective, 218 1/2 West Fourth Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 540-1502-00.

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

File Nos. 1072-1771 and 540-1502: 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;

File No. 540-1502: 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

File Nos. 1072-1771 and 540-1502: 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:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Permit No. 1072-1771-00 has been issued 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).

Permit No. 1072-1771 authorizes continued research designed to evaluate hearing sensitivity, memory, and learning capabilities of up to seven captive pinnipeds (three California sea lions, *Zalophus californianus*; two Pacific harbor seals, *Phoca vitulina*; and two Northern elephant seals, *Mirounga angustirostris*).

The permit amendment (No. 540-1502-01) 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The amendment extends the expiration date of the permit from November 30, 2004 to November 30, 2005. No additional takes have been authorized. Mr. Calambokidis is authorized to (1) conduct aerial surveys to determine the abundance and distribution of marine mammals off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington; (2) conduct vessel surveys and photographic identification activities to determine the abundance, movements, and population structure of large whales in the North Pacific; (3) collect skin biopsies to determine sex, relatedness, and evaluate stock structure of large whales, especially blue and humpback whales; and (4) conduct tagging activities to examine the diving behavior, feeding, and movements of large whales.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Issuance of the permit amendment (No. 540-1502-01) as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit amendment: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the

disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

**Patrick Opay,**

*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**

[I.D. 010605D]

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Application for scientific research permit 1515.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a scientific research permit application relating to Pacific salmon. The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on February 14, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Protected Resources Division, NMFS, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-2737. Comments may also be sent via fax to 503-230-5435 or by e-mail to [resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov](mailto:resapps.nwr@NOAA.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Garth Griffin, Portland, OR (ph.: 503-231-2005, Fax: 503-230-5435, e-mail: [Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov](mailto:Garth.Griffin@noaa.gov)). Permit application instructions are available at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following listed species (evolutionarily significant unit) is covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened upper Willamette River (UWR).

**Authority**

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on the application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA.

**Application Received**

*Permit 1515*

Water Works Consulting (WWC) is requesting a 2-year research permit to annually capture, handle, and release juvenile UWR chinook salmon. The research would take place in an artificial side-channel to the Willamette River, Oregon. The purposes of the research are to determine how such side-channels function compared to natural, river-created ones and whether the side-channel provides habitat for native fishes. The WWC intends to determine juvenile fish presence and abundance in the spring and late summer of 2005 and 2006. The research would benefit listed chinook by determining how effectively such side-channels help restore salmon habitat. The WWC proposes to capture the fish using seines and boat electrofishing equipment. Captured fish would be identified, counted, checked for tags and marks, and released. The WWC does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 7, 2005.

**Phil Williams,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Board of Visitors Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition University.

**ACTION:** Board of visitors meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The next meeting of the Defense Acquisition University (DAU) Board of Visitors (BoV) will be held at the Defense Acquisition University—San Diego Campus. The purpose of this meeting is to report back to the BoV on continuing items of interest.

**DATES:** January 26, 2005 from 0900-1500.

**ADDRESSES:** Admiral Kidd Conference Center, Fleet Anti-Submarine Warfare Center, Naval Base Point Loma, San Diego, CA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Patricia Cizmadia at (703) 805-5134.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting is open to the public; however, because of space limitations, allocation of seating will be made on a first-come, first served basis. Persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Ms. Patricia Cizmadia at (703) 805-5134.

Dated: January 4, 2005.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Publication of Housing Price Inflation Adjustment Under 50 U.S.C. App. § 531**

**AGENCY:** DoD, Office of the Under Secretary (Personnel and Readiness).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, as codified at 50 U.S.C. App. § 531, prevents a landlord from evicting a service member (or the service member's family) from a residence during a period of military service except by court order. The law as originally passed by Congress applied to monthly rents of \$2400 or less. The law