

per-minute and Stationary Jet Refueling Systems with maximum Flow Rates of 375 liters (100 gallons) per-minute or more: This proposal would provide an exemption and prescribe the conditions in which the handbook would allow 5 liter (1 gallon) increments to be used to indicate the quantity of fuel delivered by the specific devices covered by this proposal.

Item 330–2. Display of Quantity and Total Price in Aviation Refueling Applications: This is a proposal to revise requirements related to the display of delivered quantity and total price for the stationary liquid measuring devices (typically those used at small or midsized airports) to fuel small aircraft.

#### *Vehicle-Tank Meters*

Item 331–1. Temperature Compensation: This is a proposal to add provisions to Handbook 44 to allow vehicle-mounted measuring devices to be equipped with the automatic means to deliver product with the volume compensated to a reference temperature. (See also Item 232–1 below under the Laws and Regulations Committee).

#### **NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee**

The following item is a proposal to amend NIST Handbook 130:

#### *Method of Sale of Commodities Regulation*

Item 232–1. Temperature Compensation for Petroleum Products: Several proposals will be considered that would allow temperature compensation to take place on a voluntary basis or limit compensation to metering systems with certain flow capacities or specific sales applications. Most of the proposals allow compensation to occur only if certain conditions are met by the seller.

Item 232–2. Biodiesel and Fuel Ethanol Labeling: This item requires the identification and labeling of biodiesel fuels and blends at retail service stations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carol Hockert, Chief, NIST, Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2600. Telephone (301) 975–5507, or e-mail: [Carol.Hockert@nist.gov](mailto:Carol.Hockert@nist.gov).

Dated: December 13, 2006.

**James E. Hill,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

##### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 121106B]

##### **Endangered Species; File No. 1581**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center (Responsible Official—Samuel Pooley, Principal Investigator—George Balazs), 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, HI 96822 has been issued a permit to take green (*Chelonia mydas*) and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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)427–2521; and

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4700; phone (808)973–2935; fax (808)973–2941.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Patrick Opay (301)713–2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On September 27, 2006 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 56478) that a request for a scientific research permit to take green and hawksbill sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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 parts 222–226).

Researchers will annually capture up to 600 green and 10 hawksbill sea turtles by hand, scoop net, entanglement net, and bullpen net. All green sea turtles will be measured, weighed, passive integrated transponder tagged, and flipper tagged. A subset of green sea turtles will have their shell etched with an identification mark, be blood sampled, tissue sampled, lavaged, and have an electronic tag attached to them. Hawksbill sea turtles will be measured, weighed, passive integrated transponder tagged, flipper tagged, blood sampled,

and tissue sampled. All animals will be released alive. The permit is issued for five years.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 13, 2006.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*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. 102406C]

##### **Nominations for the Annual Sustainable Fisheries Leadership Awards for 2007; Extension of Nomination Deadline**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; extension of nomination deadline.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA has established the Sustainable Fisheries Leadership Awards Program to recognize outstanding performances, achievements and leadership by industries, organizations and individuals who promote best stewardship practices for the sustainable use of living marine resources and ecosystems, and who have fostered change and inspired a stewardship ethic within their community. This notice extends the deadline for nominations for the second annual Sustainable Fisheries Leadership Awards from January 8 to January 31, 2007.

**DATES:** The due date for nomination forms and required supporting materials has been extended from January 8, 2007 (November 8, 2006; 71 FR 65471) to January 31, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent electronically to the Fish for the Future Foundation, [nominations@fish4thefuturefoundation.org](mailto:nominations@fish4thefuturefoundation.org). Nominations can also be mailed to Sustainable Fisheries Leadership Awards, c/o Fish for the Future Foundation, 3382 Gunston Road,

Alexandria, VA 22302, or faxed to (703) 379-5777. All information and official nomination forms can be accessed electronically at the NMFS Web site <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/awards/> or the Fish for the Future Foundation Web site <http://www.fish4thefuturefoundation.org> or by calling (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michele Shea, Fish for the Future Foundation, (703) 379-6101, [Michele.Shea@fish4thefuturefoundation.org](mailto:Michele.Shea@fish4thefuturefoundation.org) or Laurel Bryant, NMFS, (301) 713-2379 x171, [laurel.bryant@noaa.gov](mailto:laurel.bryant@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 2006 (71 FR 65471) that provided background information as it relates to this nomination process. The background information is not repeated in this document. Today's notice extends the nomination deadline from January 8 to January 31, 2007.

Dated: December 12, 2006.

**William T. Hogarth,**

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Low-Energy Seismic Surveys in the South Pacific Ocean

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting an oceanographic survey in the South Pacific Ocean (SPO) has been issued to the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO).

**DATES:** Effective from December 12, 2006, through December 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The authorization and application containing a list of the references used in this document may

be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning the contact listed here. The application is also available at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2289, ext 128.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

An authorization shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses, and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines "harassment" as:

any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A harassment]; or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering [Level B harassment].

Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of marine

mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

#### Summary of Request

On July 24, 2006, NMFS received an application from SIO for the taking, by harassment, of several species of marine mammals (see Marine Mammals Affected by this Activity later in this document) incidental to conducting a low-energy marine seismic survey program during December 2006 and January 2007 in the SPO. SIO plans to conduct a seismic survey at several sites in the SPO (as illustrated in Figure 1 in SIO's application) as part of the Integrated Ocean Drilling Program (IODP).

The purpose of the research program is to conduct a piston/ gravity coring, magnetic, and seismic survey program at 12 sites in the SPO. The seismic surveys will involve one vessel. The source vessel, the *R/V Roger Revelle*, will deploy a pair of low-energy Generator-Injector (GI) airguns as an energy source (each with a discharge volume of 45 in<sup>3</sup>), plus a 800-m (1476-ft) long, 48-channel, towed hydrophone streamer. The *Revelle* is scheduled to depart from Apia, Samoa, on or about December 7, 2006, and to arrive at Dunedin, New Zealand, on or about January 17, 2007. The program will consist of approximately 1930 km (1042 nm) of surveys, including turns. The surveys will be conducted entirely in international waters. The GI guns will be operated on a small grid for about 6-10 hours at each of 12 sites during approximately December 10, 2006, to January 13, 2007.

A description of the *Revelle's* oceanographic research program is contained in SIO's application (see **ADDRESSES** for availability) and in NMFS' notice of receipt of SIO's IHA application (see 71 FR 56955 (September 28, 2006)) and is not repeated here. There have been no significant changes in SIO's oceanographic research program between the September 28, 2006 **Federal Register** notice and NMFS' decision to issue the IHA.

#### Comments and Responses

A notice of receipt and request for 30-day public comment on the application and proposed authorization was published on September 28, 2006 (71 FR 56955). During the 30-day public comment period, NMFS received comments only from the Marine Mammal Commission (Commission).

*Comment 1:* The Commission recommends that NMFS issue the