

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Joseph R. Mobley, University of Hawaii at Manoa, 2528 McCarthy Mall, Webster 404, Honolulu, HI 96822, has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 642-1536-02.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before July 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request 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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 642-1536-03.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Amy Hapeman, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 642-1536 issued on March 3, 2000 (65 FR 13949) 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. 642-1536 authorizes the permit holder to conduct aerial and vessel-based research, including surface and underwater photography/

videography for identification and sex verification, on North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and several other species of cetaceans in Hawaii waters. The permit holder is also authorized to biopsy sample and suction cup/implantable bioacoustic tag various cetacean species resident to Hawaii. The permit holder now requests authorization to use sound playback on up to 250 humpback whales annually in the waters off W. Maui and possibly other inshore areas among the main Hawaiian Islands. The proposed research would expand upon earlier work that demonstrated the feasibility of using responses of free-ranging humpback whales to biologically meaningful sounds as a means of estimating auditory thresholds for humpback whales. The amendment would be valid for the remainder of the permit.

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: May 29, 2007.

**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

RIN 0648-XA24

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 731-1774

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

**ACTION:** Notice; Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Robin Baird, Ph.D., Cascadia Research, 218 W. 4th Avenue, Olympia, WA 98501, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 731-1774.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 12, 2007, notice was published

in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 6533) that a request for a scientific research permit amendment to take cetacean species had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit amendment has been issued 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).

Permit No. 731-1774, issued to Robin Baird, Ph.D. (Cascadia Research) authorizes vessel approaches, aerial over-flights, photo-identification, video and audio recording and suction cup tagging of cetacean species in all U.S. and international waters in the Pacific, including Alaska, Washington, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and other U.S. territories. The objectives of the research are to assess cetacean populations and to study diving and night-time behavior, social organization, and inter-specific interactions. The permit has been amended to authorize satellite tagging with dart tags of the following species of marine mammals: Blainville's (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Cuvier's (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Longman's (*Indopacetus pacificus*), and Baird's (*Berardius bairdii*) beaked whales, short-finned pilot (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), non-Southern Resident killer (*Orcinus orca*), pygmy killer (*Feresa attenuata*), melon-headed (*Peponocephala electra*), and false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*) whales, bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*), rough-toothed (*Steno bredanensis*), and Risso's (*Grampus griseus*) dolphins, and dwarf (*Kogia sima*) and pygmy (*Kogia breviceps*) sperm whales. For each species, up to 20 individuals may be dart tagged per year for the duration of the permit. Incidental harassment of non-target animals is already authorized, therefore, no additional harassment takes were requested. Dart tagging would occur concurrently with already permitted activities, primarily in Hawaiian waters, though some species may be tagged opportunistically elsewhere where activities are authorized. No takes by dart tagging or additional incidental takes of ESA listed species were requested. The amended permit expires on August 31, 2010.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

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;

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

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

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

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

Dated: May 29, 2007.

**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

#### Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee (CPDC) for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Product Development Committee for Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3 (CPDC-S&A 1.3) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated November 21, 2006. CPDC-S&A 1.3 is the Federal Advisory Committee charged with responsibility to develop a draft Synthesis and Assessment Product that addresses CCSP Topic 1.3: "Re-analyses of Historical Climate Data for Key Atmospheric Features: Implications for Attribution of Causes of Observed Change."

**Time and Date:** The meeting will be held Monday, June 25, 2007, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 26, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Wednesday, June 27, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page

<http://www.climate.noaa.gov/ccsp/13.jsp> for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**Place:** The meeting will be held at the NOAA Earth System Research Laboratory, 325 Broadway, Boulder, Colorado 80305, Room GB-124.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period on Monday, June 25 from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. (check Web site to confirm this time). The CPDC-S&A 1.3 expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received by the CPDC-S&A 1.3 Designated Federal Official by June 18, 2007 to provide sufficient time for review. Written comments received after June 18 will be distributed to the CPDC-S&A 1.3, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Review, recommend and make changes to the reanalysis and attribution chapters of Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3; and (2) Discussion of plans for completion and submission of the first draft of Synthesis and Assessment Product 1.3.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Neil Christerson, Designated Federal Official, CPDC-S&A 1.3 (NOAA Climate Program Office, 1315 East-West Hwy., Suite 12105, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone: 301-734-1211, Fax: 301-713-0518, E-mail: [Neil.Christerson@noaa.gov](mailto:Neil.Christerson@noaa.gov) or visit the Web site at <http://www.climate.noaa.gov/ccsp/13.jsp>.)

**Terry Bevels,**

*Deputy Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### United States Patent Applicant Survey

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork

and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the extension of a continuing information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 3, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

**E-mail:** [Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Fawcett@uspto.gov). Include "0651-0052 comment" in the subject line of the message.

**Fax:** 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Fawcett.

**Mail:** Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Customer Information Services Group, Public Information Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. **Federal e-Rulemaking Portal:** <http://www.regulations.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Gus Mastrogianis, Economist, Office of Corporate Planning, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone 571-272-6292; or by e-mail at [gus.mastrogianis@uspto.gov](mailto:gus.mastrogianis@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

For several years the USPTO has supported an ongoing forecasting program for patent application filings that includes the use of quantitative and qualitative methodologies. Given the importance of accurate application filings forecasts, the USPTO considers more than one type of methodology. As part of this strategy, information from a survey of the inventor community is included when formulating application filings forecasts. In addition to using the survey as part of a comprehensive approach to forecasting, the USPTO is also using this tool in response to Senate Appropriations Report 106-404 (September 8, 2000). This report directed the USPTO to "develop a workload forecast with advice from a representative sample of industry and the inventor community." A patent application filing survey will assist the USPTO in better understanding key factors driving future application filings, such as newly emerging technologies.

The USPTO has developed the United States Patent Applicant Survey as part of the continuing effort to better predict the future growth of patent application filings by understanding applicant intentions. The main purpose of this