

porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorstrata*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*). The LOC expires on February 17, 2014.

File No. 14157: Issued to Marilyn Mazzoil, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University, 5600 U.S. 1 North, Fort Pierce, FL 34946 on February 23, 2009, for vessel surveys, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins from the Florida-Georgia border south to New Smyrna Beach, Florida. The objectives of the research are to examine the abundance and distribution of bottlenose dolphins in the study area. Activities may be conducted through March 1, 2014.

File No. 14219: Issued to Dr. Tara Cox, Savannah State University, PO Box 20467, Savannah, GA 31404 on February 23, 2009, for surveys, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins. The purpose of the research is to investigate foraging ecology, social structure, and population structure of dolphins in the estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and southern South Carolina. Activities may be conducted through March 1, 2014.

File No. 14275: Issued to Dr. Gregory Bossart, Georgia Aquarium, 225 Baker Street, NW, Atlanta, GA 30313 on February 23, 2009, for surveys, photo-identification and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins. The purpose of the research is to examine the abundance, distribution, and stock structure of dolphins in the Indian River Lagoon, Florida and adjacent Atlantic waters. Activities may be conducted through March 1, 2014.

File No. 808-1798-01: Issued to Dr. Andrew Read at Duke University Marine Laboratory, 135 Duke Marine Lab Road, Beaufort, NC 28516 on May 1, 2009, for aerial and vessel surveys, photo-identification, behavioral observations, and passive acoustics on a variety of cetacean species through September 30, 2010. The original study area was from the North Carolina/Virginia border south to North Charleston, South Carolina. The study area was expanded to allow researchers to work further south, to 29 degrees N. Also, 13 species of dolphins and whales were added to the LOC. This amended LOC supercedes version 808-1798 issued on September 20, 2005.

File No. 14348: Issued to the National Ocean Service's Center for Coastal Environmental Health and Biomolecular Research [Principal Investigator: Eric Zolman], 219 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, SC 29412 on July 1, 2009 for

photo-identification and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins through June 30, 2014. The purpose of the research is to investigate the residency, stock identity, range, distribution, abundance, and health of dolphins in the estuarine and coastal waters of Georgia and South Carolina.

File No. 14590: Issued to the National Marine Mammal Laboratory [Principal Investigator: Peter Boveng, Ph.D], 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115 on July 24, 2009 for aerial surveys of harbor seals through August 1, 2014. The results of the surveys for the basis of the NMFS Stock Assessment Reports as well as provide information on the haul-out behavior and habitat requirements of harbor seals in Alaska. The LOC expires August 1, 2014.

File No. 14475: Issued to The Dolphin Project (TDP) [Principal Investigator: Francis Lapolla], P.O. Box 60753, Savannah, GA 31420, on August 7, 2009 for photo-identification and behavioral observations of bottlenose dolphins through July 30, 2014. The purpose of the research is to: (1) monitor the resident bottlenose dolphin population in the contiguous inland waters of Georgia and the southern South Carolina estuarine system and (2) continue to develop TDP's dorsal fin photograph catalogue and database to document site fidelity, home range movement, immigration/emigration and social behaviors exhibited by the Georgia estuarine population.

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 are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: March 23, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Middle East Public Health Mission; Application Deadline Extended

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. CS Saudi Arabia and CS Qatar will work in conjunction with Global Trade Programs, which will serve as a key facilitator in establishing strong commercial ties to the U.S. companies in the targeted sectors nationwide.

Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than Wednesday, April 9, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all applications immediately after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after April 9, 2010. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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NOAA'S Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) Strategic Plan FY 2011-FY 2015

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.