

- E. Community Activities and Issues
- F. Education and Outreach Initiatives
- G. Report of the Joint AP Meeting
- H. SSC Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action
- 11. Pelagic & International Fisheries
  - A. Amendment Options for Marianas Purse Seine Area Closure (Action Item)
  - B. Recommendations on Territory Bigeye Tuna Catch Limits (Action Item)
  - C. Option for American Samoa Longline and Purse-Seine Landing Requirements (Action Item)
  - D. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports
  - E. International Fisheries Meetings
    - 1. WCPFC 8
    - 2. IATTC GAC/SAC
    - 3. U.S. Report to the Tuna Commission
  - F. CCC Recommendation on International Fisheries Management
  - G. Pelagic Plan Team Report
  - H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
  - I. Pelagic Standing Committee Report
  - J. Public Hearing
  - K. Council Discussion and Action

6 p.m.–9 p.m., Wednesday, June 27, 2012

Fishers Forum: Managing for the Recovery of the North Pacific Humpback Whale

8:30 a.m.–4 p.m., Thursday, June 28, 2012

- 12. Hawaii Archipelago and PRIAs
  - A. Moku Pepa
  - B. Legislative Report
  - C. Enforcement Report
  - D. Bottomfish
    - 1. Report on BRFA Review
    - 2. Update on Bottomfish Annual Catch Target
  - 3. Recommendations on 2012–13 Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Annual Catch Target (Action Item)
  - 4. Hawaii EFH/HAPC (Action Item)
  - E. Community Projects, Activities and Issues
    - 1. Status of Aha Moku Legislation
    - 2. Report on Aha Moku Projects
  - F. Advisory Group Recommendations
    - 1. Joint AP Meeting Report and Recommendations
    - 2. Hawaii Plan Team Meeting Report and Recommendations
    - 3. Hawaii REAC Report and Recommendations
  - G. SSC Recommendations
  - H. Public Hearing
  - I. Council Discussion and Action
- 13. Administrative Matters
  - A. Financial Reports
  - B. Administrative Reports

- C. Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Requests
- D. Council Family Changes
  - 1. Data Committee
  - 2. SSC Term Limits
  - 3. Plan Team
- E. Meetings and Workshops
  - 1. Council Coordination Committee Meeting Report and Follow-up
- i. Consultation with General Accountability Office (GAO) regarding Moving NMFS to U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
- ii. 2013 Budget
- F. Report on Department of Commerce (DOC) Office of the Inspector General (OIG) Review of the Fishery Management Process
- G. Other Business
- H. Standing Committee Recommendations
- I. Public Comment
- J. Council Discussion and Action
- 14. Other Business

Non-Emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion and formal Council action during its 154th meeting. However, Council action on issues will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and issues arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 29, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

[FR Doc. 2012–13282 Filed 6–4–12; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510–22–P**

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XP18**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 14334

**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 the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), 301 Railway Avenue, Seward, AK 99664 (Dr. Tara Riemer Jones, Responsible Party), has been issued a major amendment to Permit No. 14334–01.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376; and

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 22, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 72178) that a request to amend Permit No. 14334–01 to conduct research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. 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.*), 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 14334–02 authorizes (1) the addition of a respiratory stimulant drug prior to anesthesia to mitigate breath holding and decreased heart rate; (2) the use of additional dietary markers to individually identify feces for hormone analysis; (3) administration of deuterium oxide via a gastric tube and serial blood sampling to assess energy transfer from mother to pup during lactation; (4) reduced research sampling of aging sea lions; and (5) mortality or euthanasia of sea lions for health reasons not directly related to research. These changes are effective for the duration of the permit, which expires August 31, 2014.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS has determined that the activities proposed are consistent with the Preferred

Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007), and that issuance of the permit would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (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: May 24, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

[FR Doc. 2012-13569 Filed 6-4-12; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-P**

---

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB110

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 17159

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Simon Nash, Parthenon Entertainment Ltd, 34 Whiteladies Road, Bristol, BS8 2LG, United Kingdom, to conduct commercial or educational photography on spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*).

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 944-2200; fax (808) 973-2941.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Hubbard or Kristy Beard, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 26, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 17458) that a request for a permit to conduct commercial/educational photography

on spinner dolphins had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit 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. 17159 authorizes Mr. Nash to take spinner dolphins during filming near Midway Atoll in the Pacific Ocean. Filming techniques include above water from a vessel, a pole-mounted underwater camera, and a waterproof camera used by a snorkeling cameraman. Up to 1,300 dolphins may be approached annually during filming activities. Footage will be used primarily for a television documentary about Hawaiian wildlife that would be aired on Animal Planet in the U.S. and elsewhere internationally. The initial filming period is scheduled for two weeks in June/July 2012. The permit expires on May 31, 2017.

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.

Dated: May 30, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

[FR Doc. 2012-13573 Filed 6-4-12; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-P**

---

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA602

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 16019

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that GeoMarine, Inc. (Responsible Party: Suzanne Bates; Principal Investigator: Amy Whitt), 2201 K Avenue, Suite A2, Plano, TX 75074, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 16109.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 5, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by

selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16109 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 16109 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. 16109, issued on May 3, 2012 (77 FR 27719), authorizes takes of 35 species of cetaceans, four species of pinnipeds, and five species of sea turtles from New Jersey to North Carolina for scientific research. The research involves harassment by vessel approach during shipboard transect surveys. Eleven of the 44 species targeted for research are listed as threatened or endangered: Blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*),