

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 121801F]****Marine Mammals; File No. 1019-1657**

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Daniel J. Cox, Natural Exposures, 16595 Brackett Creek Road, Bozeman, Montana 59715 has applied in due form for a permit to take Northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) for purposes of commercial/educational photography.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 28, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The application 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) 713-0376; and

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:

Lynne Barre or Jill Lewandowski, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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). Section 104 (c)(6) of the MMPA provides for photography permits for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild. NMFS is currently working on proposed regulations to implement this provision. However, in the meantime, NMFS has received and is processing this request as a "pilot" application for Level B Harassment of non-listed marine mammals for photographic purposes.

The applicant proposes to take up to 60 Northern elephant seals by close approach during still photography activities for a National Geographic Magazine Photo Essay. Photography is proposed along the coast of California including San Simeon, Piedras Blancas,

Ano Nuevo State Reserve, Point Reyes National Seashore and the Farallones and Channel Islands and will take place during January and February of 2002 and in January and February of 2003 as well if additional photos are needed.

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

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed 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 request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

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: December 19, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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. 120701A]****Marine Mammals; File No. 779-1633-00**

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Southeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Keith D. Mullin) has been issued a permit to take

marine mammals 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 and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727) 570-5301; fax (727) 570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 16, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 42997) that a request for a scientific research permit to take marine mammals had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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.*), 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).

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 the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 19, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Technology Administration****National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC)**

AGENCY: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Recruitment for Additional Members for NMTNEC.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, Technology Administration (TA), requests nominations of individuals for appointment to the National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee (NMTNEC). The Committee provides advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. Public Law 105-309; 15 U.S.C. 3711, Section 10, approved by the 105th Congress in 1998, added the National Technology Medal for Environmental Technology.

DATES: Please submit nominations within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Submit nominations to the National Medal of Technology Program Office, Technology Administration, U. S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230. Materials may be faxed to 202-501-8153.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mildred Porter, Director, 202-482-5572.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee will be rechartered for a period of two years to provide advice to the Secretary on the implementation of Public Law 96-480 (15 U.S.C. 3711) under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2. The Committee serves as an advisory body to the Under Secretary. Members are responsible for reviewing nominations and making recommendations for the Nation's highest honor for technological innovation, awarded annually by the President of the United States. Members of the Committee have an understanding of, and experience in, developing and utilizing technological innovation and/or they are familiar with the education, training, employment and management of technological human resources.

Under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, membership in a committee constituted under the Act must be balanced. To achieve balance, the Department is seeking additional nominations of candidates from small, medium-sized, and large businesses or with special expertise in the following subsectors of the technology enterprise:

- Biomedical/Pharmaceutical/Health
- Chemistry, product development
- Human Resources/education/technology management
- Other: industry analysts (including manufacturing, environmental

technology, transportation, telecommunications)

Typically, Committee members are present or former Chief Executive Officers, former winners of the National Medal of Technology; presidents or distinguished faculty of universities; or senior executives of non-profit organizations. As such, they not only offer the stature of their positions but also possess intimate knowledge of the forces determining future directions for their organizations and industries. The Committee as a whole is balanced in representing geographical, professional, and diversity interests. Nominees must be U. S. citizens, must be able to fully participate in meetings pertaining to the review and selection of finalists for the National Medal of Technology, and must uphold the confidential nature of an independent peer review and competitive selection process.

The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee membership.

Phillip J. Bond,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology, Technology Administration.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

2002 National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program

Notice is hereby given that Public Law 99-190, as amended, authorizing the National Capital Arts and Cultural Affairs Program, has been funded for 2002 in the amount of \$7,000,000.00. All requests for information and applications for grants should be received by 31 December 2001 and addressed to: Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, National Building Museum, Suite 312, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001, Phone: 202-504-2200.

Deadline for receipt of grant applications is March 1, 2002.

This program provides grants for general operating support of organizations whose primary purpose is performing, exhibiting, and/or presenting the arts. To be eligible for a grant, organizations must be located in the District of Columbia, must be non-profit, non-academic institutions of demonstrated national repute, and must have annual incomes, exclusive of

federal funds, in excess of one million dollars for each of the past three years.

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 20 December 2001 at 10 am in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas are available to the public one week prior to the meeting. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated: Dated in Washington, DC, November 26, 2001.

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Funding Opportunity for AmeriCorps*VISTA Financial Asset Development Projects, Placements of AmeriCorps*VISTA Members, and Supervisory Grants; Correction

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice; correction.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service published a document in the **Federal Register** of December 14, 2001, concerning its funding opportunity for AmeriCorps*VISTA financial asset development projects, AmeriCorps*VISTA member placements, and supervisory grants. The document contained incorrect information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David Gurr, (202) 606-5000, Ext. 212.