

priorities into the rehabilitation and release, and data collection categories. This reordering, as well as many of the responses to comments in this section, should more explicitly illustrate our interest in receiving proposals for operational costs that support ongoing stranding network efforts. Our guidance to technical reviewers includes weighting factors that favor proposals that are consistent with these listed priorities.

Comment 77: One commenter suggested that reviewers should be made familiar with the specific exemptions under the MMPA for coastal Alaska Natives.

Response: We will ask all technical reviewers to read this document completely prior to reviewing applications. The discussion of the Alaska Native exemptions in the comments and responses will provide them with important background for reviewing Alaskan proposals.

Application

Comment 78: One commenter indicated that the grant application forms are not well designed for this program, and included irrelevant fields and insufficient space to describe the proposed project. A template would be useful.

Response: The Federal grants process requires submission of a number of forms, that are currently generic. Very few specialized forms exist for specific grants programs, however, one can be developed for the Prescott Stranding Grant Program. Once developed, the form must be reviewed and approved by the Office of Management and Budget to be consistent with the Paperwork Reduction Act. The development, public review, and approval of a specialized form may take up to 2 years. Depending on the administrative demands of implementation of the Prescott Stranding Grant Program, we will look into modifying these forms in the upcoming year.

Section III D. of this document provides an outline for the project description, which can be up to 10 pages long and is an attachment to the application form, not a section of the form.

Some assistance in filling out the required forms and in avoiding common problems can be found at the NOAA Grants homepage, specifically, at: <http://www.rdc.noaa.gov/grants/index.html>. We have also posted an application package, as well as a mock application, and questions and answers related to applications for the Prescott Stranding Grant Program on our Web site at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/PR2/

Health and Stranding Response Program/Prescott.html.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts.

Furthermore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Applications under this program are subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL have been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, and 0348-0046.

Dated: January 4, 2002.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 123101A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 482-1653

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that James Gilbert, Ph.D., University of Maine, Department of Wildlife Ecology, 210 Nutting Hall, Orono, Maine 04469 has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) 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) 713-0376;

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 14, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 57041) that a request for a scientific research permit to take harbor seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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).

Dated: January 4, 2002.

Trevor R. Spradlin,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

National Reconnaissance Office

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: National Reconnaissance Office, DOD.

ACTION: Notice to add a system of records.

SUMMARY: The National Reconnaissance Office is adding a system of records notice to its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: This proposed action will be effective without further notice on February 13, 2002 unless comments are received which result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: National Reconnaissance Office, 14675 Lee Road Chantilly, VA 20151-1715.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Barbara Freimann at (703) 808-5029.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Reconnaissance Office systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974, (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.