

aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment. The Department of Commerce Preaward Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable to this solicitation.

#### **Paperwork Reduction Act**

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#### **Executive Order 12866**

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

#### **Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)**

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### **Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any

other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: November 16, 2006.

**Mark E. Brown,**

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

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### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 102306B]

#### **Marine Mammals; File No. 116–1843**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821 [Brad Andrews, Responsible Party] has been issued a permit to import three beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for public display.

**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)427–2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824–5312; fax (727)824–5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Kate Swails, (301)713–2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 8, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 33281) that a request for a public display permit to import three male beluga whales from Marineland of Canada in Ontario, Canada to Sea World of Florida in Orlando, Florida 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).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement.

Dated: November 14, 2006.

**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**

[I.D. 110606C]

#### **Endangered Species; File No. 1578**

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Maine Department of Marine Resources (MDMR) (Gail S. Wippelhauser, Principal Investigator), 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME, 04333 has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (978)281–9300; fax (978)281–9394.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Malcolm Mohead, (301)713–2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 16, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 34896) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has