

Dated: December 18, 2008.

**Stephan J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XM39**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 704-1698

**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 University of Alaska Museum, 907 Yukon Drive, P.O. Box 756960, Fairbanks, AK 99775 (Dr. Link Olsen, Responsible Party) has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 704-1698-00.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment 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 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 Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested amendment has been granted 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The amendment (No. 704-1698-01) extends the expiration date of the permit from December 31, 2008 to December 31, 2009.

Issuance of this permit amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such amendment: (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: December 23, 2008.

**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

**RIN 0648-XM41**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Salmon Bycatch Workgroup will meet in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 20, 2009, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Fireweed Room, Anchorage AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Diana Stram, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will review industry proposals for incentive-based salmon bycatch reduction programs in conjunction with the Council's forthcoming action on Chinook salmon bycatch management measures. The Committee will receive presentations and then provide their written comments and recommendations on these proposals to the Council for its consideration.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management

Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 24, 2008.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Request To Exempt Certain Over-the-Counter Swaps From Certain of the Requirements Imposed by Commission Regulation 35.2, Pursuant to the Authority in Section 4(C) of the Commodity Exchange Act; Reopening of Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for comment on exemption request; reopening of comment period.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") is reopening the period for public comment to provide interested persons additional time to comment on whether to exempt certain over-the-counter ("OTC") agricultural swaps from certain of the requirements otherwise imposed by Commission Regulation 35.2. The comment period is being reopened due to the non-transmittal of a comment letter from the Federal eRulemaking Portal to the Commission. The purpose of the Commission's action is to afford the commenter whose submission was not received, the opportunity to resubmit the comment. The Chicago Mercantile Exchange Inc. ("CME"), a registered derivatives clearing organization, and the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago, Inc. ("CBOT"), a designated contract market, requested an exemption that would permit the clearing of OTC agricultural swaps. Authority for extending this relief is found in Section 4(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act.<sup>1</sup>

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before January 21, 2009.

<sup>1</sup> 7 U.S.C. 6(c).