

(Memphis, Tennessee), Streamline Copper & Brass Ltd. (Strathroy, Ontario) and affiliated companies within the Mueller Group filed a Request for Panel Review in the above referenced matter with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

On April 10, 2007, Mueller Industries, Inc. (Memphis, Tennessee), Streamline Copper & Brass Ltd. (Strathroy, Ontario) and affiliated companies within the Mueller Group filed a Notice of Motion requesting termination of this panel review. No other interested person filed a request for Panel Review of this final determination. As of April 10, 2007, no Complaint or Notice of Appearance has been filed by any interested person. Therefore, pursuant to subrules 71(2) and 78(a) of the NAFTA Article 1904 Panel Rules, this Notice of Completion of Panel Review was effective on April 10, 2007.

Dated: April 12, 2007.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary NAFTA Secretariat.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041107B]

#### Endangered Species; File No. 1595

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Michael M. Hastings, University of Maine, 5717 Corbett Hall, Orono, Maine 04469, 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:** Brandy Hutnak or Malcolm Mohead, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 16, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 1706) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of 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).

This permit authorizes Michael Hastings to annually capture, anesthetize, measure, weigh, sex (borescope), tissue sample, scan (for tags), Carlin tag, PIT tag, recover, and release up to 70 sub-adult and adult shortnose sturgeon annually. Additionally, up to 30 sub-adult and adult shortnose sturgeon, annually, would be fitted/implanted with an external/internal transmitter. This project also includes the annual lethal take of up to 50 shortnose sturgeon eggs. Up to 2 incidental mortalities of shortnose sturgeon each year is also being authorized. This research will help assess the distribution, abundance, and movements, as well as document spawning, of shortnose sturgeon in the Penobscot River System, Maine.

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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: April 11, 2007.

**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. 040607D]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 555-1870

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

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

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that James T. Harvey, Ph.D., Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, 8272 Moss Landing Road, Moss Landing, CA has

been issued a permit to conduct scientific research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*).

**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;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

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

Amy Sloan or Jaclyn Daly, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 29, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 78407) 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).

The permit authorizes researchers to examine the biology and ecology and monitor health and condition of coastal populations of harbor seals in California, Oregon, Washington, and southeast Alaska over a 5-year period. Up to 670 harbor seals may be captured annually throughout the action area. An additional 2,910 individuals may be taken annually by harassment incidental to captures, scat collection, exposure to playback of vocalizations, and experimental disturbance activities. Up to 2 seal mortalities per year are authorized.

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.