

dredging. In addition, the FWS noted that VAFB has committed to a southern sea otter monitoring program designed to detect the presence and possible disturbance at the VAFB harbor area during dredging activities.

NEPA

In accordance with section 6.01 of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Administrative Order 216-6 (Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Environmental Policy Act, May 20, 1999), NMFS has analyzed both the context and intensity of this action and determined based on a programmatic NEPA assessment conducted on the impact of NMFS' rulemaking for the issuance of IHAs (61 FR 15884; April 10, 1996), the content and analysis of Boeing's request for an IHA, and the Final EA for Harbor Activities Associated with the Delta IV Program at VAFB (ENSRI 2001) that the proposed issuance of this IHA to Boeing by NMFS will not individually or cumulatively result in a significant impact on the quality of the human environment as defined in 40 CFR 1508.27. Therefore, based on analysis of all relevant environmental documents, this action is exempted from further environmental review and meets the definition of a "Categorical Exclusion" as defined under NOAA Administrative Order 216-6.

Determinations

NMFS has determined that the impact of harbor activities related to the Delta IV/EELV at VAFB, including: wharf modification, transport vessel operations, cargo movement activities, and harbor maintenance dredging, will result, at worst, in a temporary modification in behavior by Pacific harbor seals. California sea lions, northern elephant seals, and northern fur seals, while not likely to occur in the project area, may potentially experience the same temporary modification in behavior if they wander into the project area. While behavioral modifications may be made by these species to avoid the resultant acoustic and visual stimuli, there is no potential for large-scale movements, such as stampedes, since pinniped species haul out in such small numbers near the site (maximum number of Pacific harbor seals hauled out in one day estimated at 30 seals). The effects of the harbor activities are expected to be limited to short-term and localized behavioral changes. Therefore, NMFS concludes that the effects of the planned activities will have no more than a negligible impact on marine mammals.

Due to the localized nature of these activities, the number of potential takings by harassment are estimated to be small. In addition, no take by injury and/or death is anticipated, and the potential for temporary or permanent hearing impairment is unlikely given the low noise levels and will be entirely avoided through the incorporation of appropriate mitigation measures. No rookeries, mating grounds, areas of concentrated feeding, or other areas of special significance for marine mammals occur within or near south VAFB harbor.

In summary, NMFS has determined that the proposed activity would result in the harassment of only small numbers of harbor seals, California sea lions, northern elephant seals, and northern fur seals; would have no more than a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks; and would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of marine mammal stocks for subsistence uses.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to Boeing for harbor activities related to the Delta IV/EELV to take place at south Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA, (VAFB) over a 1-year period. The issuance of this IHA is contingent upon adherence to the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements.

Dated: May 15, 2002.

David Cottingham,

Deputy Office Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051602E]

Endangered Species; File No. 1346

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Thomas McCormick (Principal Investigator), Channel Islands Marine Resource Institute (CIMRI), P.O. Box 1627, Port Hueneme, California 93044, has been issued a permit to take white abalone (*Haliotis sorenseni*) for purposes of scientific research and enhancement.

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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Becker or Jennifer Skidmore (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 31, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 45971) that a request for a scientific research permit to take species listed above 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The Holder was issued five-year permit to maintain captive bred white abalone for scientific research and enhancement at the CIMRI Hatchery. Research Activities include feeding studies, propagation studies and studies identified as goals for the long term recovery of the white abalone. The action only covers the propagation of animals collected before June 28, 2001.

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: May 17, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

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Notice, Public Safety Communications Interoperability Summit

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the Public Safety Wireless Network (PSWN) Program will co-host a two-day summit on Current and Emerging Solutions to Public Safety Communications Interoperability, on June 11–12, 2002. The summit will be open to the public. The purpose of the interoperability summit is to educate the public about current and emerging technologies that will help to address wireless communications interoperability challenges faced by public safety land mobile radio communications systems.

DATES: The Interoperability Summit will be held from 7 a.m.–4 p.m. on Tuesday, June 11, 2002, and from 7 a.m.–3:30 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will take place at the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. Meetings on both days are open to the public. Seating is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. For updated information, a copy of the agenda and audio webcasting information, please refer to NTIA's webpage at <<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>> or PSWN's webpage at <<http://www.pswn.gov>>. Directions to the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center and meeting room locations can also be accessed through the Trade Center's webpage at <<http://www.itcdc.com>>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Derrick Owens, Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA, telephone (202) 482–1920, or electronic mail: <dowens@ntia.doc.gov>; or Richard Orsulak, Public Safety Program, NTIA, telephone (202) 501–5487, or electronic mail: <rorsulak@ntia.doc.gov>. Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, NTIA, at (202) 482–7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NTIA serves as the principal adviser to the President on telecommunications policies as they pertain to the Nation's technological and economic advancement. NTIA is the primary Executive Branch agency responsible for developing and articulating domestic and international telecommunications policies. NTIA also manages use of the radio frequency spectrum by all federal agencies. PSWN is a jointly sponsored initiative which is comprised of the Department of Justice and Department of the Treasury to specifically addresses public safety wireless communications interoperability. Federal, State and local government agencies are working to improve their ability to share

information and to use current and emerging technology to ensure that they are better prepared for emergency response, regardless of the type of incident. Furthermore, government leaders are being challenged to better understand their current security and emergency response capabilities and, to implement services and technologies to improve emergency response, ensuring citizen safety during a time of increased national threat.

The Interoperability Summit will provide the platform for attendees to share information addressing current and emerging technology solutions, implementation, lessons learned, and current funding activities. The information will focus on technical solutions, but will be presented in an easy to understand format for attendees. Manufacturers of land mobile radio equipment and commercial providers of other wireless communications technologies will also have an opportunity to brief attendees of their interoperability products, the status of their research and development activities, and compliance with published standards. A Federal Business Opportunities Notice will be published and vendors will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. Vendors desiring to send a representative to participate in the presentations and/or the tabletop exhibits should review the Federal Business Opportunities Notice or make their request via electronic mail (preferred), by fax, or in writing to: Mrs. Carole Kirsch, PSWN Program, P.O. Box 3926, Fairfax, VA 22038, (electronic mail: <cakirsch@earthlink.net>, telephone: (703) 279–2006, facsimile: (703) 279–2032).

The audio of the Interoperability Summit will be webcast over the Internet and made available from NTIA's webpage (<<http://www.ntia.doc.gov>>) during the two-day event.

Public Participation

These meetings will be open to the public and will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public wishing to attend and requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Derrick Owens or Richard Orsulak at least three (3) days prior to the meeting via the contact information provided above. All persons entering the Ronald Reagan International Trade Center must go through the security screening, therefore, please have photo identification available and/or a U.S. Government building pass, if applicable.

Dated: May 20, 2002.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

[CFDA No. 84.363A]

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, School Leadership Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2002

Purpose of Program: The School Leadership Program is designed to assist high-need local educational agencies (LEAs) in the development, enhancement, or expansion of innovative programs to recruit, train and mentor principals (including assistant principals) to serve in high-need schools.

For FY 2002, the competition focuses on projects designed to meet the priority that appears in the "Requirements for FY 2002 Competition: Competitive Preference" section of this notice.

Eligible Applicants: High-need LEAs, consortia of high-need LEAs, or partnerships that consist of at least one high-need LEA and at least one nonprofit organization or institution of higher education. See the "Requirements for FY 2002 Competition: Eligibility" section of this notice for the definition of high-need LEA.

Applications Available: May 23, 2002.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: July 8, 2002.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: September 5, 2002.

Estimated Available Funds:

\$10,000,000 for the first 12 months of the 36-month project period. Funding for the second and third 12-month project periods is subject to the availability of funds and to a grantee's meeting the requirements for receipt of continuation awards contained in 34 CFR 75.253.

Estimated Range of Awards:

\$150,000–\$750,000.

Estimated Average Size of Awards:

\$450,000.

Estimated Number of Awards: 22.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice. The Administration has not requested funding for this program for FY 2003.

Project Period: Up to 36 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in