

released in the Connecticut River between river kilometers 0 and 140. A subset of 100 would also be gastric lavaged, a subset of 50 would also have a pectoral fin ray removed, and a subset of 25 would also have a sonic/radio tag attached. Annually, 300 eggs and larvae would be collected by D-net.

Additionally, 50 fish annually would be captured via gill net, trammel net, and trawl; measured, PIT tagged; and released in either the Thames or Housatonic Rivers. Mr. Savoy is seeking authorization for these activities for five years from the date of permit issuance.

Dated: February 4, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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. 020305A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1587

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

ACTION: Addendum to amendment request.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Long Marine Lab, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of California at Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060, has requested an addendum to an amendment request to scientific research Permit No. 984-1587-03.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources,

NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 984-1587-04.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An addendum to the amendment to Permit No. 984-1587-03, published on December 28, 2004 (69 FR 77732), is requested 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).

Permit No. 984-1587-03 authorizes the permit holder to examine the physiological responses of two adult male dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and five adult female California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) during swimming and diving. Testing involves measuring locomotor, thermal, and maintenance costs using voluntary behaviors through training at Long Marine Laboratory. Research activities have been completed for the three adult California sea lions authorized under previous versions of this permit.

The original amendment request was to supplement the current research program on otariid reproductive energetics with two juvenile California sea lions born at Long Marine Laboratory. The addendum requests the addition of research activities on 30 male and 30 female juvenile California sea lions undergoing rehabilitation at The Marine Mammal Center.

Measurements of morphology, blood panels, and blood volume will be compared between the animals at Long Marine Lab and the animals at The Marine Mammal Center to investigate growth trends.

The applicant is also requesting an amendment to investigate the formation of acoustically driven bubbles in critical tissues in bottlenose dolphins in relation to recent mass stranding events. This research will be accomplished by

measuring nitrogen loading and off loading during exercise trials of the two dolphins in captivity at Long Marine Lab. An amended permit for both projects is requested for three years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 4, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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. 012805B]

Marine Mammals; Photography Permit Application No. 1074-1779

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Cornell Laboratory of Ornithology (Marc Dantzker, Principal Investigator), Macaulay Library, 159 Sapsucker Woods Road, Ithaca, New York, 14850, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct commercial/educational photography of several species of non-listed marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before March 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a

hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1074-1779.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of § 104(c)(6) 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). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-threatened marine mammals in the wild. NMFS is currently working on proposed regulations to implement this provision. However, in the meantime, NMFS has received and is processing this request as a "pilot" application for Level B Harassment of non-listed marine mammals for educational purposes.

The purpose of the proposed project is to film several species of non-listed marine mammals for a multimedia educational outreach package called *Sea of Sound*. The objective of this project is to teach classrooms and homes around the world about the richness and importance of undersea sound. The closeness of filming would be considered Level B harassment and therefore would require a permit under the MMPA. The photographers intend to attempt to document marine mammal movement and aggregation under varying conditions. *Sea of Sound* would be produced using high definition (HD) video and surround sound. The HD video system would be self contained and diver operated. The passive audio system would be deployed using a hydrophone array on short cables or in a self contained unit that is diver operated. The action area would include National Marine Sanctuaries throughout the United States. The Permit would expire five years after the date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial

determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

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;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018;

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 973-2935; fax (808) 973-2941;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and,

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727) 570-5301; fax (727) 570-5320.

Dated: February 4, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Patent Customer Transactional Survey.

Form Number(s): None. The Patent Customer Transactional Survey does not have a USPTO form number assigned to it. When they survey is approved, it will carry the OMB Control Number and the date on which OMB's approval of the information collection expires.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-00XX.

Type of Request: New collection.

Burden: 192 hours.

Number of Respondents: 2,400 responses.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 5 minutes. The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of 5 minutes (0.08 hours) to complete the survey, whether it is mailed to the USPTO or completed online. This includes the time to gather the necessary information, respond to the survey, and submit it to the USPTO.

Needs and Uses: The USPTO developed the Patent Customer Transactional Survey to obtain additional data concerning customer satisfaction in three key areas: the legal positions of the examiners, the search functions of the various Automated Information Systems, and problem resolution at the USPTO. During previous surveys, the USPTO determined that these areas are key drivers of overall customer satisfaction. The USPTO developed this survey to fulfill a key quality initiative in the USPTO's 21st Century Strategic Plan and to gather feedback from the applicant about their satisfaction with how the agency prosecuted their patent application. The USPTO plans to use this data in the development of efficient and cost-effective customer satisfaction improvement strategies and in reporting the agency's performance standards. This voluntary survey is primarily a mail survey, although respondents will be able to respond through the Internet using a web-based version of this survey.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: *Susan.Brown@uspto.gov*. Include "0651-00XX Patent Customer Transactional Survey copy request" in the subject line of the message.

- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.

- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information