coverage level for the fishery). The modification increased the proposed numbers of turtles to be handled, measured, tagged and have samples collected by observers on longline vessels to: 40 green turtles; 100 leatherback turtles; 600 loggerhead turtles; 40 hawksbill turtles and 100 olive ridley turtles. The increases in maximum takes requested are proportional to the increase in observer coverage required.

The purpose of the research is to document and evaluate the incidental take of pelagic turtles by the longline fishery, to help estimate the impact of the fishery on listed turtles as individuals and as populations, and to determine methods to reduce that impact. Research will evaluate how incidental captures affect sea turtle anatomy and physiology as a function of season, location of take, water temperature, species, size, time of day, and gear configuration. The results of the research will help NMFS to better meet the goals and objectives of the Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans, the Hooking Mortality Workshop, and the requirements of Section 7 Biological Opinions developed for this fishery, and ultimately, to fulfill ESA responsibilities to protect, conserve, and recover listed species.

Modification #2 to Permit #1190 was issued on February 20, 2001, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1190 expires March 31, 2004.

Dated: March 2, 2001.

Margaret Lorenz,
Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No.775–1600

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

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Micheal P. Sissenwine, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS,166 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543–1026, has been issued a permit to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca*

groenlandica), and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before April 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713–2289); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (508)281–9250; fax (508)281–9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, 301/713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 27, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 64432) that a request for a scientific research permit to take seven species of baleen whale, twenty species of odontocetes, and four species of pinnipeds had been submitted by the above-named organization.

The requested permit has been issued for the four species of pinniped only 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).

Dated: March 6, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

U.S. Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group; Meeting

AGENCY: USSTRATCOM, Department of Defense.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in closed session on April 16 and 27, 2001. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander in Chief, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the nation's strategic war plans. At this meeting, the SAG will

discuss strategic issues that relate to the development of the Single Integrated Operational Plan (SIOP). Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, April 15, 1995. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having requisite security clearances and specific need-to know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the SAG meeting could have exceptionally grave impact upon national defense.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, (5 U.S.C. App 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 USC 552b(c) and that, accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: March 1, 2001.

L.M. Bynum,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.
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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Open Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).
Date of Meeting: 13, 14, and 15 March 2001.
Time of Meeting: 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
Place: Main Conference Room, SAIC, 1710 Solutions Dr., McLean, VA.
Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) Objective Force Soldier/Soldier Teams study will meet for the second of three Plenary Meeting to receive updates from panel breakouts, receive presentations of various subject topics as it pertains to the study, and discuss/plans for forthcoming meetings. This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Mr. Mike Hendricks on (703) 617–7048.

Wayne Joyner,
Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.
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