

comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

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 are available in the following offices:

All documents: 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 File Nos. 781-1666, 1035-1688: Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

For File Nos. 781-1666, 1035-1688: Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018; and

For File No. 1374: Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Dated: August 19, 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 Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 1007-1629

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Leszek Karczmarski, Ph.D., Marine Mammal Research Program, Texas A&M University, 4700 Avenue U, Building 303, Galveston, Texas 77551 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 1007-1629-00.

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,

NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NOAA Fisheries, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Room 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski or Trevor Spradlin, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 28, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 43586) that an amendment of Permit No. 1007-1629-00, issued August 13, 2001 (66 FR 42523), had been requested by the above-named individual. 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 1007-1629-01 now authorizes the take of 5,000 individual Hawaiian spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*) annually by behavioral observation and photo-identification, 600 individuals annually through genetic sampling, and an unlimited number of individuals by close approach incidental to research activities. The purpose of the research is to compare population structure, genetic flow and social behavior between groups of Hawaiian spinner dolphins. The amended permit expands the geographic area of study to include vessel-based research in all the Northwestern and Main Hawaiian Islands.

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Eugene T. Nitta,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Draft Code of Conduct for Responsible Aquaculture in the U. S. Exclusive Economic Zone

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; schedule change; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability of a draft Code of Conduct for Responsible Aquaculture in the U. S. Exclusive Economic Zone (Code of Conduct). The purpose of the Code of Conduct is to provide general guidance for siting and operating aquaculture facilities in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) seaward of coastal state boundaries and authorities. NMFS solicits written comments on the Code of Conduct. NMFS also announces a schedule change for the publication of a final Code of Conduct.

DATES: Submit written comments on the draft Code of Conduct to the appropriate address or fax number by 5 p.m. on September 23, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The draft Code of Conduct is available on the NMFS Web site: www.nmfs.gov/aquaculture.htm. The document will also be provided in hard copy upon request (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). Comments on the Code of Conduct may be sent to Colin Nash, NMFS/WASC, P.O. Box 130, Manchester, WA 98353 or by fax to 206-842-8364. Comments may also be hand-delivered during business hours to: NMFS Manchester Research Station, 7305 Beach Drive East, Port Orchard, WA, 98366-8204. Comments will not be accepted via telephone, e-mail, or Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Bunsick, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or call 301-713-2334 Extension 102. You may also fax your request to 301-713-0596 or send an e-mail to susan.bunsick@noaa.gov. Comments on the Code of Conduct will not be accepted at these contact points.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS has Federal responsibility for the living marine resources of the United States. Under authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, NMFS has responsibility for federally managed species and for the conservation and enhancement of essential fish habitat in the zone seaward of coastal state boundaries to the 200-nautical mile limit of the EEZ. NMFS has additional responsibilities for threatened and endangered species and for marine mammals under authorities of the Endangered Species Act and the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

The United States was an active participant in the 1993-1995 consultations that led to the adoption by the Food and Agriculture Organization