

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellowship National Sea Grant College Federal Fellows Program

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that applications may be submitted for a Fellowship program which was initiated by the National Sea Grant College Program Office (NSGCPO), in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities, to provide educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students in marine related fields. The Fellowship program accepts applications once a year during the month of September. All applicants must submit an application to one of the state Sea Grant College Programs in their area.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Information and brochures can be obtained from Dr. Shirley J. Fiske, Director, National Sea Grant Federal Fellows Program, National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, telephone (301) 713-2431 extension 148 or call your nearest Sea Grant program:

University of Alaska—(907) 474-7086
University of California—(619) 534-4440

University of Connecticut—(860) 405-9128

University of Delaware—(302) 831-2841
University of Florida—(352) 392-5870
University of Georgia—(706) 542-6009
University of Hawaii—(808) 956-7031
University of Illinois—(317) 494-3593
Louisiana State University—(504) 388-6710

University of Maine—(207) 581-1436
University of Maryland—(301) 405-6371

Massachusetts Institute of Technology—(617) 253-7131

University of Michigan—(313) 763-1437
University of Minnesota—(218) 726-8106

Mississippi-Alabama Sea Grant Consortium—(601) 875-9341
University of New Hampshire—(603) 862-3505

New Jersey Marine Science Consortium—(908) 872-1300

State University of New York—(516) 632-6905

University of North Carolina—(919) 515-2454

The Ohio State University—(614) 292-8949

Oregon State University—(541) 737-3396

University of Puerto Rico—(787) 832-3585

Purdue University—(317) 494-3593
University of Rhode Island—(401) 874-6800

South Carolina Sea Grant Consortium—(803) 727-2078

University of Southern California—(213) 740-1961

Texas A&M University—(409) 845-3854
Virginia Graduate Marine Science Consortium—(804) 924-5965

University of Washington—(206) 543-6600

University of Wisconsin—(608) 262-0905

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute—(508) 457-2000 ext. 2665

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Purpose of the Fellowship Program**

In 1979, the National Sea Grant College Program Office (NSGCPO), in fulfilling its broad educational responsibilities, initiated a program to provide educational experience in the policies and processes of the Legislative and Executive Branches of the Federal Government to graduate students in marine related fields. The U.S. Congress recognized the value of this program and in 1987, Public Law 100-220 stipulated that the Sea Grant Federal Fellows Program was to be a formal part of the National Sea Grant College Program Act. The recipients are designated Dean John A. Knauss Marine Policy Fellows pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1127(b).

Announcement

Fellows program announcements are sent annually to all participating Sea Grant institutions and campuses by the state Sea Grant Director upon receipt of notice from the National Sea Grant College Program Office (NSGCPO). A brochure describing the program is also available from the NSGCPO for distribution by both that office and the state Sea Grant programs.

Eligibility

Any student who, on September 30, 1998, is in a master's, doctoral or professional program in a marine related field from any accredited institution of higher education may apply to the NSGCPO through any state Sea Grant program. NOAA makes financial assistance funds available to the

National Sea Grant Colleges to implement the fellowship program. The National Sea Grant College Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance under number 11.417: Sea Grant Support.

Deadlines

Students applications must be obtained from and submitted with their signature (no copies required) to the state Sea Grant Director, who will be the applicant's sponsor, by the date set by the Directors in their individual program announcement (usually early to mid-September).

Applications are to be submitted to the NSGCPO by the sponsoring state Sea Grant Director, no later than close of business on September 30th of any given year. The competitive selection process and subsequent notification will be completed by October 31st of any given year.

Stipend and Expenses

For 1998 a Fellow will receive an award of \$30,000 which is distributed between salary (stipend) and living expenses in accordance with University guidelines. Other expenses covered are travel, moving costs, health insurance and institutional overhead.

Application

An application will include:

Personal and academic resume or curriculum vitae.

Personal education and career goal statement which emphasizes expectations from the experience in the way of career development. (not to exceed 2 pages)

No more than two letters of recommendation with at least one being from the student's major professor.

A letter of endorsement from the sponsoring state Sea Grant Director. Copy of undergraduate and graduate student transcripts.

Thesis papers are not desired.

It is our intent that all applicants be evaluated only on their ability, therefore letters of endorsements from members of Congress, friends, relatives or others will not be considered. Placement preference in the Executive or Legislative Branches of the Government may be stated, and will be honored to the extent possible.

Selection Criteria

The selection criteria will include:
Strength of Academic Performance.
Communications Skills (both written and oral).
Diversity of Academic Background.

Work Experience.
Support of Major Professor.
Support of Sea Grant Director.
Ability to Work with People.

Selection

Applicants will be individually reviewed and ranked by a panel chaired by the Director of Federal Fellowships of the NSGCPO and include representation from: (1) The Council of Sea Grant Directors, (2) the Office of the Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, and (3) the current and possibly last past group of Fellows. The individuals representative of these groups will be chosen on a year by year basis according to availability, timing, and other exigencies. Selection of finalists by the panel will be done by the Panel Chair according to the criteria outlined above. After selection, the panel chair will group applicants into the two categories, legislative and executive, based upon the applicant's stated preference and/or judgment of the panel based upon material submitted. The number of fellows assigned to the Congress will be limited to 10.

Federal Policies and Procedures

Fellows receive funds directly from the National Sea Grant Colleges and are considered to be subrecipients of federal assistance subject to all Federal laws and Federal and Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

Delinquent Federal Debts

No award of Federal funds shall be made to a Fellow applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt or fine until either:

- The delinquent account is paid in full,
- A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or
- Other arrangements satisfactory to Commerce are made.

Classification

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts.

Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act.

This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

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Dated: July 15, 1997.

Elbert W. Friday,

Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091697E]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 970 (P557E)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 970 submitted by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate Project, Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, California 92093-02252, has been granted.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 16, 1997, notice was published in the Federal Register (62 FR 38070) that an amendment of permit no. 970, had been requested. 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.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and

Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23). The amendment extends the expiration date of Permit No. 970 through December 31, 1999.

Issuance of this amendment, 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: September 17, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mauritius

September 19, 1997.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs reducing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 25, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Categories 338/339 is being reduced for carryforward used in 1996.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the