

public will not be able to dial in to this meeting.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 5-minute public comment period from 2:50–2:55 p.m. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of one minute. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by October 4, 2012 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after October 4, 2012, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Presentation of the final report from the review of the Ocean Exploration Program by the Ocean Exploration Advisory Working Group; (2) Review of new members, a new chair and renewal of membership terms for the Data Archive and Access Requirements Working Group; (3) Review of renewal of membership terms for the Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group; (4) Review of new members, a new chair and renewal of membership terms for the Climate Working Group; and (5) Update from the Research and Development Portfolio Review Task Force and discussion of proposed new date for final report. For the latest agenda, please visit the SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–734–1156, Fax: 301–713–1459, Email: [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov)).

Dated: September 14, 2012.

**Andy Baldus,**

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648–XC239**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 17355

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543 [Responsible Party: William Karp; Principal Investigator: Peter Corkeron], has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals and sea turtles.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before October 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17355 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281–9328; fax (978) 281–9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please

include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Kristy Beard, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), 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 regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226).

The NEFSC is requesting a five-year permit to conduct scientific research on 38 species of cetaceans, four species of pinnipeds, and five species of sea turtles in the US EEZ from Florida to Maine and Canadian waters in the Bay of Fundy and Scotian Shelf. The research is designed to meet the NEFSC's mandates under the MMPA and ESA and primarily focuses on stock assessment. Specific objectives are to determine the abundance, distribution, movement patterns, dive behavior, demographic parameters, trends in recruitment, and stock structure of marine mammals in U.S. waters of the western North Atlantic. Twelve of the 47 species to be targeted for research are listed as threatened or endangered: blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei whale (*B. borealis*), sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), bowhead whale (*Balaena mysticetus*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*). See the application for specific take numbers by location and species/stock. Types of take would include harassment by survey approach during aerial and vessel-based surveys, passive acoustic recording, behavioral observations, photo-identification, suction-cup tagging, and biopsy sampling. Research platforms would include large ships, small vessels, and aircrafts. Import and export of marine

mammal parts from the U.S. and other countries is requested for research purposes. The permit would be valid for a period of five 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 the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 14, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XX47**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 14097

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a major amendment to Permit No. 14097-01 has been issued to National Marine Fisheries Service, Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) (Responsible Party: Lisa Ballance, Ph.D.), Protected Resources Division, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristy Beard or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On July 11, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 40859) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 14097-01 to conduct research on 5 pinniped species, 57 cetacean species, and 5 sea turtle species in U.S. territorial and international waters of the Pacific, Southern, Indian, and Arctic Oceans had been submitted by the

above-named organization. The requested permit amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The amendment authorizes: (1) The attachment of dart/barb tags or implantable tags on Arnoux's beaked whales (*Berardius arnuxii*) in the Southern Ocean; and (2) an increase in the takes of pinniped species encountered during aerial, ground, and vessel surveys in the Pacific Ocean, to account for ten additional surveys per year. The amended permit expires June 30, 2015.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a determination was made that issuance of the permit is consistent with the Proposed Action Alternative in the Environmental Assessment (EA) for Issuance of a Scientific Research Permit [File No. 14097] for Pinniped, Cetacean, and Sea Turtle Studies (NMFS 2010) and the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007). Based on that analysis, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on July 1, 2010.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

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; and

Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808) 944-2200; fax (808) 973-2941.

Dated: September 17, 2012.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records; Correction

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, Department of the Navy, Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice; correction.

**SUMMARY:** On Thursday, September 13 and Friday, September 14, 2012, the Department of Defense published 13 notices titled "Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records." In each of these notices, the DATES section contained a 31-day and 30-day insert date. Since the 31-day effective date and 30-day comment date fell on a weekend, the Office of the Federal Register pushed both dates forward to Monday, October 15, 2012. However, the 31-day effective date was meant to read "October 16, 2012", one day after the 30-day comment date. This notice corrects these effective dates.

**DATES:** This correction is effective on September 20, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aaron Siegel, 571-372-0488.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Thursday, September 13, 2012 and Friday, September 14, 2012, 13 Department of Defense notices titled "Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records" published in the **Federal Register**. These notices are:

#### Thursday, September 13, 2012

2012-22581 (77 FR 56625), 2012-22583 (77 FR 56625-56626), 2012-22549 (77 FR 56628-56629), 2012-22550 (77 FR 56629-56630), 2012-22551 (77 FR 56630-56631), 2012-22582 (77 FR 56626-56627), 2012-22553 (77 FR 56633), 2012-22580 (77 FR 56632), 2012-22579 (77 FR 56627-56628), 2012-22552 (77 FR 56633-56634)