

Arthur. It consists of a main crude oil storage site (14 underground caverns/160 million barrel capacity) and a 24-mile pipeline connecting to the Sun Marine Terminal in Nederland, Texas.

Zone procedures would exempt foreign crude oil that is reexported from Customs duty payments. On domestic sales, duties on such oil could be deferred until formal Customs entry is made. The duty on crude oil ranges from 5.25 barrel to 10.5/barrel. Foreign merchandise would also be exempt from state and local *ad valorem* taxes. The application indicates that the savings from zone procedures would help the SPR to lease under-utilized crude oil storage capacity to foreign governments, thus generating revenues for the General Treasury.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is August 26, 1996. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to September 9, 1996).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce Export Assistance Center, Suite 1160, 500 Dallas, Houston, Texas 77002  
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230

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John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit 1005 (P770#71) and modification 1 to permit 908 (P503K).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a permit that authorizes takes of an Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the Coastal Zone and Estuarine Studies Division of the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS at Seattle, WA (CZESD) and a modification to a permit that authorizes takes of Endangered Species Act-listed species incidental to fish-stocking activities, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG).

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The permit and modification to a permit were issued under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Notice was published on April 1, 1996 (61 FR 14296) that an application had been filed by CZESD (P770#71) for a scientific research/enhancement permit. Permit 1005 was issued to CZESD on June 10, 1996. Permit 1005 authorizes CZESD takes of adult and juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) associated with a captive broodstock program, being conducted in cooperation with IDFG. IDFG initiated the captive broodstock program in 1992 under the authority of permit 795 to perpetuate the species and provide Snake River sockeye salmon for future recovery actions. CZESD will rear, maintain, and breed ESA-listed fish in its hatchery facilities at the University of Washington's Big Beef Creek Research Station near Seabeck, WA and NMFS's Manchester Marine Experimental Station near Manchester, WA. ESA-listed salmon eggs or juveniles, originally taken by IDFG, will be transferred to CZESD hatcheries to dilute the risk of an unanticipated catastrophic event, possibly causing a decimation of the gene pool if the offspring were present at only one hatchery location. CZESD will transfer

the resulting progeny of the ESA-listed sockeye salmon captive broodstocks to Idaho annually to complement recovery efforts at Redfish Lake. To coordinate CZESD's permit 1005 with IDFG's permit 795, permit 1005 will expire when permit 795 expires, July 31, 1997.

Notice was published on March 12, 1996 (61 FR 9979) that an application had been filed by IDFG (P503K) for modification 1 to incidental take permit 908. Permit 908 authorizes IDFG an incidental take of endangered Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) and threatened Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with IDFG's resident fish-stocking program, designed to increase the supply of fish in the Salmon River and its tributary streams and lakes for sport-angling. For part of modification 1, IDFG proposed to stock Redfish Lake with catchable-sized hatchery rainbow trout in 1996 to provide recreational fishing at the lake. IDFG's request to stock Redfish Lake with hatchery rainbow trout in 1996 was denied because of the potential effects of rainbow trout overwinter survival and the risk of predation on ESA-listed sockeye salmon in the lake.

The remainder of what IDFG proposed for modification 1 to permit 908 was approved and issued on June 10, 1996. For modification 1, IDFG is authorized to revise their fish-stocking program to do the following: 1) Re-establish a viable population of cutthroat trout in under-utilized habitat in upper Valley Creek by transplanting juvenile cutthroat trout from a healthy population in upper Yankee Fork, Salmon River, 2) release catchable rainbow trout in Yankee Fork dredge ponds prior to June 15, and 3) stock Pettit Lake with 3,000 catchable rainbow trout in 1996, mark (fin-clip) all trout released to identify year-class, and continue monitoring studies and creel surveys through 1996 and 1997. Issuance of the modification does not result in an increase in the annual incidental take authorized in permit 908. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 908 expires on December 31, 1998.

Issuance of the permit and permit modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit 989 and permit 1007.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS issued Permit 989 to Dr. Scott Eckert of Hubbs Sea World Research Institute (P534A), and Permit 1007 to Drs. James R. Spotila and Pamela T. Plotkin of Drexel University, PA (521C), take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications, permits, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250) for Permit 1007; or

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310-980-4016) for Permit 989.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice was published on January 23, 1996 (61 FR 1748) that an application had been filed by Dr. Scott Eckert of Hubbs Sea World Research Institute (P534A), to take listed species as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222). The applicant requested a 2-year permit to capture 20 green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) annually in South San Diego Bay, take blood samples, attach tags and transmitters, and measure heart rate and internal temperature. Some turtles will have lavage stomach sampling performed. The purpose of the research is (1) to determine habitat preferences, behavioral activity patterns (such as foraging behavior), and residence patterns, and (2) to determine thermal preferences. Dr. Eckert will coordinate his research efforts with Donna

McDonald and Dr. Peter Dutton who are working under Permit 988. On June 7, 1996, NMFS issued Permit 989 authorizing the above research.

Notice was published on May 16, 1996 (61 FR 24760) that an application had been filed by Drs. James R. Spotila and Pamela T. Plotkin of Drexel University, PA (521C), to take listed sea turtles as authorized by the ESA. The applicants requested authorization to capture 75 loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), 75 Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), 10 green (*Chelonia mydas*) 5 leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and 1 hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles annually in Delaware Bay from June 1996 to October 1997. The turtles will be examined, measured, photographed, PIT-tagged, and have blood and fecal samples taken. Six turtles will be attached with radio-transmitters and tracked. One incidental sea turtle mortality is requested. The purpose of the research is to assess distribution and population dynamics of sea turtles in Delaware Bay, information helpful to manage impacts to sea turtles from human activities. On June 18, 1996, NMFS issued Permit 1007 authorizing the above research.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 20, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 866 (P537)

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Mr. Fred Sharpe, Behavioral Ecology Research Group, Department of Biological Sciences, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby BC V5A 1S6, has requested a modification to Permit No. 866.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before July 26, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification request 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

Director, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject modification to permit no. 866 is requested 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 fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 866 authorizes the permit holder to: Take (i.e., harass) over a four-year period up to 1000 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), up to 18 of which may be fitted with suction cup time-depth recorders annually. The Holder is also authorized to harass during observational and photo-identification studies up to 100 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) annually on an opportunistic basis during the proposed humpback whale studies. Research activities are authorized to be conducted in the waters of southeastern Alaska between Dixon Entrance and Cross Sound.

The Holder is now requesting that the Permit be amended to authorize the conduct of playback studies on up to 280 humpback whales annually over a three-year period, in the waters of Chatham Strait and Frederick Sound Alaska.

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.