

Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 204(d) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (16 U.S.C. 1824(d)) provides, among other things, that the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) may issue a transshipment permit which authorizes a vessel other than a vessel of the United States to engage in fishing consisting solely of transporting fish or fish products at sea from a point within the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) or, with the concurrence of a State, within the boundaries of that State to a point outside the United States. NMFS has received an application requesting authorization for three Mexican vessels to receive within the area of the U.S. EEZ south of 34° N. lat., and east of 121° W. long., transfers of live tuna from a U.S. purse seiner for the purpose of transporting the tuna alive to the Mexican EEZ.

Section 204(d)(3) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act provides, among other things, that an application may not be approved until the Secretary determines that "no owner or operator of a vessel of the United States which has adequate capacity to perform the transportation for which the application is submitted has indicated...an interest in performing the transportation at fair and reasonable rates." NMFS is publishing this notice as part of its effort to make this determination.

Interested U.S. vessel owners and operators may obtain a copy of the complete application, including vessel modifications necessary to accommodate the pens into which the live tuna will be placed, from NMFS (See **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: July 23, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071698C]

Marine Mammals; File No. P66j

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Wayne C. Regelin, Director, Division of Wildlife Conservation, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 965 (P66j).

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK, 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 3, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 30201) that an amendment of Permit No. 965, issued June 19, 1995 (60 FR 34233), had been requested by the above-named organization. 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).

Permit No. 965 (P66j) authorizes the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) to: take a maximum of 125 Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) by trapping (including leash capture), darting, sampling, and anesthesia (including a maximum of 20 by recapture for follow-up blood sampling and removal of instruments); a maximum of 400 Steller pups over 6 months old by hand capture, gas anesthesia, and marking; a maximum of 10,000 Stellers by harassment during the course of capturing suitable animals; a maximum of 15 Stellers by unintentional mortality during the course of capture and chemical immobilization; and salvage specimens of stranded animals, premature pups, and mortalities associated with this and other research activities. The Holder is also authorized to take up to 30 rehabilitated California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) by injection with experimental immobilization drugs

and a maximum of 3 for unintentional mortality. All takes will be over a 5-year period.

The amendment authorizes the Holder to take 25 additional (50 total) juvenile Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) annually using the underwater leash capture method to adequately describe the basic life history and ecology of this age class.

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: July 23, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072298A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 715-1457

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. A.W. Trites, Research Director, North Pacific Universities Marine Mammal Research Consortium, 6248 Biological Sciences Road, Hut B3, Room 18, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, B.C. Canada, V6T 1Z4, has applied in due form for a permit to take Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before August 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application 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

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries

Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, 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.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

Dr. Trites is requesting authorization to: apply a dive behavior/stomach temperature sensor recorder to determine Steller sea lion foraging biology and energetics; gather data on the development of independent foraging of pups and juveniles; determine seasonal changes in diet and distribution; and collect data on life history parameters and indices of nutritional status.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

This is to give notice, pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(a), that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Agricultural Advisory Committee will conduct a public meeting on August 12, 1998 in the first floor hearing room (Room 1000) of the Commission's Washington, DC headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until 5:00 p.m. The agenda will consist of the following:

Agenda

1. Welcoming Remarks
2. Status Report on the Agricultural Trade Option Pilot Program and Discussion by Committee Members
3. Overview and Discussion of Proposed Rules Increasing Speculative Position Limits for Certain Agricultural Commodities and Amending CFTC Guideline 1, Contract Market Designation Requirements
4. The Future of Futures—a Discussion of Current Developments, Including Electronic and Off-Exchange Trading
5. Overview of the Upcoming CFTC Reauthorization
6. Other Business.

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Commissioner David D. Spears, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Advisory Committee should mail a copy of the statement to the attention of: The Agricultural Advisory Committee, c/o Commissioner David D. Spears, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581, before the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should inform Commissioner Spears in writing at the foregoing address at least three business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made, if time permits, for an oral presentation of no more than five minutes each in duration.

Issued by the Commission in Washington, DC on July 23, 1998.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Timeline for Applications for Assistance Under AmeriCorps*State and National, Learn and Serve America, and National Senior Service Corps

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service announces its timeline for applications for assistance under AmeriCorps*State and National, Learn and Serve America, and National Senior Service Corps.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nancy Talbot, (202) 606-5000, ext. 470. T.D.D. (202) 565-2799. For individuals with disabilities, information will be made available in alternative formats upon request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the National and Community Service Act of 1990, as amended (42 U.S.C. 12501 *et seq.*), the Corporation for National and Community Service announces the following timeline for applications for assistance under AmeriCorps*State and National, Learn and Serve America, and National Senior Service Corps:

AmeriCorps*State

Competitive Programs—January 26, 1999

Formula Programs—April 20, 1999

State Commission Administrative Funds—October 29, 1998

AmeriCorps*National—January 26, 1999

AmeriCorps*Tribes and Territories—April 20, 1999

AmeriCorps Education Awards Program—January 26 & April 20, 1999

Learn and Serve America

School- and Community-based—March 16, 1999

Higher Education—March 16, 1999

National Senior Service Corps (if applicable)—May, 1999 (specific date to be announced at a later time)

This timeline is for new applications, not renewal or continuing applications, and is contingent upon the availability of appropriations.

Dated: July 22, 1998.

Kenneth L. Klothen,

General Counsel, Corporation for National and Community Service.

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