

major estuarine characteristics of the Mississippi delta coastal ecosystem. An estuary located in Mississippi would be the first site to represent the Mississippi Delta subarea of the Louisianian Biogeographic Region.

After consideration of several possible sites along the Mississippi Gulf coast, the Mississippi National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection and Advisory Committee has selected the Grand Bay area of southeast Mississippi as its candidate site for nomination as a potential NERR. The public meeting is being held to provide details and solicit comments on this proposed site.

At the public meeting, the Mississippi Department of Marine Resources and Mississippi State University (MSU) will provide an overview of the national NERR Program; a summary of the Mississippi NERR initiative, including the site selection process and a description of the proposed site; and an open question and answer period.

Following the public meeting, a site nomination document will be developed based on existing research documents and literature, and comments received from NOAA, the Mississippi National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection and Advisory Committee, and the general public. The final site selection document will then be sent to the Governor of Mississippi for approval. If approved, the Governor will forward the site selection package and a nomination letter to NOAA for final clearance. A draft and final Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan must be prepared prior to final site designation.

The public meeting will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday November 30, 1995, at the East Jackson County Community Center—Orange Grove, 9313 Old Stage Road, Moss Point, Mississippi 39581.

Interested parties who wish to comment on the site selection are invited to attend. For more information, contact Mark W. LaSalle, MSU Coastal Research and Extension Center at (601) 388-4710 or Nathalie Peter, Program Specialist, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 119.

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David L. Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification 3 to permit 822 (P500B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a modification to a permit that authorizes a take of listed species for the purpose of scientific research and enhancement, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the Fish Passage Center (FPC) located in Portland, OR.

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, F/NW03, NMFS, 525 NE Oregon Street, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Modification 3 to permit 822 was 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 listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

Modification 3 to permit 822 was issued on October 24, 1995. The background and description of modification 3 to permit 822 were published with the notice of receipt of the application and request for comments on July 6, 1995 (60 FR 35178) and are not repeated here. Modification 3 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 822 expires on December 31, 1997.

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

Dated: November 8, 1995.

Russell J. Bellmer,

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

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P597).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Michael Kundu of Arcturus Adventure Communications, 1026-A 56th Street SE, Everett, WA 98203 has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of marine mammals for photographic purposes.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The application 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, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, 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, Permits Division, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of § 104(c)(6) 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). Section 104(c)(6) provides for photography for educational or commercial purposes involving non-endangered and non-depleted marine mammals in the wild. NMFS is currently working on proposed regulations to implement this provision. However, in the meantime, NMFS has received and is processing this request as a "pilot" application for Level B Harassment of non-listed and non-depleted marine mammals for photographic purposes. The applicant seeks authorization to photograph the following marine mammals: Harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*); California sea lion

(*Zalaphus californianus*); Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*); Northern elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*); killer whale (*Orcinus orca*); Gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*); minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*); Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*); harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*); and Pacific white-sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*).

Although the applicant has requested authority to harass Steller sea lions, he has been advised that such authorization is not possible inasmuch as this species is listed as "Threatened" under the Endangered Species Act. The applicant proposes to initiate this work on January 1, 1996.

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: October 20, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P405B).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that The Burke Museum Box 353010, University of Washington, Seattle, WA 98195-3010 has applied in due form to continue to obtain, archive, import and export an unspecified number of dead-salvaged marine mammals and/or parts thereof, world wide, over a five year period.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 15, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The application 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, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sandpoint Way, NE BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150); Director, Alaska Region,

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

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001);

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250); and

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/570-5301).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, 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:

Trevor Spradlin, Permits Division, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-222), the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*), and fur seal regulations at 50 CFR part 215.

The applicant seeks authorization for purposes of scientific research to continue to salvage and/or import/export, over a five year period, carcasses and/or specimen materials from an unspecified number of all species of marine mammals of any age and of both sexes. Specimens will be obtained from dead, naturally stranded animals and/or from animals legally taken (killed) in the country of origin as a result of fishery interactions, aboriginal takes, or as a part of research or management programs. U.S. Pacific marine mammal stocks will be the primary source for the collection, however, species with a world wide distribution have also been requested. Activities are requested to continue beginning January 1, 1996.

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: November 3, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation 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 amendment 3 to permit 802.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on October 19, 1995, NMFS issued Amendment 3 to Permit Number 802 to Dr. Andre Landry of Texas A&M University (P512) to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813-893-3141).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amendment restricts sea turtle netting activities to waters shallower than 4 feet, and was issued in accordance with 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).

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

Dated: November 7, 1995.

Russell J. Bellmer,

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

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