

The second amendment of permit 747 was issued to FWS on March 27, 1996. Three actions are provided by this amendment. They are: (1) An extension of permit 747 through November 30, 1996; (2) the continuation of the moratorium on the collection of adult ESA-listed fish for broodstock for the duration of permit 747; and (3) the continuation of the authorization for a take of ESA-listed fish associated with the maintenance and care of hatchery fish that are part of FWS's propagation and captive broodstock programs. Due to continued technical concerns with hybridization and imprinting problems, it was not feasible for NMFS to complete the necessary actions required to issue a new enhancement permit by the end of March, 1996. The take of ESA-listed fish associated with the scientific research/monitoring component of permit 747 has been deleted and is now authorized under permit 990, issued on March 20, 1996 (61 FR 14297, April 1, 1996). The second amendment is in effect for the duration of permit 747.

Issuance of the permit and the second amendment to a permit, 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 is the subject of the permits, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: April 11, 1996.

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### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Modification no. 4 to scientific research permit no. 873 (P772#63).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 873 submitted by the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, has been granted.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802, (310/980-4016).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 1, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 8043) that a modification of permit no. 873, issued July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested modification 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 paragraphs (d) and (e) of § 216.33 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (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 part 222).

Permit no. 873 authorized the permit holder to biopsy several species of cetaceans off the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, and to import biopsy tissues collected outside of U.S. waters. The permit has been modified to authorize an increase in the number of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) to be biopsy sampled from 20 to 100 for 1996, including 15 cow/calf pairs (i.e., 30 animals), in Hawaiian waters during the 1996 field season.

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

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### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

#### Trading and Clearing Link Between the Chicago Board of Trade and the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of the proposed trading and clearing linkage for certain financial products between the Chicago Board of Trade and the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange and proposed rules and rule amendments to implement the linkage.

**SUMMARY:** The Chicago Board of Trade ("CBT" or "Exchange") has submitted a proposal to implement a trading and clearing link ("Link") with the London International Financial Futures and Options Exchange ("LIFFE"). Pursuant to the Link, CBT and LIFFE would trade their major financial futures and options contracts on each other's floors by open outcry. Effectively, the link would permit "cross listing" of CBT and LIFFE futures contracts. Market users could establish a position in a LIFFE-designated contract in Chicago which would be transferred to The London Clearing House ("LCH") the same day and be recognized as a LIFFE position. Market users could also establish a position in a CBT-designated contract in London which would be transferred to the Board of Trade Clearing Corporation ("BOTCC") the same day and be recognized as a CBT position. Conceptually, a CBT-designated contract would be executed on LIFFE, initially matched by LCH, and then transferred to BOTCC for clearing and vice-versa. All contracts traded through the Link would be completely fungible. Acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Division of Trading and Markets has determined to publish the proposal for public comment. The Division believes that publication of the proposal is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 20, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lois Gregory, Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5483.