

recommendations for tilefish; development of criteria for prioritization of the MAFMC five-year research plan; discussion of the peer review of the Management Strategy Evaluation Study of the ABC Control Rules; development of criteria for establishing multi-year ABC recommendations; and development of technical advice for MAFMC's Ecosystem Based Fishery Management Guidance Document. The purpose of the Tilefish Monitoring Committee is to recommend management measures designed to achieve recommended catch limits.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: February 28, 2012.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA626**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 16160

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that The Whale Museum (Responsible Party: Jenny Atkinson), P.O. Box 945, Friday Harbor, WA 98250 has requested a change in Principal Investigator to their pending permit application.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before April 2, 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. 16160 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) 713-2289; fax (301) 427-2521; and Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426.

Written comments on these applications 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 and 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).

On November 3, 2011, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 68161) that a request for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The Whale Museum proposes to monitor and record vessel activities around marine mammal species routinely encountered by commercial and recreational vessels in the inland waters of Washington State. This research would contribute to a long-

term data set (Orca Master) that has provided critical information on characterizing annual vessel trends around Southern Resident killer whales and an evaluation of the effectiveness of federal, state and local marine wildlife guidelines and regulations through the Soundwatch program. Research methods would include close vessel approach for photo-identification, behavioral observation, and monitoring. The main focus species are killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) from the Southern Resident stock. Additionally, Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), eastern gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), non-ESA listed killer whale, and minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*) may be harassed.

Under the pending permit application, The Whale Museum is requesting a change in Principal Investigator (PI) due to personnel changes within their organization. They request to have Eric Eisenhardt be designated as the new PI. No other changes to the permit application are requested.

Dated: February 27, 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-XA914**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 16998

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

**ACTION:** Notice; denial of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that an application for a scientific research permit (File No. 16998) submitted by Mr. Gregory Walker, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Fairbanks, AK, has been denied.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tammy Adams or Laura Morse, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On January 4, 2012, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 268) that an application had been filed by the above named applicant for a permit to harass 13,000 Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), 200 harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), 10 killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), 10 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and 10 northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) over the course of a one-year permit. The objective was to conduct low-altitude (75 to 120 meters) aerial surveys of rookeries and haul outs using ship-based unmanned aircraft to demonstrate novel methods for imaging Steller sea lion terrestrial habitat in the Aleutian Islands with the accuracy and fidelity necessary for population surveys and at a cost low enough to allow frequent monitoring.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination was made that the activities proposed were consistent with the Preferred Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007), and that issuance of the permit would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment. Comments received on the application after publication of the notice of receipt suggested that an environmental assessment (EA) or other supplemental analysis was warranted due to the lack of information in the PEIS regarding potential effects of such low-altitude surveys. The regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216) stipulate that, under these circumstances, the permit be denied unless an EA is prepared with a finding of no significant impact.

The requested permit has been denied subject to the provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), because there is not time to prepare an EA and make a finding of no significant impact before the proposed field season. The application may be re-submitted with information necessary to prepare an EA and would be processed as a new

application, with opportunity for public review and comment.

Dated: February 27, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

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## **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

### **Procurement List; Additions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds products to the Procurement List that will be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* 4/2/2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3259.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603-7740, Fax: (703) 603-0655, or email [CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov](mailto:CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov).

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Additions**

On 6/24/2011 (76 FR 37069-37070) and 1/6/2012 (77 FR 780), the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the products and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the products listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 8501-8506 and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

### **Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification**

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small

organizations that will furnish the products to the Government.

2. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 8501-8506) in connection with the products proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

### **End of Certification**

Accordingly, the following products are added to the Procurement List:

#### **Products**

*Paper, Xerographic Copier and Printer Paper, Neon Colors*

NSN: 7530-01-398-2680—Paper, Xerographic, 8½" x 11", Neon Pink.

NSN: 7530-01-398-2681—Paper, Xerographic, 8½" x 11", Neon Blue.

NSN: 7530-01-398-2682—Paper, Xerographic, 8½" x 11", Neon Green.

NPA: Louisiana Association for the Blind, Shreveport, LA.

*Contracting Activity:* General Service Administration, New York, NY.

*Coverage:* A-List for the Total Government Requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

NSN: 3990-00-NSH-0078—Pallet, Treated Wood, 70" x 42".

NPA: Willamette Valley Rehabilitation Center, Inc., Lebanon, OR.

*Contracting Activity:* Department of Justice, Federal Prison System, Washington, DC.

*Coverage:* C-List for 100% of the requirements of UNICOR—Sheridan, OR, as aggregated by Federal Prison Industries.

**Barry S. Lineback,**

*Director, Business Operations.*

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## **COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED**

### **Procurement List Proposed Addition and Deletions**

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

**ACTION:** Proposed addition to and deletions from the Procurement List.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is proposing to add a service to the Procurement List that will be provided by a nonprofit agency employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities and delete products previously furnished by such agencies.

*Comments Must Be Received On or Before:* 4/2/2012.