

1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact, signed on November 15, 2011.

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

Dated: November 21, 2011.

**P. Michael Payne,**

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XU87

[File No. 15126]

#### Marine Mammals

**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 NMFS National Marine Mammal Laboratory, (Responsible Party: Dr. John Bengtson, Director), Seattle, WA, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 15126-01 for studies of marine mammals in Alaska.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before December 27, 2011.

**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 home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 15126 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)  
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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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, Conservation and Education 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:**  
Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301)  
427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 15126-01 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 15126, issued on May 7, 2010 (75 FR 27300), authorizes the permit holder to take ribbon seals (*Phoca fasciata*), spotted seals (*P. largha*), ringed seals (*P. hispida*), harbor seals (*P. vitulina*), and bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) in the North Pacific Ocean, Bering Sea, Arctic Ocean and coastal regions of Alaska to investigate their foraging ecology, habitat requirements, vital rates, and effects of natural and anthropogenic factors. A minor amendment (Permit No. 15126-01) was issued on April 5, 2011, which authorized harassment of ringed seals to assess conditions and characteristics of their lairs and breathing holes. Methods for the project include excavating a portion of the lairs or breathing holes to take measurements and photographs of the structure and placing sensors within the lair before reconstructing and closing the structure. The minor amendment did not change the numbers of animals harassed; it re-allocated takes already permitted for harassment incidental to seal capture activities. The permit is valid through March 30, 2015.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to include authorization for harassment of an additional 3,554 ribbon seals, 8,699 spotted seals, 3,872 bearded seals and 50,653 ringed seals annually during

low-level (less than 1,000 feet and greater than 400 feet) aerial surveys conducted from either rotary or fixed wing manned or unmanned aircraft. The amendment would not affect the expiration date of the permit.

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: November 18, 2011.

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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation"), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a pre-clearance consultation program to provide the general public and federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. Sec. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirement on respondents can be properly assessed.

Currently, the Corporation is soliciting comments concerning data collection for the Understanding the Value of Service in Participant's Experience project. The goals of the project are: (1) To strengthen national service by ensuring that participants consistently find satisfaction and self-efficacy; (2) to determine what contributes to a defining or