

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

Permits, Conservation and Education 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

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 28, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 4945) that a request for a scientific research permit had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued 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).

The permit authorizes the importation of marine mammal tissues (brain, liver, muscle, kidney, skin) from up to 100 individuals (hunter-killed, stranded) collected by colleagues at the National Environmental Research Institute of Denmark (Roskilde, Denmark) from each of the following marine mammal species taken in Greenland, Faroe Islands, or Denmark: ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*), pilot whale (*Globicephala melas*), hooded seal (*Cystopora cristata*), harp seal (*Pagophilus groenlandicus*), narwhal (*Monodon monoceros*), beluga (*Delphinapterus leucas*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), and grey seal (*Haliocherus grypus*). This permit does not include authorization for takes of live animals or the incidental take of non-target species. This permit will expire 5 years from date of issuance.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: March 11, 2010.

Tammy C. Adams,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 14802

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Coast Aquarium, 2820 S.E. Ferry Slip Road, Newport, OR 97365, has been issued a permit to import up to eight non-releasable harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) for the purposes of public display.

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Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Kristy Beard, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 8, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 51836) that a request for a public display permit to import up to eight non-releasable harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*; two male, six females) from the Vancouver Aquarium Science Center, Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada to the Oregon Coast Aquarium, had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting to receive public input on longline fishery issues and the future of longline fisheries in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 6 and 7, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will include overviews of the current longline fisheries in Hawaii, American Samoa and in the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, longline fishermen's views on fishery issues and challenges, recent Council actions affecting longline fisheries, review of limited entry programs and potential modifications, observer programs, vessel monitoring systems, catch shares, ecosystem changes and impacts on longline fisheries, and emerging international fishery arrangements and longline fisheries. No issues will be the subject of formal action during this meeting. This meeting is for gathering information only, and participants will not be asked to generate recommendations or advice or attempt to reach consensus on any longline fishery issue.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those