

investigation may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 7407.10.1500, 7419.99.5050, 8415.90.8065, and 8415.90.8085. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Conclusion

The Department clarifies that the "Scope of Investigation" section of the *Mexico Preliminary Determination* was unintentionally modified and no changes to the scope of this investigation have occurred pursuant to the *Mexico Preliminary Determination*. Therefore, the scope language stated in the *Initiation Notice* reflects the scope of this investigation. This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: May 21, 2010.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XO45

Marine Mammals; receipt of application for permit amendment

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Peter Tyack, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA has applied for an amendment to Permit No. 14241 to conduct research on marine mammals.

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. 14241 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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)713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9333; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Tammy Adams or Carrie Hubard, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 14241 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. 14241, issued on July 15, 2009 (74 FR 3668), authorizes the permit holder to conduct research on cetacean behavior, sound production, and responses to sound. The research methods include tagging marine mammals with an advanced digital sound recording tag that records the acoustic stimuli an animal hears and measures vocalization, behavior, and physiological parameters. Research also involves conducting sound playbacks in a carefully controlled manner and measuring animals' responses. The principal study species are beaked whales, especially Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*), and large delphinids such as long-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala melas*), although other small cetacean species may also be studied. The locations for the field work are the Mediterranean Sea, waters off of the mid-Atlantic United States, and Cape Cod Bay. The permit is valid through July 31, 2014.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to: (1) include authorization for collection of a skin and blubber biopsy sample from some animals that are already authorized to be tagged; (2) add new species for existing projects involving tagging, playbacks, and behavioral observations; and (3) modify and clarify tagging and playback protocols and mitigation for when dependent calves are present. The new species for the Mediterranean Sea-based project are Blainville's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Cuvier's beaked whale, short-finned pilot whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), long-finned pilot whale, Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), and false killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*). The new species for the project based off Cape Hatteras, North Carolina are True's beaked whale (*M. mirus*), Gervais' beaked whale (*M. europaeus*),

Blainville's beaked whale, bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), Risso's dolphin, short-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), and Cuvier's beaked whale. The amendment would be valid through the current 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: May 24, 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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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: Free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in July, August, and September of 2010. Certain fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. Specifically, the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop is mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop is mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and who have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access permits. Additional free workshops will be held in 2010.

DATES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held July 8, August 5, and September 2, 2010.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held July 21, July 28, August 11, August 25, September 15, and September 22, 2010.

See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further details.

ADDRESSES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Jefferson, LA; Panama City, FL; and Wilmington, NC.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Clearwater, FL; Corpus Christi, TX; Wilmington, NC; Boston, MA; Manahawkin, NJ; and Kenner, LA.

See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further details on workshop locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Pearson by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2008, Atlantic shark dealers have been prohibited from receiving, purchasing, trading, or bartering for Atlantic sharks unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit which first receives Atlantic sharks (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop are issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks. These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. Approximately 45 free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops have been conducted since January 2007.

Currently permitted dealers may send a proxy to an Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop. However, if a dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit which first receives Atlantic sharks. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who is currently employed by a place of business covered by the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and who fills out dealer reports. Atlantic shark dealers are

prohibited from renewing a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate for each business location which first receives Atlantic sharks has been submitted with the permit renewal application. Additionally, trucks or other conveyances which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. July 8, 2010, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Rosedale Branch Library, 4036 Jefferson Highway, Jefferson, LA 70121.

2. August 5, 2010, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., National Marine Fisheries Service Library, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408.

3. September 2, 2010, 12 p.m. - 5 p.m., Comfort Inn (UNC-Wilmington), 151 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, please contact Eric Sander at esander@peoplepc.com or at (386) 852-8588.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items to the workshop:

- Atlantic shark dealer permit holders must bring proof that the attendee is an owner or agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit, and proof of identification.
- Atlantic shark dealer proxies must bring documentation from the permitted dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the permitted Atlantic shark dealer for a specific business location, a copy of the appropriate valid permit, and proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2007, shark limited-access and swordfish limited-access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear have been required to submit a copy of their Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel owners who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel owners whose certificate(s) will expire prior to the next permit renewal, must attend a workshop to fish with, or renew, their swordfish and shark limited-access permits. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited-access permit applicants who intend to fish with longline or gillnet gear must attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before either of the permits will be issued. Approximately 88 free Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops have been conducted since 2006.

In addition to certifying vessel owners, at least one operator on board vessels issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit that uses longline or gillnet gear is required to attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. Vessels that have been issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit and that use longline or gillnet gear may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates onboard at all times. The certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel operators who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel operators whose certificate(s) will expire prior to their next fishing trip, must attend a workshop to operate a vessel with swordfish and shark limited-access permits that uses with longline or gillnet gear.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. July 21, 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 3535 Ulmerton Road, Clearwater, FL 33762.

2. July 28, 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 5549 Leopard Street, Corpus Christi, TX 78408.

3. August 11, 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 6745 Rock Spring Road, Wilmington, NC 28405.

4. August 25, 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hilton Inn (at Boston Logan airport), 1 Hotel Drive, Boston, MA 02128.

5. September 15, 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 151 Route 72 East, Manahawkin, NJ 08020.

6. September 22, 2010, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., Hilton Inn (at New Orleans Louis Armstrong airport), 901 Airline Drive, Kenner, LA 70062.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682-0158.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items with them to the workshop:

- Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.
- Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.
- Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Grandfathered Permit Holders

Participants in the industry-sponsored workshops on safe handling and release of sea turtles that were held in Orlando, FL (April 8, 2005), and in New Orleans, LA (June 27, 2005), were issued a NOAA workshop certificate in December 2006 that was valid for 3 years. These workshop certificates have expired. Vessel owners and operators

whose certificates expire prior to the next permit renewal or fishing trip must attend a workshop, successfully complete the course, and obtain a new certificate in order to fish with or renew their limited-access shark and limited-access swordfish permits. Failure to provide a valid NOAA workshop certificate could result in a permit denial.

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Emily H. Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Department of Commerce: Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Export Strategy To Support the National Export Initiative

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comment.

SUMMARY: In order to support President Obama's National Export Initiative (NEI), the interagency Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee's (TPCC) Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Working Group is developing a U.S. Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Export Strategy (the Strategy) to guide U.S. government programs supporting U.S. renewable energy and energy efficiency companies wishing to compete for sales abroad. The Strategy focuses on increasing exports of goods and services related to renewable energy and energy efficiency. Not included in this initiative are all goods and services that relate to the transport sector, including biofuels and biofuel feedstock.

The TPCC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Working Group seeks input from private businesses, trade associations, academia, labor organizations, non-governmental organizations, and other interested parties regarding foreign or domestic policies or conditions of competition that impede exports faced by exporters of the relevant goods and services; effectiveness or ineffectiveness of Federal government programs supporting U.S. exports of renewable energy and energy efficiency technology, including specific experiences with such Federal government programs; specific ways in

which the Federal government can improve its programs to support exports of U.S. goods and services related to renewable energy and energy efficiency; Federal activities and programs that would benefit from increased interagency cooperation; and generally how the Federal government can better help U.S. businesses export more renewable energy and energy efficiency technologies.

This input will be used to help guide the TPCC in its formulation of the strategy that will support the NEI, with the goal of doubling U.S. exports by 2015.

DATES: Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. on July 10, 2010, to be considered.

ADDRESSES: To provide input to the TPCC Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Working Group, please send comments by post, e-mail or fax to the attention of Julius Svoboda, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 4053, Washington, DC 20230; 202-482-4152; e-mail newenergy@trade.gov; fax 202-482-5665. Electronic responses should be submitted in Microsoft Word format. Information identified as confidential will be protected to the extent permitted by law.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 11, 2010, President Obama issued Executive Order 13534, which created the NEI in order to enhance and coordinate Federal efforts to facilitate the creation of jobs in the United States through the promotion of exports and to ensure the effective use of Federal resources in support of these goals. The Executive Order created the Export Promotion Cabinet, which coordinates with the TPCC, to provide the President a comprehensive plan within 180 days to carry out the goals of the NEI. In response to Executive Order 13534, and with a view to increasing the amount of U.S. exports related to Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency, the TPCC Working Group on Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency has agreed to prepare, in conjunction with other relevant TPCC Working Groups, a *National Renewable Energy and Energy Efficiency Export Strategy* for consideration by the Export Promotion Cabinet for inclusion in the NEI implementation plan. The Strategy will entail: (1) An evaluation of the current global renewable energy and energy efficiency energy market; (2) an analysis of overlaps and gaps in Federal government programs designed to boost exports related to renewable energy and