

internet, or by appointment in the following office(s):

All documents: Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301)713-2289, or the Division's Web Page at [http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot\\_res/PR1/Permits/pr1permits\\_review.html](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/PR1/Permits/pr1permits_review.html).

For permit 782-1532 (NMML) and Files No. 1016-1651 (Univ. of Washington) and 434-1669 (ODFW): Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700, (206)526-6150; and

For permits 782-1532 (NMML), 358-1564-02 (ADFG) and Files No. 1016-1651 (Univ. of Washington), 800-1664 (Davis), and 881-1668 (ASLC): Alaska Region, NMFS, PO Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668, (907)586-7221.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Tammy Adams or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 27, 2002, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (67 FR 43283) that requests for scientific research permits and permit amendments to take Steller sea lions had been submitted by the above-named individuals/organizations. The requested permits and permit amendments have 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), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 358-1564-02, which expires on June 30, 2005, authorized the permit holder to take Steller sea lions of all ages and both sexes in Alaska and British Columbia by aerial/boat surveys, capturing, handling, flipper tagging, blood/biopsy sampling, hot-branding, collection of blood and tissue samples, attachment of scientific instruments, recaptures, and accidental mortality. The amended permit authorizes takes of additional sea lions by increased frequency of aerial surveys, and additional takes of individual sea lions by additional recaptures, increased blood and tissue sampling, tagging, administering Evans blue dye, and additional accidental mortality.

Permit No. 782-1532, which expires on December 31, 2004, authorizes the permit holder to take Steller sea lions of

all ages and both sexes in Alaska, by aerial/boat surveys, capturing, handling, flipper tagging, blood/biopsy sampling, attachment of scientific instruments, and hot-branding. The amended permit increase the frequency of takes by aerial surveys; includes Southeast Alaska in monthly surveys; increases the number of animals to be incidentally harassed during scat collection; and allows additional procedures for animals already authorized for capture, including using gas anesthesia, branding of any animal captured, injecting Evan's blue dye and deuterated water, collecting additional blood and tissue samples, using bioelectric impedance analysis, and an increase in the number of accidental mortalities.

Permit No. 800-1664 authorizes takes of threatened and endangered juvenile and adult female Steller sea lions in Alaska by capture, anesthesia, hot-branding, tissue sampling (including blood, skin, and blubber), attachment of scientific instruments (video system/data logger and satellite transmitters), and accidental mortality.

Permit No. 1016-1641 authorizes takes of threatened and endangered Steller sea lions in the Aleutian Islands, Gulf of Alaska, and southeast Alaska by remote biopsy darting, incidental harassment, and accidental mortality, to collect blubber samples for analysis to assess prey selection. Some samples will be exported to Canada for analysis. Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*) may be incidentally harassed during biopsy sampling.

Permit No. 434-1669 authorizes takes of threatened Steller sea lions in California, Washington, and Oregon by capture, hot-branding, flipper tagging, collection of blood and tissue samples from, attachment external scientific instruments to, harassment incidental to these activities and remote monitoring, and accidental mortality.

Permit No. 881-1668, issued to the Alaska SeaLife Center, authorizes takes of threatened and endangered Steller sea lions in Alaska by capture, hot-branding, flipper tagging, collection of blood and tissue samples from, attachment of external scientific instruments, accidental mortality, and harassment incidental to these activities and remote monitoring.

Permit No. 1010-1641 authorizes takes of Steller sea lions of all ages by harassment during aerial surveys and vessel-based behavioral observations in the western Gulf of Alaska, and scat collection at rookeries and haulouts along the Alaska Peninsula and Eastern Aleutian Islands.

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

Dated: November 12, 2002.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

*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

[I.D. 1101021]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 821-1588

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Texas A&M University, Department of Marine Biology, PO Box 1675, Galveston, Texas 77551 (Principal Investigator: Dr. Randall W. Davis) has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 821-1588-01.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 19, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request and related documents are available for review 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;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those

individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular amendment request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Amy Sloan or Carrie Hubbard (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 821-1588-01 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. 821-1588-01 authorizes the permit holder to conduct research under three projects: (1) capture, tag, sample, release Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddelli*) on McMurdo Sound, Antarctica; (2) approach, tag, biopsy, photograph sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) in the Gulf of Mexico, and conduct research activities on Odontocetes that may result in Level B harassment; and (3) import/export marine mammal specimens obtained from dead animals. The permit holder requests authorization to take up to two times each, 30 adult female northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) and 10 subadult seals of either sex during each of three years by capture, restraint, sedation, attachment of instruments, placement of catheters into blood vessels, placement of subcutaneous temperature and intravenous oxygen sensors, and taking muscle biopsies. Adult females may be pregnant, although no late-term pregnant seals will be sampled. Level B harassment may occur on an additional 40 seals per year during observations to check flipper tags for identification. Up to two accidental mortalities per year are requested for this amendment. Research will occur at Ano Nuevo Point, California. The purpose of this research is to investigate the behavioral and energetic adaptations that enable elephant seals to forage at depth in the northern Pacific Ocean.

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 14, 2002.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia**

November 12, 2002.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 19, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs Web site at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The current limits for Categories 300/301 and 604 are being adjusted, variously, for swing and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also

see 66 FR 63030, published on December 4, 2001.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 12, 2002.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 27, 2001, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on November 19, 2002, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Other specific limits	
300/301 .....	5,343,847 kilograms.
604 .....	1,631,178 kilograms.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,  
D. Michael Hutchinson,  
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Correction notice.

**SUMMARY:** On September 11, 2002, the Department of Education published a 60-day public comment period notice in the **Federal Register** (Page 57584, Column 1) for the information collection, "Direct Loan Income Contingent Repayment Plan Alternative Document of Income". The correct title for this collection is "Income Contingent Repayment Plan—Consent to Disclosure of Tax Information". The Leader, Regulatory Management Group,