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ADDRESSES: The permit amendment 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)713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 8, 2010, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 39206) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 555-1870-01 to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The amendment 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 amendment (Permit No. 555-1870-02) authorizes an increase in the number of subadult harbor seals taken annually in California by capture, sedation, tagging, and sampling from 40 seals (20 males and 20 females) to 70 seals (35 males and 35 females). Also, a pilot study is authorized to bring up to six seals into temporary captivity to assess the efficacy of a modified sedation and suture protocol for implantation of subcutaneous radio tags. If effective, the modified protocols will be implemented in the field. The permit expires April 15, 2012.

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: August 25, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

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. 486-1790

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Brent Stewart, Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, California 92109 has been issued a minor amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 486-1790-00.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Payne or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The requested amendment has been granted 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 original permit (No. 486-1790-00) was issued on January 4, 2006 and was valid through October 1, 2010. It authorizes capture of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) of any age on the southern California Channel Islands and surrounding waters for continuation of studies begun in 1978 on the demography, physiological ecology, foraging ecology, and behavior of pinnipeds in California. Marine mammals may be captured by a variety of techniques; physically or chemically

immobilized; have blood, skin, blubber, muscle, urine, feces, and various skin and mucousal swabs collected; receive flipper tags; have radio transmitters attached; receive exams of musculoskeletal and cardiovascular systems, ears, nares, oral cavity, and eyes. The permit also allows for mortality of up to two animals of each species per year incidental to the research. The minor amendment (No. 486-1790-01) extends the duration of the permit through October 1, 2011, but does not change any other terms or conditions of the permit.

Dated: August 30, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.