

Department is closed. *See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005). Accordingly, the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of this full sunset review is now no later than December 20, 2010.

This notice is issued in accordance with sections 751(c)(5)(B) and (C) of the Act.

Dated: September 20, 2010.

**Susan H. Kuhbach,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XR61**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 14535

**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 Colleen Reichmuth, Ph.D., University of California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine Laboratory, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA, has been issued a permit amendment (Permit No. 14535-01).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before October 25, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249; 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 Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 29, 2010, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (75 FR 37388) that a

request for a permit amendment to conduct research on captive pinnipeds for scientific research had been submitted by the above-named applicant. 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).

Permit No. 14535-01 authorizes the addition of two non-releasable animals of each of the following species to the captive research program: ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seal (*Erignathus barbatus*), and spotted seal (*Phoca largha*). The purpose is to expand the comparative understanding of basic perceptual and cognitive function among pinnipeds and to assess potential impacts of human noise on marine mammals. The amendment is for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2014.

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: September 17, 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

**RIN 0648-XZ24**

#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Issuance of an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)

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

**ACTION:** Notification of issuance of a revised EFP to conduct exempted fishing.

**SUMMARY:** The Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS, has issued a revised EFP in support of a drop chain small mesh net study conducted by the University of Rhode Island (URI). The study aims to reduce summer flounder discard mortality in the *Loligo* small-mesh

fishery. The revised EFP includes an exemption for participating vessels from the Trimester III *Loligo* mesh size restrictions. This exemption is consistent with the goals and objectives of the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP) and the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sarah Heil, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9257.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 26, 2009, an EFP was issued to URI in support of a study that would test the effectiveness of a drop chain small mesh net in its ability to reduce catches of summer flounder in the small mesh fishery. The original EFP included exemptions from the summer flounder size restrictions specified at 50 CFR 648.103, scup size restrictions at § 648.124, scup possession limits at § 648.125, and squid and butterfish possession restrictions at § 648.25. The exemption from summer flounder size restrictions was granted to allow vessels to retain and land summer flounder for a delayed mortality monitoring period. The remaining exemptions were granted to allow incidental catch species to be temporarily retained for data collection purposes. Field work for this project began in April 2010, and 8 of the project's proposed 12 fishing trips have been completed. Research trips are conducted aboard two commercial fishing vessels, as normal fishing operations, using standard *Loligo* squid nets. Research trips conducted since April 2010 have used experimental and control nets with a codend mesh size of 1 7/8 in. (48 mm), consistent with the *Loligo* mesh size restrictions in place at the time.

Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP implemented an increase to the minimum mesh size for *Loligo* squid, from 1 7/8 in. (48 mm) to 2 1/8 in. (54 mm), during Trimester I (January to April) and Trimester III (September to December), effective September 13, 2010. This increase to the *Loligo* minimum mesh size was unanticipated at the time the original EFP application was submitted, and therefore, principal investigators did not request an exemption from *Loligo* mesh size restrictions. In addition, because the 2 1/8-in. (54-mm) minimum mesh size was not in place at the onset of field operations, research trips were completed using nets consistent with *Loligo* gear restrictions at that time.

On September 8, 2010, NMFS received a request from Kathy Castro of URI for an exemption from the new