

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed 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 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.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 14176.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Malcolm Mohead or Kate Swails, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant is seeking a five year permit to assess biological and life history information on shortnose sturgeon in the Potomac River. Primary objectives of the study would be: (1) capturing and tracking acoustically tagged sturgeon to determine seasonal movements, habitat selection, spawning success and spawning periodicity; and (2) characterizing the genetics of Potomac River shortnose sturgeon. To accomplish these goals, up to 30 fish annually would be non-lethally sampled with gill nets, measured, weighed, PIT and Floy tagged, and tissue sampled. Of these, up to 10 adult shortnose sturgeon each year would be acoustically tagged five internally and five externally and released. Additionally, researchers propose to use D-nets to collect up to 20 shortnose sturgeon in early life stages annually to estimate spawning success and periodicity.

Dated: March 15, 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-XS13**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 87-1743

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Daniel P. Costa, Ph.D., Long Marine Laboratory, University of California at Santa Cruz, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, California 95060, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 87-1743-05.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before April 19, 2010.

**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. 87-1743 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; 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 on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No.87-1743-05 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. 87-1743-05, issued on September 29, 2009 (74 FR 52184), authorizes the permit holder to conduct long-term behavioral, physiological, and life history research studies on northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) in California. The permit expires on September 30, 2010. The permit holder is requesting an amendment to increase the number of weaned elephant seal pups weighed, measured, and flipper tagged by 100 animals in order to study the effects of a current El Nino event on weaned pup size and survival. The amendment would be valid for the duration of the permit.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) was prepared to analyze the effects of issuing Permit No. 87-1743-05, and a finding of no significant impact was signed on September 30, 2009. Based on the analysis in the SEA, NMFS has determined that issuance of Permit No. 87-1743-06 would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement is not required.

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: March 15, 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

### International Trade Administration

[C-533-839]

#### Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 from India: Final Results of the Expedited Five-year (Sunset) Review of the Countervailing Duty Order

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**SUMMARY:** On November 2, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated a sunset review of the countervailing duty (CVD) order on Carbazole Violet Pigment 23 (CVP-23)