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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 13, 2010, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 77616) that a request for an amendment Permit No. 14334 to conduct research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit amendment has 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 14334-01 increases the number of Steller sea lion mortalities allowed under the permit (from two to four over the duration of the permit), authorizes the transfer of sea lions to and from an additional facility (The Dolfinarium in Harderwijk, Netherlands), and makes a correction to an error in the take table.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS has determined that the activities proposed are consistent with the Preferred Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007), and that issuance of the permit would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 21, 2011.

**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-XA346**

#### Marine Mammals; File Nos. 14330 and 14335

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit amendments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have been issued major amendments to permits for research on marine mammals in Alaska: (File No. 14330) the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island, Tribal Government, Ecosystem Conservation Office, St. Paul Island, AK; and (File No. 14335) the Alaska SeaLife Center, Seward, AK.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit amendments 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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested 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.*).

*File No. 14330.* On January 4, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 329) that a request for an amendment Permit No. 14330 to conduct research on Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) had been submitted by the Aleut Community of St. Paul Island. The permit has been amended to include authorization for harassment of additional Steller sea lions and harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) on St. Paul, St. George, Otter, and Walrus Islands, and Sea Lion Rock, all

of the Pribilof Island group in the Bering Sea during collection of scat samples to be used for characterizing the diet of marine mammals in the region. The amendment is valid through August 31, 2014.

*File No. 14335.* On December 22, 2010, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 80470) that a request for an amendment Permit No. 14335 to conduct research on Steller sea lions had been submitted by the Alaska SeaLife Center. The permit has been amended to revise terms and conditions related to mitigation for temporary captivity, and associated post-surgical and hot-branding monitoring.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS has determined that the activities proposed are consistent with the Preferred Alternative in the Final Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement for Steller Sea Lion and Northern Fur Seal Research (NMFS 2007), and that issuance of the permit amendments would not have a significant adverse impact on the human environment.

As required by the ESA, issuance of these permit amendments was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 31, 2011.

**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-XA348**

#### Endangered Species; File No. 16174

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Michael Salmon, PhD, Florida Atlantic University, 777 Glades Road, P.O. Box 3091, Boca Raton, FL 33431, has applied in due form for a permit to take green sea turtles (*Chelonia mydas*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before May 5, 2011.

**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 (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16174 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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

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

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division:

- By e-mail to

[NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov) (include the File No. in the subject line of the email),

- By facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or
- At the address listed above.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the

specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Colette Cairns or Amy Hapeman, (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).

Dr. Salmon proposes to characterize juvenile green turtle abundance and distribution in nearshore developmental habitats off the East coast of southern Florida. Annually, up to 30 green sea turtles would be captured by hand, transported to shore, measured, weighed, photographed, passive integrated transponder and flipper tagged, temporarily carapace marked, satellite tagged, held overnight, transported to site of capture, released, and recaptured at the conclusion of the study for gear removal. No mortalities would be authorized under the permit. The permit would be valid for 5 years from the date of issuance.

Dated: March 31, 2011.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal Nos. 11-08]

### 36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

**AGENCY:** Defense Security Cooperation Agency, DoD

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. B. English, DSCA/DBO/CFM, (703) 601-3740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittals 11-08 with attached transmittal, and policy justification.

Dated: March 30, 2011.

**Morgan F. Park,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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