

of seats will be available. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded at least one week before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 10, 1995, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings of portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available of public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**  
Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.  
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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031897C]

### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of three applications for scientific research permits (P628, P630, P636).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Trihey and Associates in Concord, CA, the Natural Resources Management Corporation (NRMC) in Eureka, CA, and

Stephen Cannata in Arcata, CA, have applied in due form for permits authorizing takes of a threatened species for scientific research purposes.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before April 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Protected Species Division in Santa Rosa, CA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Trihey and Associates, NRMC, and Stephen Cannata request permits under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Trihey and Associates (P628) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). The studies consist of five assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) redd counts, (4) genetic sampling, and (5) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities associated with research activities are also requested.

NRMC (P630) requests a five-year permit for takes of adult and juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies throughout the ESU. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) redd counts, and (4) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. Indirect mortalities associated with research activities are also requested.

Stephen Cannata (P636) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, central California coast coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies in the Albion and Navarro Rivers within the ESU. The studies consist of four assessment tasks for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken: (1) Presence/absence, (2) population estimates, (3) life history patterns, and (4) habitat quality evaluation. ESA-listed fish are proposed to be observed or captured, anesthetized, handled, allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. The applicant also proposes to obtain scale samples from a portion of the ESA-listed juveniles to be captured. Indirect mortalities associated with research activities are also requested.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on any of the requests for a permit should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 19, 1997

**Joseph R. Blum,**  
Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 782-1349)

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Howard W. Braham, Director, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115, has applied in due form for a permit to take Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 24, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206-526-6150).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit 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).

The application requests authorization to capture, restrain, tag, and release up to 125 Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*) and to unintentionally harass up to 300 Dall's porpoise during capture operations, in Washington and Oregon waters, over a five-year period. The purpose of the research is deploy, monitor, and evaluate improved tag designs in order to obtain movement and dive behavior information on Dall's porpoise.

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.

Dated: March 18, 1997

**Art Jeffers,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 97-08]

### 36(b) Notification

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/FPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-08, with attached transmittal and policy justification pages.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**L.M. Bynum,**

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

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