

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Robin Baird, Ph.D., 2 Supanee Court, French's Road, Cambridge CB4 3LB, UNITED KINGDOM, has requested an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 731-1509-01.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before September 14, 2000.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6426);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802-4213, (562/980-4021); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, Federal Building, Room 461, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99802, (907/586-7235).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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 amendment 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. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jill Lewandowski or Trevor Spradlin, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to Permit No. 731-1509-01, issued on November 24, 1999 (64 FR 67563-67564) 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. 731-1509-01 authorizes the applicant to conduct radio tagging via suction-cup attachment, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of several species of cetaceans in the waters of Washington, Southeast Alaska, Oregon, California,

Hawaii, and the Mediterranean and Ligurian Seas in order to study diving behavior of the subject cetacean species. The authority of this permit expires on July 31, 2004.

The applicant is now requesting authorization to increase annual takes of killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) from 20 to 50 in Pacific coastal waters. The researcher proposes that the increase in takes will allow for a sufficient sample size to quantitatively examine reactions of tagged animals to vessel traffic, particularly for the "southern" resident population.

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.

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: August 9, 2000.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080100A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 87-1593

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Daniel P. Costa, Department of Biology, University of California, Santa Cruz, CA 95064, has applied in due form for a permit to take California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before September 14, 2000.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 (562/980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Simona Roberts or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests authorization to take approximately 140 California sea lions annually over a five year period to examine the foraging ecology and energetics of all age and sex classes on all California rookeries. Types of takes proposed include: capture, anesthetize, tag, bleach mark, blood sample, administer doubly-labeled water, muscle biopsy, milk sample, instrument with TDRs and collect morphometric and metabolic measurements. To compare the ecology and energetics of California sea lions inhabiting California waters with California sea lions inhabiting the southern extreme of their range the applicant requests authorization to import blood and tissue samples of California sea lions from Mexico and Ecuador.

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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

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: August 9, 2000.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket Number: 991210330-0224-03]

**RIN 0660-ZA10**

### Public Telecommunications Facilities Program (PTFP)

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of applications received.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) previously announced the solicitation of grant applications for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program to compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. This notice announces the list of applications received and notifies any interested party that it may file comments with the Agency supporting or opposing an application.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William Cooperman, Director, Public Telecommunications Facilities Program, telephone: (202) 482-5802; fax: (202) 482-2156. Information about the PTFP can also be obtained electronically via Internet (send inquiries to <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** By **Federal Register** notice dated February 23, 2000, the NTIA, within the Department of Commerce, announced that it was soliciting grant applications for the Pan-Pacific Education and Communications Experiments by Satellite (PEACESAT) Program to compete for funds from the Public Broadcasting, Facilities, Planning and Construction Funds account. NTIA announced that the closing date for receipt of PTFP applications was 5 p.m. EST, March 29, 2000.

Notice is hereby given that the PTFP received one application from the following organization. Identification of

any application only indicates its receipt. It does not indicate that it has been accepted for review, has been determined to be eligible for funding, or that an application will receive an award.

Any interested party may file comments with the Agency supporting or opposing an application and setting forth the grounds for support or opposition. PTFP will forward a copy of any opposing comments to the applicant. Comments must be sent to PTFP at the following address: NTIA/PTFP, Room 4625, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Agency will incorporate all comments from the public and any replies from the applicant in the applicant's official file.

File No. 00279 University of Hawaii, Social Science Research Institute, 2530 Dole St., Sakamaki Hall D-200, Honolulu, HI 96822. Contact: Dr. Norman Okamura, Telecommunications Specialist, (808) 956-2909. Funds Requested: \$449,865. Total Project Cost: \$525,343. To support public service and development telecommunications services in the Pacific Island region, including the expansion of new digital services.

**Dr. Bernadette McGuire-Rivera,**  
*Associate Administrator, Office of  
Telecommunications and Information  
Applications.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Application of the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago (CBOT) for Designation as a Contract Market in Dow Jones Internet Composite Index Futures and Futures Options

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and futures options contracts.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Trade of the City of Chicago (CBOT or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in Dow Jones Internet Composite Index futures and futures options. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is

consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before September 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to [secretary@cftc.gov](mailto:secretary@cftc.gov). Reference should be made to the CBOT Dow Jones Internet Composite Index futures and futures options futures and futures options contracts.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact Thomas Leahy of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC (202) 418-5278. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. electronic mail: [tleahy@cftc.gov](mailto:tleahy@cftc.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CBOT in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBOT should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.