mitigation, monitoring and reporting requirements are carried out. NMFS has preliminarily determined that the proposed activities would result in the harassment of only small numbers of ringed and bearded seals, will have a negligible impact on these marine mammal stocks; and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of these stocks for subsistence uses.

Information Solicited

NMFS requests interested persons to submit comments, information, and suggestions concerning this request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: October 4, 2000.

Art Jeffers,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100400B]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Catch-Monitoring Standards Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS will present a workshop on proposed catch-monitoring standards for shoreside processors that take deliveries of pollock from the Bering Sea.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Thursday, November 16, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Nordby Center, located in Fishermen's Terminal, 1711 West Nickerson Street, Seattle, WA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Kinsolving, 907–586–7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is developing a proposed rule to implement the American Fisheries Act (AFA). One aspect of this rulemaking is the development of catch monitoring standards for inshore processors that receive deliveries of pollock harvested in the directed fishery for pollock in Bering Sea. As currently envisioned by NMFS, these standards would require that the AFA shoreside processors develop and implement a Catch Monitoring and Control Plan (Plan). The Plan would address performance standards designed to ensure that all catch delivered to the processor is accurately weighed and accounted for.

NMFS is conducting the November 16, 2000, workshop for interested industry members to provide guidance on the development and implementation of these performance standards.

Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Alan Kinsolving at 907–586–7228 at least 7 working days prior to the workshop.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries. National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080300B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 555-1565

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. James T. Harvey (Principal Investigator, PI), Moss Landing Marine Laboratories, P.O. Box 450, Moss Landing CA 95039 has been issued a permit to take Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070,(206/526-6150);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802-4213,(562/980-4001).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 6, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 35903) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Pacific harbor seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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).

The applicant is authorized to capture, handle and tag 1,600 Pacific harbor seals per year of all age and sex classes near haul-out sites throughout California, Oregon and Washington. Captured seals will be subject to all or some of the following activities: blood and tissue sampling, flipper tagging, PIT tagging, branding, lavaging, and video camera attachment. Acoustic playback experiments and scat collection are also authorized around the haul-out sites. In addition, the applicant is authorized to surgically implant radio tags in 15 captive, rehabilitated Pacific harbor seals and to conduct feeding studies on 12 captive, rehabilitated Pacific harbor seals.

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Ann Terbush,

Permit 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. 092700B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 990-1603

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, Lizabeth Bowen, John Muir Institute of the Environment, University of California, Davis, CA 95616, has applied in due form for a permit to import blood samples for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 13, 2000.

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