

mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

FWS (1068) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile and adult, threatened, southern Oregon/northern California coast (SONNC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with monitoring projects in the Klamath and Trinity River watersheds within the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU). The studies consist of juvenile coho salmon distribution and abundance surveys, and spawner surveys for adults, for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed juveniles will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed adults will be observed, and carcasses will be handled. ESA-listed juvenile indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

RRC (1069) requests a five-year permit for takes of juvenile, threatened, SONNC coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) associated with fish population and habitat studies on RRC ownership properties in the Smith River Basin within the ESU. The studies consist of coho salmon distribution and abundance surveys for which ESA-listed fish are proposed to be taken. ESA-listed fish will be captured, anesthetized, handled (identified and measured), allowed to recover from the anesthetic, and released. ESA-listed salmon indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Dr. Isaac Wirgin (1107) requests authorization to conduct research on shortnose sturgeon using tissue samples (fin clips, barbels, blood) to isolate DNA. The purpose of the research is to determine if genetic differences exist among populations of shortnose sturgeon that span the species' entire range along the Atlantic coast.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on these requests for permits 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: December 11, 1997.

**Joseph Blum,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 120897C]

**Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 350-1434)**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Brendan Kelly, University of Alaska Fairbanks, Juneau, Alaska 99801, has applied in due form for a permit to take ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*) for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 16, 1998.

**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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7721).

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 email or 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.

**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 purpose of the proposed research is to investigate the behavioral responses of ringed seals to noise disturbances, the role of sound in ringed seal navigation, the under-ice foraging behavior of ringed seals, and improvements to methods for enumerating ringed seals. The study will take place between 15 January and 1 July each year in 1998-2002 in U.S. waters of the Bering, Chukchi, and/or Beaufort Sea, depending on ice conditions and appropriate overlap with aerial surveys conducted by other agencies.

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: December 9, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Macau**

December 9, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen L. LeGrande, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.