Concerning the second issue, the "Matched Sales" Amendment details that delivery quotas began on April 1, 1996, and would expire on March 31, 2004. By switching to a calendar year basis, neither the period April 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996, nor the period January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004, which were covered under the Department’s previous quota year methodology, can fall under a calendar year methodology absent modification.

To resolve this issue, NEI proposed designating calendar year 1996 as a "short" quota year, starting April 1, 1996 and ending December 31, 1996. As these contracts have already been approved and as the Department has determined the appropriate reconciliation in accounting, (See 63 FR 24772, May 5, 1997), the Department agrees that the designation of a "short year" a suitable resolution. In addition, NEI proposed that calendar year 2003 be designated as a "long" quota year, beginning January 1, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004. The Department agrees that it is reasonable to designate calendar year 2003 as a "long year" without disruption to the administration of matched sales.

Thus, effective immediately, the Department will use a calendar year quota system in administering matched sales. The following chart details the current effective time periods and applicable matched sales quotas.

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<th>Calendar year</th>
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1 Please note that some quota has already been allocated to previously approved contracts. Please contact the listed Departmental personnel for the exact available quota in each calendar year.
2 "Long year" dates (1/1/03-3/31/04)

Dated: July 27, 1998

Joseph A. Spetrini.
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty—Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071598C]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 968 (P557D)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit No. 968 submitted by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate Project, Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, California 92039-02252, has been granted.

ADDRESS: The amendment 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 13330, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), the provisions of § 216.39 of 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 provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 et seq.).

This amendment extends the permit through December 31, 1998. On April 18, 1997, permit No. 968 was extended through August 31, 1998, to allow the completion of the full 24 month Marine Mammal Research Program (MMRP). Since issuance of that amendment, however, the project has suffered further delays due to the El Nino weather conditions, which prevented the resumption of research at Pioneer Seamount until May 4, 1998.

Consequently, to compensate for this latest delay, the Permit is again extended through December 31, 1998. Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.


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

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63 FR 36883.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 1998.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to Thursday, August 13, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.
Jean A. Webb, Secretary of the Commission.

CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C .Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps Leaders Program, Julie Catlett, (202) 606-5000, Extension 164. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.


The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

• Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;
• Evaluate the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
• Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and
• Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.