

is hereby given that 1-year letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued on May 4, 1999, to the Newfield Exploration Company and to BP Amoco; on May 7, 1999, to the Amerada Hess Corporation; and on June 3, 1999, to the Shoreline Exploration Corporation and the EEX Corporation, all from Houston, TX.

ADDRESSES: The applications and letters are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055 or David Bernhart, Southeast Region (727) 570-5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139), and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

Issuance of these letters of authorization are based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible

impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: June 3, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 930-1486

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Western Ecological Research Center, 6924 Tremont Road, Dixon, CA 95620 (Principal Investigator: Mr. Dennis Orthmeyer) has been issued a permit to inadvertently harass various cetacean and pinniped species during aerial surveys 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); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562-980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 29, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 14886) that a request for a scientific research permit to take marine mammals had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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.*), 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 regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of

1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Issuance of this permit, 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.

Dated: June 3, 1999.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade Petition for Exemption From the Statutory Dual Trading Prohibition in the Ten-Year U.S. Treasury Note Futures Contract Traded on the Project A Electronic Trading System

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Amended order.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") is amending its February 26, 1999 Order granting the Chicago Board of Trade ("CBT") or "Exchange" an exemption from the statutory prohibition against dual trading in the U.S. Treasury Bond futures contract ("T-Bond") traded on its Project A electronic trading system to include the Ten-Year U.S. Treasury Note ("Ten-Year T-Note") futures contract traded on Project A.

DATES: This Order is to be effective June 4, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rachel F. Berdansly, Special Counsel, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC 20581; telephone (202) 418-5490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 26, 1999, the Commission issued an Order granting CBT an exemption from the statutory dual trading prohibition for its T-Bond futures contract as traded on the Exchange's electronic trading system, Project A.¹ In issuing the Order, the Commission found that CBT met the standards for granting a dual trading

¹ 64 FR 10450 (March 4, 1999). A copy of this Order is attached as Appendix A.