SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This workshop will provide an update to the climate science surrounding extreme events. The intent is to make key input available to the National Climate Assessment (NCA) for consideration. Further information regarding the NCA is available at http://www.globalchange.gov/what-we-do/assessment). NOAA is sponsoring this workshop in support of the National Climate Assessment process. As workshop materials become available, they may be found at https://sites.google.com/a/noaa.gov/severe-storms-workshop/.

Topics To Be Addressed: This conference will address all aspects of trend monitoring for severe storms. Specific topics include: Severe Thunderstorms (and associated hail and winds), tornadoes, extreme precipitation, hurricanes (winds and rainfall) and typhoons, severe snowstorms and ice storms. The workshop will consider monitoring both physical measurements of these events as well as proxy information such as socio-economic impact.

Participants will consider:

- what determinations can be made regarding the detection of trends;
- what determinations can be made regarding possible causes of any observed trends; and
- what degree of confidence is implied by the best available science regarding the detection and possible causes of trends

The workshop will feature invited speakers and discussions. The workshop is designed to produce a draft detailed outline of an article for submission to a peer-reviewed journal.

The report from this workshop will also include the following:

(1) Maintenance/updates of the data sets related to the events considered.
(2) What are the key impediments in detecting changes in the events?
(3) How can the impediments be overcome?

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XA524
Marine Mammals; File No. 15488

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Resources Division [Responsible Party: Dan Forster], to conduct research on North Atlantic right whales (Eubalaena glacialis).

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:
Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (727) 824–5309.
Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; phone (727) 824–5309.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
RIN 0648–XA280
Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to a Test Pile Program

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.