ACTION: Notice of availability of a Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment; Request for comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA's Office of Coast Survey (OCS) seeks comment on a draft programmatic environmental assessment (PEA) of the hydrographic surveys and related activities that OCS regularly conducts in navigationally significant waters around the nation. These surveys use a vessel equipped with high-frequency side scan sonar, single beam, and multibeam echosounders, which use sound waves to find and identify objects in the water and to determine water depth. Hydrographic survey projects support the OCS mission to provide reliable nautical charts and other products necessary for safe navigation and sound decision-making in U.S. ocean and coastal waters. The intended effects of the surveys are to provide the foundation for navigational charts required by all domestic ships moving people and products in and out of U.S. ports every year. Charts help prevent mariners from running ships aground or hitting dangerous obstructions (e.g., ship wrecks, marine debris, or pinnacle rocks). Groundings or collisions with other objects in the sea can result in the release of oil or dangerous chemicals into the marine environment.

Date and Time: The above document is available for public review and comment through July 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: If you wish to comment on the OCS Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment, you may email comments to Jeff Ferguson, Chief, Hydrographic Surveys Division at *jeff.ferguson@noaa.gov*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathleen Jamison, Office of Coast Survey at 301–713–2777 x153 or *kathleen.jamison@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft Programmatic Environmental Assessment for Office of Coast Survey Hydrographic Survey Projects is available for review at *http://www.nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/Legal/*.

Authority: Coast and Geodetic Survey Act (33 U.S.C. 883a *et seq.*); Hydrographic Services Improvement Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 892).

Dated: June 8, 2012.

Kathryn Ries,

Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA626

Marine Mammals; File No. 16160

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that The Whale Museum (Responsible Party: Jenny Atkinson; Principal Investigator: Eric Eisenhardt), PO Box 945, Friday Harbor, WA 98250, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 16160.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before July 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting ''Records Open for Public Comment'' from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, *https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov,* and then selecting File No. 16160 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376; and

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0700; phone (206) 526–6150; fax (206) 526–6426.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.* Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Kristy Beard, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 16160 is requested 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226).

Permit No. 16160, issued on June 5, 2012 (77 FR 35657), authorizes takes of eight species of cetaceans in the inland waters of Washington State for scientific research. Two of the eight species targeted for research are listed as threatened or endangered: Killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) from the Southern Resident stock and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*). Other species targeted for research are: Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), Dall's porpoises (*Phocoenoides dalli*), harbor porpoises (*Phocoena phocoena*), eastern gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), minke whales (*B. acutorostrata*), and killer whales. The research involves harassment by vessel approach for photo-identification, behavioral observation, and monitoring. The permit expires June 6, 2017.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to increase Southern Resident killer whale takes from 50 to 200 per year based on recommendations provided during the ESA Section 7 consultation.

An environmental assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) (signed June 4, 2012) prepared for the permit has analyzed the requested 200 Southern Resident killer whale annual takes. NMFS determined that 200 Southern Resident killer whale takes would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. The EA and FONSI are available upon request. A Biological Opinion was also prepared for the permit, which analyzed 200 Southern Resident killer whale takes (signed June 4, 2012) and concluded that the research would not jeopardize threatened and endangered species or destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. However, the permit authorizes 50 annual takes of Southern Resident killer whales pending public opportunity to comment on the higher take number.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the amendment request to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 14, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XB16

Marine Mammals; File No. 814–1899

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the North Slope Borough Department of Wildlife Management, P.O. Box 69, Barrow, AK 99723 [Taqulik Hepa, Responsible Party; Dr. John C. George, Principal Investigator], has been issued a minor amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 814–1899.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427–8401; fax (301) 713–0376; and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668; phone (907) 586–7221; fax (907) 586–7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Morse or Amy Sloan, (301) 427–8401.

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 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

The original permit (No. 814–1899), issued on July 18, 2007 (72 FR 40285), authorized the collection and receipt of parts from subsistence caught bearded seal (*Erignathus barbatus*), ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*), spotted seal (*Phoca larga*), ribbon seal (*Phoca fasciata*), bowhead whale (*Balaena mysticetus*), beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*), minke whale (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), and grey whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*) in Alaska for the purposes of health related analyses through July 1, 2012. The minor amendment (No. 814–1899–04) extends the duration of the permit through July 1, 2013. No other terms or conditions of the permit changed as a result of this amendment.

Dated: June 14, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Proposed Extension of Approval of Information Collection; Comment Request—Baby Bouncers and Walker-Jumpers

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission) requests comments on a proposed extension of approval, for a period of 3 years from the date of approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), of information collection requirements for manufacturers and importers of children's articles known as baby-bouncers and walker-jumpers. The collection of information consists of requirements that manufacturers and importers of these products must make, keep and maintain records of inspections, testing, sales, and distributions consistent with the provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act, 15 U.S.C. 1261, 1262, and 16 CFR part 1500.

The CPSC will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting approval of this collection of information from OMB.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary must receive written comments not later than August 20, 2012.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by Docket No. CPSC–2012–0034, by any of the following methods:

Submit electronic comments in the following way:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments. To ensure timely processing of comments, the Commission is no longer accepting comments submitted by electronic mail (email), except through *www.regulations.gov.*

Submit written submissions in the following way:

Mail/Hand delivery/Courier (for paper, disk, or CD–ROM submissions), preferably in five copies, to: Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Room 820, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone (301) 504–7923.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and docket number for this notice. All comments received may be posted without change, including any personal identifiers, contact information, or other personal information provided, to *http://www.regulations.gov.* Do not submit confidential business information, trade secret information, or other sensitive or protected information electronically. Such information should be submitted in writing.

Docket: For access to the docket to read background documents or comments received, go to *http://www.regulations.gov.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information about the proposed collection of information, call or write Mary James, Office of Information Technology and Technology Services, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814; telephone: (301) 504–7213 or by email to: *mjames@cpsc.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Regulations issued under provisions of the Federal Hazardous Substances Act (15 U.S.C. 1261, 1262), codified at 16 CFR part 1500, establish safety requirements for products called ''baby-bouncers'' and ''walker-jumpers.''

A. Requirements for Baby-Bouncers and Walker-Jumpers

One CPSC regulation bans any product known as a baby-bouncer, walker-jumper, or similar article if it is designed in such a way that exposed parts present hazards of amputations, crushing, lacerations, fractures, hematomas, bruises, or other injuries to children's fingers, toes, or other parts of the body. 16 CFR 1500.18(a)(6). This regulation previously included baby walkers as well, but these products are now covered by a separate regulation. 16 CFR part 1216.

A second CPSC regulation establishes criteria for exempting baby-bouncers and walker-jumpers from the banning rule under specified conditions. 16 CFR 1500.86(a)(4). The exemption regulation