



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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MEMORANDUM FOR: Sharon Melin, CCEP, NMML, AFSC

FROM: Robert DeLong, AFSC/NWFSC IACUC Chair

SUBJECT: Animal Care and Use Assurance Approval

I am pleased to notify you that your Animal Care and Use Assurance Form with IACUC Number A/NW 2010-7 entitled "Comprehensive research plan for the conservation and management of California sea lions, Pacific harbor seals and northern elephant seals breeding in the California Channel Islands" was reviewed and approved pending modifications requested by the Alaska Fisheries Science Center/Northwest Fisheries Science Center Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee at its 10 December 2010 meeting. I have reviewed and find acceptable and complete all modifications requested by the IACUC to AC&UA A/NW 2010-7 submitted on 22 December 2010.

This memorandum serves as a Letter of Assurance of Compliance (No. A/NW 2010-7) with Animal Welfare Act Regulations and National Marine Fisheries Service IACUC Policy. This IACUC approval of the above AC&UA is for a period of three years from this date, with an expiration of 21 December 2013, but the approved number of animals in AC&UA A/NW 2010-7 is for research to be conducted over a five year period covered in the Take Tables for MMPA Research Permit application #16087 in the Authorization and Permits for Protected Species System. This assurance carries with it a requirement of an annual report, to be filed with the IACUC by 30 November of each calendar year. This allows the IACUC to prepare the Annual APHIS research facilities report required by the Animal Welfare Act that is due 1 December of each year.

If you anticipate any significant changes in methods, personnel or numbers or species of animals used, please inform the committee and submit a modified protocol describing the significant change.

A pdf of this signed assurance can be found on the LAN at Nmml on 'AFSC-s1'\IACUC\Protocol reviews\ in the appropriate folder.

