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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
Pacific Islands Regional Office
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Dear Hawaii Longline Permit Holder:

Please find enclosed your 2009 Marine Mammal Authorization Program (MMAP) Authorization Certificate. You must carry this certificate on board your vessel with a current federal Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit. Without this certificate, it is illegal for your vessel to fish in the Hawaii longline fishery or take accidentally (incidentally or unintentionally) while fishing, any marine mammal, such as dolphins or whales. This certificate expires on March 3, 2010.

As a permit holder of a vessel registered with a Hawaii Longline Limited Entry Permit, you have been registered automatically in the MMAP. You are receiving this letter and enclosures to comply with the requirements of the Marine Mammal Protection Act.

If you participate in the Hawaii longline fishery, you must:

- Maintain the enclosed MMAP Authorization Certificate, or a copy, on board the vessel while engaging in this fishery.
- Report all injuries and mortalities of marine mammals within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip during which these takes occurred using the MMAP mortality/injury reporting form enclosed with this letter.
- Take an observer aboard your vessel if so requested.

Please review the Terms and Conditions listed on the enclosed MMAP Authorization Certificate. Your Authorization Certificate may be suspended or revoked by NOAA Fisheries Service for failure to comply with any of these Terms and Conditions.

If you have any questions regarding your MMAP certificate, or for additional forms, please contact Permits at (808) 944-2275. For general questions on the MMAP, please contact the Protected Resources Division at (808) 944-2243.

Sincerely,

William L. Robinson
Regional Administrator

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NOAA Fisheries Service Marine Mammal Authorization Program Authorization Certificate valid for March 3, 2009 - March 3, 2010

A. Authorization Holder:

Vessel/Permit Number:

B. Authorization:

Pursuant to Section 118 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (Act 16 U.S.C. 1387), the implementing regulations at 50 CFR Part 229, and subject to the terms and conditions below, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries Service) issues this Authorization Certificate, which, when presented in combination with a current/valid federal Hawaii longline limited-entry fisheries permit, authorizes the taking of non-endangered/threatened marine mammals incidental to commercial fishing operations in Hawaii swordfish, tuna, billfish, mahimahi, wahoo, oceanic sharks longline/set line fishery.

C. Terms and Conditions:

- * All incidental mortality or injury of marine mammals occurring in the course of commercial fishing operations must be reported to NOAA Fisheries Service within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip in which the incidental mortality or injury occurred using the appropriate MMAP mortality/injury reporting form.
- * This Authorization Certificate, or a photocopy of it, must be on board the vessel during commercial fishing operations.
- * Authorization Certificate holders must comply with any applicable take reduction plans and emergency regulations.
- * If requested to do so by NOAA Fisheries Service or a designated contractor providing observer services to NOAA Fisheries Service, an Authorization Certificate holder must take aboard an observer to accompany the vessel on fishing trips.
- * When necessary to deter a marine mammal from damaging fishing gear, catch, other private property, or from endangering personal safety, the vessel owner, operator, or crew members may use measures which do not result in serious injury or mortality of the animal pursuant to the deterrence provisions of the Act.
- * A marine mammal may not be intentionally killed in the course of commercial fishing operations except where imminently necessary in self defense or to protect the life of a person in immediate danger. Such lethal taking must be reported to NOAA Fisheries Service within 48 hours after the end of each fishing trip.
- * Any marine mammal incidentally taken must be immediately returned to the sea unless directed otherwise by NOAA Fisheries Service or a NOAA Fisheries Service-authorized observer.
- * Any person who violates these Terms and Conditions, regulations under 50 CFR Part 229, or any provisions of Section 118 of the Act shall be subject to the penalties set forth in the Act.
- * This Authorization Certificate, or a copy, must be made available upon request to any state or federal enforcement agent authorized to enforce the Act, any designated agent of NOAA Fisheries Service, or any contractor providing observer services to NOAA Fisheries Service.
- * This certificate is not transferable. In the event of a change in vessel ownership, the Authorization Certificate is void and a new Authorization Certificate must be obtained by the new owner.
- * If the registered vessel is sold or destroyed or is replaced by a new designated vessel, an authorization must be obtained for the new vessel.
- * If there are changes in the mailing address or vessel ownership, the NOAA Fisheries Service, Pacific Islands Region, Sustainable Fisheries Permits, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite #1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700 must be notified of the change within 15 days.

