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Mr. Gary Smith  
S.W. Regional Office  
National Marine Fisheries Service  
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Dear Gary,

Two weeks ago I was in Manua attending the Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council. I spoke on the continuous harassment by marine mammals; mostly stinos, bottlenose dolphins, rough-toothed dolphins, along with some false killer whales. These species have continued to harass the flagline fishermen for over thirty years. Now the ika shibi fishermen are having serious problems. For thirty years I have been talking to NMFS and nothing positive has come of it.

I want to file this application with you, (NMFS), to take these marine mammals which are bothering our commercial fishing operations as authorized by the Marine Mammal Protection Act. Alika Cooper and Sons, Inc. would like to apply for a Category 5 "Other Gear" general permit to take the above mentioned species around the islands of Hawaii. The problem is the mammals will put the commercial fishermen out of business and we cannot afford this.

Again I ask for permission to catch and use green sea turtles to keep the unedible seaweed, limu, down that the finfish can't eat in our fish ponds. This practice was done by our ancestors and to this day has been continued. I'll need about twenty animals. My request would be under scientific permit or whatever you so deem.

Aloha A Nui Loa Kakou,

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Alika Cooper, President  
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cc:Western Pacific Fisheries Management Council