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Subj: PROTECTION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES IN OFFSHORE WATERS

Ref: (a) Dir NREAD ltr NREAD/DDS/th 11015 of 16 Mar 1983
(b) AC/S TRNG ltr TRNG/ARE/cks 1500 of 17 Mar 1983
(c) AC/S TRNG ltr TRNG/AWR/kak 1500 of 18 Mar 1983

1. References (a), (b) and (c) set forth regulations for avoiding adverse impact to whales and sea turtles relative to live firing into offshore waters at Onslow Beach. A non-jeopardy opinion was rendered by the National Marine Fisheries Service involving the protection of endangered whales during migration in offshore waters. This opinion was contingent upon the procedure established in reference (c) for aerial overflights to insure that whales and sea turtles were not affected by live firing operations.

2. Females and calves of the endangered right whale migrate very close to this area of coastline according to Dr. Frank Schwartz, Institute of Marine Sciences, University of North Carolina, Morehead City, North Carolina. It is therefore recommended that the procedures listed in reference (b) be continued during the period of spring migration 20 February-7 April 1985.

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