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Scientific Permit Number: **167281**

Date: July 10, 2013

### **RESEARCH PERMIT**

Pursuant to its authority under M.G.L. Chapter 130, Sections: 17(2) and (3), 38, 69, 75, 80, and 83, the Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF) hereby grants this Research Permit to:

**Chris Fisher**  
**OCEARCH**  
**1790 Bonanza Drive, Ste 101**  
**Park City, Utah 84060**

The following activities are authorized by this Research Permit:

To take and possess white sharks for scientific purposes, subject to the conditions below.

Aboard vessel(s): **M/V OCEARCH (126') and 28' Tournament Model Contender**

1. The primary collector for OCEARCH for the duration of this permit shall be Chris Fisher. This permit or a copy must be in the possession of OCEARCH's primary collector, or his designee, while taking and/or possessing white sharks for scientific purposes.
2. The taking and possessing of white sharks shall begin no sooner than July 29, 2013 and be completed no later than August 30, 2013.
3. No taking or possession of white sharks shall take place on Saturdays and Sundays, unless authorized in advance in writing by DMF.
4. OCEARCH shall conduct the fishing for white sharks in a manner that results in the smallest zone of attraction possible to accomplish its goals.
5. Unless authorized in advance in writing by DMF, the area of taking and possession of white sharks authorized by this Research Permit is restricted to those waters east and south of Monomoy Island (Chatham) and around Muskegat Island (Nantucket).

6. OCEARCH shall indemnify and hold harmless the Commonwealth, including the Department of Fish and Game and Division of Marine Fisheries, its agents, officers and employees, against any and all claims, liabilities and outside costs for any personal injury or property damage, or other damages that the Commonwealth may sustain which arise out of or are reasonably connected with the activities authorized by this Research Permit, including but not limited to negligence, reckless or intentional conduct of OCEARCH, its agents, officers, employees or subcontractors and which are reduced to a final, non-appealable judgment or settlement with OCEARCH's prior written consent, not to be unreasonably withheld. OCEARCH shall at no time be considered an agent or representative of the Commonwealth, the Department of Fish and Game or Division of Marine Fisheries. The Commonwealth shall not be liable for any costs incurred by OCEARCH arising under this indemnification provision.
7. A copy of this Research Permit specifying the conditions applicable to OCEARCH's permitted activities must be available at all times aboard each vessel identified in the permit when conducting the permitted activities. A copy of this Research Permit must also be provided to an environmental police officer upon request.

This Research Permit will expire on **August 31, 2013** unless revoked for cause by DMF prior to this termination date.



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