

**AUSTRALIAN ANTARCTIC TERRITORY
WEAPONS ORDINANCE 2001**

DECLARATION UNDER SECTION 16

I, ROBERT EDWARD WOODING, Acting Director, Australian Antarctic Division, Department of Sustainability, Environment, Water, Population and Communities, declare under section 16 of the Australian Antarctic Territory *Weapons Ordinance 2001* that the following project is advantageous to scientific research and the weapons as specified below may be used for the designated projects by a person working on that project:

Approved Project	Approved Weapon
AAS Project No 4102: <i>Population abundance, trend, structure and distribution of the endangered Antarctic blue whale.</i>	Two (2) Restech Pneumatic Line Throwers (PLT) Four (4) Modified capture rifle, .22 calibre Two (2) Rolling Block rifle, 11mm
Note: The PLTs, modified capture rifles and Rolling Block rifles are used for conducting non-lethal research. PLTs are used to deploy satellite tags on whales, modified capture rifles (paxarms) and Rolling Block rifles (Larsen guns) are used to collect skin biopsy samples for genetic analyses.	

Dated this **19th** day of **December** 2012

ROB WOODING

Acting Director
Australian Antarctic Division

Subject to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal Act 1975, a person or persons whose interests are affected by this decision may, within 28 days, make an application in writing to the Australian Antarctic Division of the Department of the Environment Water, Heritage and the Arts for the reasons for the decision. An application for independent review of the decision may be made to the Administrative Appeals Tribunal, on payment of the relevant fee, by or on behalf of the person or persons whose interests are affected, either within 28 days of receipt of the reasons for the decision, or within 28 days of this notice if reasons for the decision are not sought. Further information may be obtained from:

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