

Minerals Company (OMCO). No comments objecting to approval of the extension and revision were received. Pursuant to the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act (Pub. L. 96-283) and 15 CFR part 970, on July 26, 2002, NOAA approved the extension of the license and revision to the exploration plan through the year 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John King, Coastal Programs Division (NORM/3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, tel. (301) 713-3155, extension 188, e-mail [john.king@noaa.gov](mailto:john.king@noaa.gov).

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

Dated: July 26, 2002.

**Jamison S. Hawkins,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 073102A]

#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Community Demonstration Project Program Advisory Panel (CDPP-AP) will meet to select and rank proposals to be recommended for Council review. The Advisory Panel will develop criteria, objectives and priorities for recommendation to the Council for a subsequent solicitation for the Community Demonstration Project Program.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on August 21, 22, and 23, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates, and times for the meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 16, 2002 (67 FR 18512), proposals were solicited through the **Federal Register** for grants to support Community Demonstration Projects in the Western Pacific Area. The grants are authorized under section 111(b) of the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, Public Law 104-297. Solicitation was closed on June 17, 2002, 5 p.m., Hawaii Time.

A meeting of the CDPP-AP is scheduled for August 22, 23, and 24, 2002, to review proposals and discuss the program.

At the meeting, the Advisory Panel will select proposals to be recommended for Council review. The Council or its designee will select proposals to be recommended for funding to the NMFS Grants Management Division. Successful applicants will be notified of their selection. Proposals not selected will be returned to the applicants. Successful applicants will participate in a Grant Workshop in Honolulu to complete their grant application.

The CDPP-AP will meet from 8 a.m., and as late as necessary to complete scheduled business. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The agenda for the CDPP-AP will include the items listed below:

*August 22, 2002*

1. Introductions
2. Report on the program implementation and workshops
3. Review selection criteria
4. Review of qualified proposals

*August 23, 2002*

1. Selection of proposals for recommendation to the Council
2. Program review
  - a. Development and review of objectives and priorities for the next solicitation
  - b. Review program eligibility criteria
  - c. Workshop and materials
  - d. Discussion and recommendations

*August 24, 2002*

1. Review and approval of Advisory Panel report
  - a. Memorandum of selection
  - b. Program review recommendations
 Although other issues not contained in this notice may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 31, 2002.

**Theophilus R. Brainerd,,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072302A]

#### Marine Mammals; File Nos. 1026-1671 and 1033-1683 and Permit No. 358-1585-01

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for permits and application for permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following applicants have applied in due form for a permit or permit amendment to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research:

File No. 1026-1671-Belinda L. Rubinstein, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110;

File No. 1033-1683-Michael A. Castellini, Ph.D., Institute of Marine Science, School of Fisheries and Ocean Sciences, University of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK 99775; and

Permit No. 358-1585-01-Alaska Department of Fish and Game, (Dr. Robert Small, PI), Division of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 25526, Juneau, AK 99802-5526.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments on these actions must be received on or before September 4, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for addresses).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Amy Sloan, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permits and amendment request are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

### Applications for Permit

Belinda L. Rubinstein (File No. 1026-1671) requests a permit to take five species of seals found in waters off the northeast U.S. coast. These include the harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*), gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*), hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*) and ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*). Seals will be captured, tagged, sampled (including tooth extraction, biopsy, milk collection and anal swabs), and released. In addition to taking wild animals, the applicant also requests authority to sample conspecifics held in rehabilitation facilities. The purposes of the research are to: study habitat utilization using satellite telemetry and flipper tagging, determine stock association, and monitor health.

Michael A. Castellini, Ph.D., (File No. 1033-1683) requests a permit to take Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) in the Antarctic. Seals will be captured, instrumented, sampled and released. The applicant proposes to study the nutrient metabolism in predatory carnivores by examining how Weddell seals process nutrients while foraging, examining the kinetics of lipid uptake and utilization during active foraging, use labeled traced experiments to quantify lipid turnover rates and separate the lipid pool into its various components. Other species such as leopard, crabeater, Ross, southern elephant, and Antarctic fur seals occur in the study area and may be incidentally harassed during capture operations.

### Amendment Request

Permit No. 358-1565-01 authorizes the Alaska Department of Fish and Game scientists to capture, sample, handle, tag, collect samples from subsistence harvested animals and export samples for analysis. The Permit also authorizes two accidental mortalities per year not to exceed 500 over five years.

The Holder now requests authority to amend the Permit to allow implantation of subcutaneous radio-telemetry transmitters in harbor seals. In the initial pilot project, the Holder proposes to perform implant surgery on 10 of the seals already authorized to be taken. Pending a successful pilot season, individuals already authorized in the permit will receive subcutaneous implants of radio transmitters.

Additionally, the Holder requests authority to increase the number of accidental mortalities allowed per year from 2 during capture operations to 6 annually [which includes mortalities

associated with tag implant and capture operations], not to exceed 10 over the next three years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents are available for review in the following offices:

All files are available in the Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

File No. 1026-1671: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371;

Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

File No. 1033-1683: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

File No. 358-1585-01: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

**Eugene T. Nitta,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 2002-C-003]

### Request for Comments on Agenda for the National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council

**AGENCIES:** Department of Justice and United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, as Co-Chairs, National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (the Council) seeks public comments relating to the agenda and mission of the Council. Interested members of the public are invited to present written comments on how to improve overall coordination and the topics outlined in the Supplementary Information section of this Notice.

**DATES:** All comments are due by September 4, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Persons wishing to offer written comments should address comments to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231, marked for the attention of Elizabeth Shaw. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-7575, or by electronic mail through the internet to [Elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov](mailto:Elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov). All comments will be maintained for public inspection in Room 902, Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Shaw by telephone at (703) 305-1033, by fax at (703) 305-7575, or by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (the Council) was created pursuant to 15