

species working group is acceptable. Those interested in a species working group technical advisor appointment should indicate which of the four working groups is preferred. Placement on the requested species working group, however, is not guaranteed.

Dated: September 11, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 763-1845

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Smithsonian National Zoological Park (SNZP), 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 (John Berry, Responsible Party) has been issued a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) and import marine mammal specimens for scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

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)427-2521; and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 3, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 26073) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The SNZP has been issued a permit to study maternal investment, maternal and pup diving behavior, and the onset of feeding by mother and pup Weddell seals in Antarctica. Over a 2-year period, researchers will capture mother-pup pairs and weaned pups for weighing, administering isotopes, collecting blood and milk samples, and attachment/removal of time-depth recorders and radio transmitters. Samples from Weddell seals and from non-endangered marine mammals may be imported into the U.S. and re-exported for scientific analysis over a 5-year period.

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

Dated: September 8, 2001.

P. Michael Payne,

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Missile Defense Advisory Committee (MDAC)

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency (MDA).

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Missile Defense Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on September 18-19, 2006, in Washington, DC.

The mission of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee is to provide the Department of Defense advice on all matters relating to missile defense, including system development, technology, program maturity and readiness of configurations of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) to enter the acquisition process. At this meeting, the Committee will conduct classified discussions on capability-based acquisition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COL David R. Wolf, Designated Federal Official (DFO) at david.wolf@mda.mil, phone/voice mail (703) 695-6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public

Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App II), it has been determined that this Missile Defense Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

The need to conduct this meeting was identified with less than 15 calendar days prior to the schedule date. As a result, the meeting notice is being published with less than 15 calendar days notice.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Office, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Hemet/San Jacinto Integrated Recharge and Recovery Project, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Regulatory Branch), in coordination with the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hemet/San Jacinto Integrated Recharge and Recovery Project. EMWD requires authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for 53.1 acres of fill into waters of the U.S. A public hearing will be held at the Simpson Center (305 East Devonshire Avenue, Hemet, CA 92543) on September 19, 2006 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or comments concerning the Draft EIS should be directed to Dr. Daniel P. Swenson, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA, 90053, (213) 452-3414. Comments should be submitted no later than October 20, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

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Chief, South Coast Section, Regulatory Branch.

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