

etc.), and (3) suggest other metrics not described in the Final Biop that could be used to evaluate the efficacy of the action in ensuring the groundfish fisheries are not likely to adversely affect the survival and recovery of WDPS of the Steller sea lion.

CIE Panel Review

The CIE panel review will focus on Chapter 2 from the TORs. Persons or groups wishing to make a presentation to the CIE reviewers must submit a statement of interest with a brief (one page or less) abstract of the type of information to be presented.

Presentations must address new scientific information germane to Steller sea lions and the groundfish fisheries that was not available before September 3, 2010. Persons or groups proposing to present information that does not fall within the TORs for the CIE review will not be invited to make presentations.

Due to the limited time available for the panel review, NMFS encourages individuals or groups that may have similar perspectives on the pertinent scientific information to coordinate their proposed presentations into subject specific panels to present the information effectively and minimize redundancy. For example, a panel could be comprised of several fishing industry representatives or several representatives of non-governmental organizations, with each participant addressing a different facet of the relevant information.

NMFS will review the statements of interest, abstracts, and proposed panels and, in consultation with the CIE reviewers, will schedule the presentations so as to focus on the most relevant scientific information of interest to the reviewers. The amount of time available per presenter or panel will depend on the number of persons and groups wishing to make presentations. NMFS will contact the proposed presenters in advance of the meeting to specify the amount of time available and the approximate schedule. During the meeting presenters may provide additional written information to the CIE reviewers for consideration, but the CIE reviewers are not obligated under the contract to review documents beyond those identified in the SOW.

More information on the CIE review, including the full SOW and TORs and all written materials for review identified in the SOW, is available on the NMFS Alaska Region Web site (see **ADDRESSES**).

Arrangements for Foreign Nationals

Individuals wishing to attend the meeting who are not citizens of the

United States must make prior arrangements to be permitted entrance to the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (see **ADDRESSES**). Requests for such arrangements should be directed to Jennifer Ferdinand by email at jennifer.ferdinand@noaa.gov by July 23, 2012.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jennifer Ferdinand, (206) 526-4076, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 6, 2012.

Helen Golde,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 17178

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Virginia Institute of Marine Science [Responsible Party: Elizabeth Canuel, Ph.D.], P.O. Box 1346, Route 1208 Grete Road, Gloucester Point, VA 23062 to import marine mammal parts for scientific research.

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

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)427-8401; fax (301)713-0376;

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

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laura Morse or Amy Sloan, (301)427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 02, 2012 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 19646) that a request for a permit to import marine mammal parts for scientific research had been submitted by the above-named applicant. 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 permit authorizes the import of fur, blood, and fat biopsies from up to 300 crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophaga*), 200 Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), 50 Ross seals (*Ommatophoca Rossii*), and 25 leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*). No takes of live animals are authorized. The permit will expire June 01, 2017.

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: June 5, 2012.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Meeting of Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC")

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The CFTC announces that on Wednesday, June 20, 2012, the CFTC's Technology Advisory Committee ("TAC") will hold a public meeting at the CFTC's Washington, DC headquarters, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The TAC will focus on updates from the TAC Subcommittee on Automated and High Frequency Trading (HFT), HFT strategies, and liquidity aggregation across designated contract markets (DCMs) and swap execution facilities (SEFs).

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 20, 2012 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Members of the public who wish to submit written statements in connection with the meeting should submit them by June 19, 2012.