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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 17, 2007, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (72 FR 46212) that a request for a public display permit to obtain releasable rehabilitated pinnipeds (a maximum of eight otariids and 20 phocids) had been submitted by the above-named organization. Up to six females and two males of each of the following species are requested to be obtained from cooperating rehabilitation centers for the purposes of public display at Mystic Aquarium: California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*) and hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*). The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The NOAA environmental review procedure provides that public display permits are generally categorically excluded from the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) requirements to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) or environmental impact statement (EIS). However, because of the public interest and comments on this application during the public comment period, NMFS determined that an EA was warranted. An EA was prepared on the issuance of the proposed permit, resulting in a finding of no significant impact.

Dated: November 24, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XM04

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2008, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. The Groundfish Oversight Committee will meet to continue development of Amendment 16 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Amendment 16 will adjust management measures as necessary to continue stock rebuilding. Committee members will continue to refine management measures for the commercial fishery for both sector and non-sector vessels. Specific details addressed will include effort control measures for non-sector vessels, modifications of the Category B DAS (days-at-sea) program, gear requirements to reduce incidental catches of groundfish species in small-mesh fisheries, and measures to rebuild windowpane flounder. Sector monitoring requirements and other details for sector operations will also be discussed.

2. The committee will also refine accountability measures for both the commercial and recreational components of the fishery.

3. Other elements of the management program may also be discussed. Committee recommendations will be

presented to the New England Fishery Management Council at a later meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: November 25, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops to be held in January, February, and March 2009. Certain fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. Specifically, the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop is mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. Also, the Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop is mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and have also been issued shark or

swordfish limited access permits. Additional free workshops will be held in 2009 and announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held January 7, February 11, and March 11, 2009.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held January 13, February 25, March 11, and March 18, 2009.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

ADDRESSES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Manahawkin, NJ; Madeira Beach, FL; and Greenville, NC.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Wilmington, NC; Warwick, RI; Corpus Christi, TX; and Fort Pierce, FL.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Pearson by phone:(727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop

Effective December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not receive, purchase, trade, or barter for Atlantic shark unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit which first receives Atlantic sharks (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop will be issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks. The certificate(s) are valid for three years.

Currently permitted dealers may send a proxy to an Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, however, if a dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit which first receives Atlantic sharks. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who: is currently employed by a place of business covered by the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and fills out dealer reports. As of December 31, 2007, an Atlantic shark dealer may not renew a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic

Shark Identification Workshop certificate for each business location which first receives Atlantic sharks has been submitted with the permit renewal application. The certificate(s) are valid for three years. Additionally, trucks or other conveyances which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate. Twelve free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops were held in 2008.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. January 7, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Ocean County Library – Stafford Branch, 129 North Main Street, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.

2. February 11, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m., Madeira Beach City Hall, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

3. March 11, 2009, from 12 p.m. – 5 p.m., Walter L. Stasavich Science and Nature Center, River Park North, 1000 Mumford Road, Greenville, NC 27858.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, please contact Eric Sander by email at esander@peoplepc.com or by phone at (386) 852-8588.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring the following items to the workshop:

Atlantic shark dealer permit holders must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit, and proof of identification.

Atlantic shark dealer proxies must bring documentation from the shark dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the permitted Atlantic shark dealer for a specific business location, a copy of the appropriate permit, and proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The shark identification workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to

properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop

Effective January 1, 2007, shark limited access and swordfish limited access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear, must submit a copy of their Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). The certificate(s) are valid for three years. As such, vessel owners who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or if the certificate(s) are due to expire in 2009, must attend one of the workshops offered in 2009 to fish with or renew either permit. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited access permit applicants must attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and must submit a copy of their workshop certificate before such permits will be issued.

In addition to certifying permit holders, all longline and gillnet vessel operators fishing on a vessel issued a limited access swordfish or limited access shark permit are required to attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. The certificate(s) are valid for three years. Vessels that have been issued a limited access swordfish or limited access shark permit may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates. Vessel operators must possess on board the vessel valid workshop certificates for both the vessel owner and the operator at all times. Seven free Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops were held in 2006, 34 were held in 2007, and 16 were held in 2008.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. January 13, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn at Mayfaire, 6745 Rock Spring Road, Wilmington, NC 28405.

2. February 25, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn at Providence Airport, 1 Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886.

3. March 11, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 6717 South Padre Island Drive, Corpus Christi, TX 78412.

4. March 18, 2009, from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m., Hampton Inn and Suites, 1985 Reynolds Drive, Fort Pierce, FL 34945.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (877) 411-4272, 1640 Mason Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32117.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring the following items with them to the workshop:

Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.

Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit(s), and proof of identification.

Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The protected species safe handling, release, and identification workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish. Identification of protected species will also be taught at these workshops in an effort to improve reporting. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal for these workshops is to provide participants the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species, which may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Grandfathered Permit Holders

Participants in the industry-sponsored workshops on safe handling and release of sea turtles that were held in Orlando, FL (April 8, 2005) and in New Orleans, LA (June 27, 2005) were issued a NOAA workshop certificate in December 2006 that is valid for three years. These workshop certificates may be expiring in 2009. Vessel owners and operators whose certificates expire prior to permit renewal in 2009 must attend a workshop, successfully complete the course, and obtain a new certificate to renew their limited access shark and limited access swordfish permits. Failure to provide a valid NOAA

workshop certificate may result in a permit denial.

Dated: November 21, 2008.

Alan D. Risenhoover

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

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 09-C0001]

IKEA North American Services, LLC, a Corporation, Provisional Acceptance of a Settlement Agreement and Order

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1118.20(e). Published below is a provisionally accepted Settlement Agreement with IKEA North American Services, LLC, a corporation, containing a civil penalty of \$500,000.00.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by December 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to the Comment 09-C0001, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Room 502, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4408.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Belinda V. Bell, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance and Field Operations, Consumer Product Safety Commission, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814-4408; telephone (301) 504-7592.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: November 21, 2008.

Todd A. Stevenson,
Secretary.

United States of America Consumer Product Safety Commission

[CPSC Docket No. 09-C0001]

In the Matter of IKEA North America Services, LLC, a Corporation

Settlement Agreement

1. This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between the staff (“staff”) of the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission (“Commission”) and IKEA North America Services, LLC (“IKEA”), a corporation, in accordance with 16 CFR 1118.20 of the Commission’s Procedures for Investigations, Inspections, and Inquiries under the Consumer Product Safety Act (“CPSA”). This Agreement and the incorporated attached Order (“Order”) resolve the staffs allegations set forth below.

The Parties

2. The Commission is an independent federal regulatory agency established pursuant to, and responsible for the enforcement of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2051-2089.

3. IKEA is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, with its principal corporate office located in Conshohocken, PA.

4. At all times relevant herein, IKEA designed, manufactured and sold outdoor candles, including those that are the subject of the Agreement and Order.

Staff Allegations

5. Between February 2001 and July 2005, IKEA manufactured and sold approximately 133,000 sets of outdoor candles (6 candles per set), under the style names of Angar and Samlas, at IKEA stores in the United States for about \$4.00 per set (“candles” or “products”). The firm also sold 1.3 million candle sets internationally.

6. The candles are “consumer product(s)” and, at all times relevant herein, IKEA was a “manufacturer,” and “retailer” of “consumer product(s),” which were “distributed in commerce” as those terms are defined or used in sections 3(a)(5), (8), (11) and (13) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(5), (8), (11) and (13).

7. The candles are defective because: (1) The candle’s flame can unexpectedly flare up, causing the entire top surface of the candle to ignite and spread flames beyond the container; (2) even in non-flare up situations, if a consumer attempts to extinguish a burning candle by blowing or dousing it with water, the candle’s wax can spatter and burn the consumer’s face; and (3) the product fails to provide adequate warning notice regarding the above mentioned hazards. These defects pose fire and burn hazards to consumers.