

unused days-at-sea (DAS). They will discuss four alternatives identified by the Capacity Committee in 2000, as well as an additional alternative developed by the Groundfish Plan Development Team (PDT). The joint Committees will review these alternatives, identify possible revisions, and develop recommendations on which, if any, amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. The Committees may also develop additional options for addressing latent effort, and may develop a schedule for addressing this issue and adopting any suggested management measures.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens 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 dates.

Dated: May 23, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041701C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 931-1597-00

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Sam H. Ridgway, RDTE Div 3503, 49620 Beluga Rd, San Diego, California 92152-6266, has been issued a permit to take 48 species of stranded cetaceans for scientific research.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski or Trevor Spradlin, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 29, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 52410) that a request for a scientific research permit to take 48 species of stranded cetaceans had been submitted by the above-named individual.

The purpose of the research, as stated in the application, is to conduct audiometric and sonocular testing on 48 species of stranded cetaceans to determine their acoustic sensitivities and vestibular responses for use in assessing the potential impacts of manmade noise. Medical treatment may also be provided, at the request of the NMFS stranding network, to stranded or entrapped cetaceans. Biological samples may also be collected, upon authorization by the NMFS Regional Stranding Coordinator. Samples collected abroad may also be imported into the U.S. Research will occur in waters under the jurisdiction of the U.S. and the high seas over a 5-year period.

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.), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

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

Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106,

Honolulu, HI 96822-2396; phone (808)943-1221; fax (808)943-1240;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (508)281-9250; fax (508)281-9371;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5300.

Dated: May 22, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Arms Control and Nonproliferation; Proposed Subsequent Arrangement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Subsequent arrangement.

SUMMARY: This notice is issued under the authority of section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160). The Department is providing notice of a proposed "subsequent arrangement" under the Agreement for Cooperation Between the Government of the United States of America and the Swiss Federal Council Concerning Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy.

This subsequent arrangement concerns the addition of Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Romania, South Africa and Ukraine to the list of countries in Annex I to the Agreed Minute to the Agreement for Cooperation. As stated in paragraph B of the Agreed Minute, countries on the list are eligible to receive retransfers of source material, uranium other than high enriched uranium, moderator material and equipment transferred under Article 7 of the Agreement. The United States has brought into force new Agreements for Cooperation in the Peaceful Uses of Nuclear Energy, under the authority of section 123 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. 2160), with Argentina, Brazil, Bulgaria, Kazakhstan, Romania, South Africa and Ukraine. These seven countries have also made effective non-proliferation commitments. Accordingly, they are eligible third countries to which retransfers may be made.

In accordance with section 131 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, we have determined that this subsequent arrangement will not be

inimical to the common defense and security.

This subsequent arrangement will take effect no sooner than fifteen days after the date of publication of this notice.

Dated: May 21, 2001.

Trisha Dedik,

Director, International Policy and Analysis for Arms Control and Nonproliferation, Office of Defense Nuclear Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Nuclear Security Administration; Notice of Intent To Establish the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee (NNSA AC)

In accordance with section 9(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 101-6.1015(a), this notice of intent to establish the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee. This intent is to establish follows consultation with the Committee Management Secretary of the General Services Administration, pursuant to 41 CFR Subpart 101-6.10.

The purpose of the Committee is to provide the Administrator for Nuclear Security with advice, information, and recommendations on NNSA mission performance, needs, and priorities. The Committee will provide an organized forum for the community to provide advice and input to programs concerning nonproliferation, stockpile stewardship and naval reactor issues, and their related technology, research and development.

Committee members have been identified; they were selected to ensure an appropriately-balanced membership to bring into account a diversity of viewpoints, including representatives from universities, industry, and others who may significantly contribute to the deliberations of the Committee.

Advance notice of all meetings of this Committee will be published in the **Federal Register**.

The establishment of the National Nuclear Security Administration Advisory Committee has been determined to be compelled by consideration of national security, essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business, and in the public interest.

Further information regarding this Committee may be obtained from Dr. Maureen McCarthy, Chief Scientist,

National Nuclear Security Administration, Washington, DC 20585, phone (202) 586-5555.

Issued in Washington, DC, May 23, 2001.

James N. Solit,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency information collection activities: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The EIA is soliciting comments on the Forms EIA-911A-C, "Surveys to Assess Effects of Interruptions of Natural Gas Supplies."

DATES: Comments must be filed on or before July 30, 2001. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to William Trapmann, (EI-44), ATTN: Form EIA-911, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585. Alternatively, Mr. Trapmann may be reached by telephone at 202-586-6408, by FAX at 202-586-4420 or by e-mail at william.trapmann@eia.doe.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or a copy of the forms and instructions should be directed to Mr. Trapmann at the address listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (FEA Act) (Pub. L. No. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 et seq.) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. No. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 et seq.) require the EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. To carry out this program, section 13(b) of the FEA Act

(15 U.S.C. 772(b)) states that "All persons owning or operating facilities or business premises who are engaged in any phase of energy supply or major energy consumption shall make available to the (Secretary) such information and periodic reports, records, documents, and other data, relating to the purposes of this Act,

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Under the authorities granted, EIA conducts mandatory surveys of companies involved in energy supply and consumption. Conducting the surveys provides EIA with information used to accurately estimate United States energy supplies. Users of EIA's information include analysts in Federal, State, and local governments, as well as analysts in energy trade associations, energy companies, the media, consultants, and other private organizations.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with the EIA. Any comments received help the EIA to prepare data requests that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, the EIA will later seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) of the collections under section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

During the past two winters, EIA has fielded emergency surveys to collect information for addressing increasing volatility in natural gas supplies and prices. Most recently, in order to assess interactions of the natural gas and distillate energy markets during the 2000/2001 winter heating season (October-March) and to answer questions on the effects that "fuel-switching" customers (i.e., those that switch between natural gas and petroleum products) have on demand and prices, EIA needed to collect information that was not then available. To satisfy the information needs, EIA fielded the following surveys:

- Form EIA-911A, "Biweekly Gas Supplier Survey"

Form EIA-911A was used to collect information on a biweekly basis from a sample of companies that deliver natural gas regarding delivered volumes and interruptions of service for the January through March portion of the heating season. For each two-week period, data were collected on deliveries (firm, non-firm); interruptions (volumes