

required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.

8. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.1 shall be prohibited within 10 n miles of the coast of the Balleny Islands.

*Conservation Measure 191/XVIII—
Exploratory Longline Fishery for
Dissostichus spp. in Statistical Subarea
88.2 in the 1999/2000 Season*

The Commission hereby adopts the following conservation measure in accordance with Conservation Measure 65/XII:

1. Fishing for *Dissostichus* spp. in Statistical Subarea 88.2 shall be limited to the exploratory longline fishery by Chile and the European Community. The fishery shall be conducted by Chilean-flagged and European Community (Portuguese-flagged) vessels using longlining only.

2. The precautionary catch for this exploratory longline fishery in Statistical Subarea 88.2 shall be limited to 250 tonnes of *Dissostichus* spp. south of 65°S. In the event that this limit is reached, the fishery shall be closed.

3. For the purposes of this exploratory longline fishery, the 1999/2000 fishing season is defined as the period from 15 December 1999 to 31 August 2000.

4. The exploratory longline fishery for the above species shall be carried out in accordance with Conservation Measures 29/XVI and 182/XVIII.

5. Each vessel participating in this exploratory longline fishery shall be required to operate a VMS at all times, in accordance with Conservation Measure 148/XVII.

*Conservation Measure 192/XVIII—
Protection of the Cape Shirreff CEMP
Site*

1. The Commission noted that a program of long-term studies is being undertaken at Cape Shirreff and the San Telmo Islands, Livingston Island, South Shetland Islands, as part of the CCAMLR Ecosystem Monitoring Program (CEMP). Recognising that these studies may be vulnerable to accidental or wilful interference, the Commission expressed its concern that this CEMP site, the scientific investigations, and the Antarctic marine living resources therein be protected.

2. Therefore, the Commission considers it appropriate to accord protection to the Cape Shirreff CEMP site, as defined in the Cape Shirreff management plan.

3. Members shall comply with the provisions of the Cape Shirreff CEMP site management plan, which is

recorded in Annex B "Cape Shirreff" of Conservation Measure 18/XIII.

4. To allow Members adequate time to implement the relevant permitting procedures associated with this measure and the management plan, this Conservation Measure (192/XVIII) shall become effective as of 1 May 2000. Conservation Measure 82/XIII shall apply until midnight on 30 April 2000.

5. In accordance with Article X, the Commission shall draw this conservation measure to the attention of any State that is not a Party to the Convention and whose nationals or vessels are present in the Convention Area.

Raymond V. Arnaudo,

Director, Office of Oceans Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3179]

Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, January 10, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Tuesday, January 11 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., at the Department of State, Annex 44, Room 840, 301 4th St., SW, Washington, DC. During its meeting on January 10, the Committee will continue its review of a proposal to extend the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of El Salvador Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Certain Categories of Archaeological Material from the Prehispanic Cultures of the Republic of El Salvador. The proposal to extend the MOU was published in the **Federal Register** on November 8, 1999. Deliberations on this proposed extension were conducted by the Committee on November 23, 1999, during which time it held an open session to receive public comment. The Committee continues to welcome written comment for its consideration. A copy of the MOU and the designated list of protected categories of archaeological material may be found at <http://e.usia.gov/education/culprop>.

On January 11, the Committee will begin a review and investigation of a request from the Government of the Republic of Bolivia filed under Article 9 of the 1970 Convention on the Means of Prohibiting and Preventing the Illicit Import, Export and Transfer of Ownership of Cultural Property.

Notification of receipt of this request appeared in the **Federal Register** on October 8, 1999, and may be found at <http://e.usia.gov/education/culprop>. Bolivia believes its cultural patrimony to be in jeopardy from pillage. It seeks U.S. import restrictions on Pre-Columbian archaeological material such as artifacts made of stone, metal, ceramic, shell, bone, wood, textiles, featherwork, basketry, and Pre-Columbian human remains; and Colonial period and indigenous ethnological materials such as folklore costumes, textiles, featherwork, stonework, leatherwork, woodwork, metalwork, ceramics, religious imagery, musical instruments, and paintings. The request will be reviewed by the Committee in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*).

The Committee will hold an open session to receive comment on the Bolivia request at a meeting to be scheduled in March 2000 when it will continue its review of the Bolivia request. Notification of this meeting in March will be published in the **Federal Register** and will be posted on the cultural property web site noted herein. In the meantime, the Committee welcomes written comment that addresses the determinations that must be made about the Bolivia request pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 2602, Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act. The meeting on January 10 and 11 will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Written comments may be sent to Cultural Property, Department of State, Annex 44, 301 4th Street, SW, Rm. 247, Washington, DC 20547; or faxed to (202) 619-5177.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

Determination To Close the Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee, January 10-11, 2000

In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h), I hereby determine that the meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee on January 10-11, at which there will be deliberation of information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed actions, will be closed.

Dated: December 14, 1999.

Evelyn S. Lieberman,

Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy and Public Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 3173]

Notice of Meetings; United States International Telecommunication Advisory Committee Telecommunication Standardization Sector (ITAC-T) National Committee, Study Groups A, B, & D

The Department of State announces meetings of the U.S. International Telecommunication Advisory Committee—Telecommunication Standardization (ITAC-T) National Committee, Study Groups A, B, & D. The purpose of the Committees is to advise the Department on policy and technical issues with respect to the International Telecommunication Union and international telecommunication standardization. Except where noted, meetings will be held at the Department of State, 2201 "C" Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

The ITAC-T National Committee will meet from 9:30 to 4:00 on January 13 and March 14, 2000, to continue preparations for the June ITU Telecommunication Sector Advisory Group (TSAG) and the October World Telecommunication Sector Assembly (WTSA).

U.S. Study Group A will meet on February 16, 2000, to review the results of the December Study Group 3 meeting and prepare for the next Study Group 2 meeting; on March 21, 2000, to review the results of the Study Group 2 meeting, begin preparations for the next Study Group 12 meeting, and make final preparations for the next Study Group 3 meeting; and on April 18, 2000, to review the results of the Study Group 3 meeting, and make final preparations for the Study Group 12 meeting. U.S. Study Group A normally meets from 9:30 to noon.

U.S. Study Group B will meet January 6, 2000, to complete preparations for the next Study Group 4 meeting; on February 9, 2000, to review the results of the Study Group 4 meeting, begin preparations for the next Study Group 15 meeting, and final preparations for the next Study Group 13 meeting. U.S. Study Group B meets from 9:30 to 4:00.

U.S. Study Group D will meet January 18, 2000, for final preparations for the next Study Groups 8 & 16 meetings; on March 1, 2000, to review the results of

the Study Groups 8 & 16 meetings, begin preparations for the next Study Group 9 meeting, and final preparations for the next Study Group 7 meeting; and on April 26, 2000, to review the results from Study Group 7, and make final preparations for the next Study Group 9 meeting. U.S. Study Group D normally meets from 9:30 to noon.

Members of the general public may attend these meetings. Entrance to the Department of State is controlled; people intending to attend any of the ITAC meetings should send a fax to (202) 647-7407 not later than 24 hours before the meeting. This fax should display the name of the meeting (ITAC T, or U.S. Study Group A, B, or D, and date of meeting), your name, social security number, date of birth, and organizational affiliation. One of the following valid photo identifications will be required for admission: U.S. driver's license, passport, U.S. Government identification card. Enter from the C Street Lobby; in view of escorting requirements, non-Government attendees should plan to arrive not less than 15 minutes before the meeting begins. Actual room assignments may be determined at the lobby or by calling the Secretariat at 202 647-0965/2592.

Attendees may join in the discussions, subject to the instructions of the Chair. Admission of members will be limited to seating available.

Dated: December 13, 1999.

Marian Gordon,

Director, Telecommunication & Information Standardization, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Highway Administration

Weather and Winter Mobility Program

AGENCY: Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice; solicitation of letters of interest.

SUMMARY: This document solicits letters of interest from private sector vendors of weather information services and products for participation in development of Surface Transportation Weather Decision Support Requirements (STWDSR) relating to the legislative requirement to incorporate research on the impact of environmental, weather, and natural conditions on intelligent transportation systems, including the effects of cold climates provided in section 5207 of the

Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21). The FHWA's weather and winter mobility program is conducting a project to document these requirements. Firms and individuals having expertise in products or services relevant to the STWDSR document are invited to participate in stakeholder meetings and review of draft documents as a contribution to the STWDSR. Up to two outreach sessions will be held between 1/1/00 and 6/30/00 with accompanying rounds of document review.

DATES: Letters of interest from private vendors should be received by February 3, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Your letters of interest may be mailed or hand carried to the Federal Highway Administration, Office of Transportation Operations, HOTO-1, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or submitted electronically to:

Paul.Pisano@fhwa.dot.gov in WordPerfect 6.1 or higher.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Paul Pisano, Office of Transportation Operations, HOTO-1, (202) 366-1301, or Mr. Wilbert Baccus, Office of the Chief Counsel, HCC-32, (202) 366-4233, Federal Highway Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 7:45 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., e.t., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

An electronic copy of this document may be downloaded by using a computer, modem and suitable communications software from the Government Printing Office's Electronic Bulletin Board Service at (202) 512-1661. Internet users may reach the Office of the Federal Register's home page at: <http://www.nara.gov/fedreg> and the Government Printing Office's web page at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/nara>.

Internet users may access the FHWA Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) web site at <http://www.its.dot.gov>.

Background

Section 5207(b)(5) of the TEA-21, Public Law 105-178, 112 Stat. 107, at 458 (1998), requires the FHWA to incorporate research on the impact of environmental, weather, and natural conditions on intelligent transportation systems.

The FHWA has conducted system engineering and program planning activities to define a conceptual Weather Information for Surface Transportation Decision Support