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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 12, 2007, Congress amended the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) with passage of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA). While maintaining the requirement that "conservation and management measures shall prevent overfishing while achieving, on a continuing basis, the optimum yield from each fishery for the United States fishing industry," the MSRA added new requirements to end and prevent overfishing. The new requirements include the use of ACLs, and "measures to ensure accountability" (AMs).

Specifically, the MSRA requires that FMPs "establish a mechanism for specifying annual catch limits in the plan (including a multi-year plan), implementing regulations, or annual specifications, at a level such that overfishing does not occur in the fishery, including measures to ensure accountability" (Section 303(a)(15)). Further, the MSRA requires such measures be implemented by 2010 for fisheries determined by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to be subject to overfishing and by 2011 for all other fisheries. The AMs are management controls that ensure the ACLs are not exceeded. Examples of AMs include corrective measures if overages occur and implementation of an in-season monitoring program.

The generic amendment is intended to modify five of the Council's FMPs. These include FMPs for: Reef Fish Resources, Shrimp, Stone Crab, Coral and Coral Reef Resources, and Red Drum. NMFS and the Council will develop these ACLs in co-operation with the Scientific and Statistical Committee. NMFS, in collaboration with the Council, will develop a DEIS to evaluate alternatives and actions for the ACLs. Some examples of these actions include: establishing sector specific ACLs, selecting levels of risk associated with species yields, considering removal or withdrawal of species from FMPs, and delegating species or species assemblages to state regulators.

In accordance with NOAA's Administrative Order NAO 216-6, Section 5.02(c), the Council has identified this preliminary range of alternatives as a means to initiate discussion for scoping purposes only. This may not represent the full range of alternatives that eventually will be evaluated by the Council.

Locations, Dates and Times of Scoping Meetings

Scoping meetings will begin at 6 p.m. at the following locations:

Monday, September 21, 2009—
Monroe County Government Center,
1200 Truman Avenue, Key West, FL
33040.

Monday, September 21, 2009—
Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries, 195
Ludwig Annex, Grand Isle, LA 70358.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009—
Banana Bay, 4590 Overseas Highway,
Marathon, FL 33050.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009—Best
Western, 7921 Lamar Poole Road,
Biloxi, MS 39532.

Tuesday, September 22, 2009—
Holiday Inn- Emerald Beach, 1102
South Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus
Christi, TX 78401.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009—
City of Madeira Beach, 300 Municipal
Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009—
Springhill Suites, 7922 Moley Road,
Houston, TX 77061.

Wednesday, September 23, 2009—
City of Orange Beach, 27235 Canal
Road, Orange Beach, AL 36561.

Wednesday, September 24, 2009—
NMFS Lab, 3500 Dellwood Beach Drive,
Panama City, FL 32408.

Copies of the scoping document are
available from the Council (see
ADDRESSES) or may be downloaded from
the Council Web site,
www.gulfcouncil.org.

Special Accommodations

The meetings will be physically
accessible to people with disabilities.
Requests for sign language
interpretation or other auxiliary aids
should be directed to the Council (see
ADDRESSES).

After the DEIS associated with the
regulatory action is completed, it will be
filed with the Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA). The EPA will publish a
notice of availability of the DEIS for
public comment in the **Federal Register**.
The DEIS will have a 45-day comment
period. This procedure is pursuant to
regulations issued by the Council on
Environmental Quality (CEQ) for
implementing the procedural provisions
of the National Environmental Policy
Act (NEPA; 40 CFR parts 1500-1508)
and to NOAA's Administrative Order
216-6 regarding NOAA's compliance
with NEPA and the CEQ regulations.

The Council and NMFS will consider
public comments received on the DEIS
in developing the final environmental
impact statement (FEIS) and before
adopting final management measures for
the action. NMFS will submit both the

final measures and the supporting FEIS
to the Secretary for review, approval,
and implementation. NMFS will
announce in the **Federal Register** the
availability of the final amendment and
FEIS for public review during the
secretarial review period, and will
consider all public comments prior to
final agency action to approve,
disapprove, or partially approve the
final amendment.

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

Dated: September 9, 2009.

Emily H. Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XR61

Marine Mammals; File No. 14535

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that
Colleen Reichmuth, Ph.D., University of
California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine
Laboratory, 100 Shaffer Road, Santa
Cruz, CA, has applied in due form for
a permit to conduct research on captive
pinnipeds.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail
comments must be received on or before
October 15, 2009.

ADDRESSES: The application and related
documents are available for review by
selecting "Records Open for Public
Comment" from the Features box on the
Applications and Permits for Protected
Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting
File No. 14535 from the list of available
applications.

These documents are also available
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)713-0376; and
Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West
Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach,
CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001;
fax (562)980-4018.

Written comments on this application
should be submitted to the Chief,
Permits, Conservation and Education

Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Kate Swails, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested 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 proposed five-year permit comprises a continuation of psychological and physiological studies at Long Marine Laboratory with captive pinnipeds, including California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*); harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*); and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), designed to evaluate their perceptual and cognitive capabilities. Measurements obtained using behavioral and physiological methods will be used to improve knowledge of pinniped sensory adaptations, examine cognitive mechanisms for acquiring and processing sensory information, and develop procedures for rapidly and humanely studying marine mammal hearing and the effects of anthropogenic noise. The captive animals are trained to voluntarily participate in behavioral stimulus detection and discrimination paradigms that may be conducted in air or under water. The applicant currently holds one California sea lion, one harbor seal, and one northern elephant seal, and requests permission to obtain additional animals for the research program over the duration of the permit, not to exceed a total of two of each species listed above. Additional animals would be obtained from captive and rehabilitation facilities, including permanently captive and non-releasable rehabilitated animals. If those sources are not available, releasable rehabilitated animals from West Coast rehabilitation facilities are requested.

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

prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 9, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of The Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting to deliberate a letter of recommendation regarding the U.S. manufacturing industry. The Board was re-chartered on April 10, 2008, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry.

DATES: October 1, 2009.

Time: 2:30 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC, 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than September 25, 2009, to J. Marc Chittum, The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, e-mail: Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of NIST Partnership Opportunities for Technology Transfer

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of NIST Partnership Opportunities for Technology Transfer.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is interested in working with regional, state and local economic development organizations, technology incubation centers, technology-oriented public-private business development initiatives and other organizations and partnerships to facilitate the transfer of technologies developed within the NIST Labs to the private sector through potential licensing and/or collaboration. A sampling of commercially viable technologies developed at the NIST Labs may be viewed at: <http://www.nist.gov/patents>. This is not an opportunity to apply for government funding and NIST will not make any funds available to any party pursuant to this announcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Clara Asmail, Building 222, Room A242, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-2239, fax 301-975-3482, or e-mail: clara.asmail@nist.gov. Please reference "Opportunities for Tech Transfer Partnerships" in any communications.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for