

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to D. Ann Pabst, Ph.D., University of North Carolina Wilmington, to conduct research on marine mammals.

**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; Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristy Beard or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 9, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 76950) that a request for a permit to conduct research on humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*), North Atlantic right (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei (*B. borealis*), minke (*B. acutorostrata*), dwarf and pygmy sperm (*Kogia spp.*), unidentified beaked, killer (*Orcinus orca*), pilot (*Globicephala spp.*), false killer (*Pseudorca crassidens*), pygmy killer (*Feresa attenuata*), and melon-headed (*Peponocephala electra*) whales, bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*), Atlantic spotted (*Stenella frontalis*), Risso's (*Grampus griseus*), Fraser's (*Lagenodelphis hosei*), rough-toothed (*Steno bredanensis*), pantropical spotted (*S. attenuata*), striped (*S. coeruleoalba*), clymene (*S. clymene*), spinner (*S. longirostris*), and short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), and harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) 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.*), 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).

The permit authorizes takes of the species listed above during aerial and vessel surveys to conduct counts, photo-identification, and behavioral

observations and is valid for five years from the date of issuance.

An environmental assessment (EA) was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities on the human environment in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). Based on the analyses in the EA, NMFS determined that issuance of the permit would not significantly impact the quality of the human environment and that preparation of an environmental impact statement was not required. That determination is documented in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), signed on May 30, 2012.

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

Dated: June 1, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

*Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, 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. 17217

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Saint Louis Zoo, 1 Government Drive, St. Louis, MO 63110, has been issued a permit to import four harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) for public display.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Skidmore or Colette Cairns, (301) 427-8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 16, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 22563) that a request for a public display permit, had been submitted by the above-named organization to import four harbor seals from Storybrook Gardens in Ontario, Canada for purposes of public display at the St. Louis Zoo. The requested permit has been granted 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).

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: May 30, 2012.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meeting of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held.

**DATES:** Tuesday, June 26, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 4800 Mark Center Drive, Room 06G13, Alexandria, VA 22350-1100.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be

considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Dated: May 31, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held.

**DATES:** Tuesday, July 10, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 4800 Mark Center Drive, Room 06G13, Alexandria, VA 22350-1100.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held.

**DATES:** Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** 4800 Mark Center Drive, Room 06G13, Alexandria, VA 22350-1100.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Dated: June 1, 2012.

**Aaron Siegel,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of 10 U.S.C. 2166(e), the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C. Appendix), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b),

and 41 CFR 102-3.50(a), the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the United States Strategic Command Strategic Advisory Group (hereafter referred to as "the Group").

The Group shall provide independent advice and recommendations related to U.S. Strategic Command and its operations.

The Group shall report to the Secretary of Defense, through the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command. The Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may act upon the Group's advice and recommendations. The Group shall be composed of not more than 50 members who are eminent authorities in the fields of strategic policy formulation, nuclear weapon design and national command, control, communications, intelligence and information operations, or other important aspects of the Nation's strategic forces.

All Group members shall be appointed by the Secretary of Defense and all member appointments require annual renewal by the Secretary of Defense. The Secretary of Defense may approve the appointments of Group members for four year terms of service; however, no member, unless authorized by the Secretary of Defense, may serve more than two consecutive terms of service. This same term of service limitation also applies to any DoD authorized subcommittees. Group members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not full-time or permanent part-time federal officers or employees, shall be appointed under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109, and serve as special government employees. In addition, all Group members, with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, shall serve without compensation. Each Group member is appointed to provide advice on behalf of the government on the basis of his or her best judgment without representing any particular point of view and in a manner that is free from conflict of interest.

The Commander of the U.S. Strategic Command shall select the Group's chairperson from the total membership. In addition, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff or designated representative may invite other distinguished Government officers to serve as non-voting observers of the Group, and the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff may appoint consultants with special expertise to assist the Group on an intermittent basis. These consultants and non-voting observers are recommended from the Group