

Antarctic fur seal (*Arctocephalus gazella*) females captured for tooth extraction for age determination studies.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; Permit No. 982 (File No. P254D)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 982, issued to the Pacific Whale Foundation, 101 N. Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui, Hawaii 96753, was amended.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Resources Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, NOAA, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2937).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeannie Drevenak or Trevor Spradlin, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of 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 provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit No. 982 authorizes the harassment of humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) during the conduct of observational and photo-identification studies in Hawaii waters. This amendment changes the expiration date of the permit to September 13, 1999.

Dated: December 223, 1999.

Ann Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Applications of the Chicago Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market in South Eastern, South Western and Western Oriented Strand Board Futures and Options

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and options contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in South Eastern Oriented Strand Board, South Western Oriented Strand Board and Western Oriented Strand Board futures and options. The proposals were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATE: Comments must be received on or before January 14, 2000.

ADDRESS: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the CME Oriented Strand Board (OSB) futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Please contact John Forkkio of the

Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC (202) 418-5281. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jforkkio@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The designation applications were submitted pursuant to the Commission's Fast Track procedures for streamlining the review of futures contract rule amendments and new contract approvals (62 FR 10434). Under those procedures, the proposals, absent any contrary action by the Commission, may be deemed approved at the close of business on February 7, 2000, 45 days after receipt of the proposals. In view of the limited review period under the Fast Track procedures, the Commission has determined to publish for public comment notice of the availability of the terms and conditions for 15 days, rather than 30 days as provided for proposals submitted under the regular review procedures.

Copies of the terms and conditions will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the internet on the CFTC website at www.cftc.gov under "What's New & Pending".

Other materials submitted by the CME in support of the applications for contract market designation may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1997)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed terms and conditions, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CME, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on December 27, 1999.

John R. Mielke,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Personal Information Questionnaire; NAVMC 11064; OMB Number 0703-0012.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 16,700.

Responses Per Respondent: 1.

Annual Responses: 16,700.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 8,350.

Needs and Uses: The Personal Information Questionnaire is used to provide Headquarters, U.S. Marine Corps with a standardized method in rating officer program applicants in the areas of character, leadership, ability, and suitability for service as a commissioned officer. Respondents are educators, employers, and other professional individuals to be named by the applicant.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: On Occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Edward C. Springer.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Springer at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. Robert Cushing..

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Cushing, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: December 22, 1999.

Patrica L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

ARMS Initiative Implementation

AGENCY: Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the Armament Retooling and Manufacturing Support (ARMS) Executive Advisory Committee (EAC). The EAC charts the development of new and innovative methods to optimize the asset value of the Government-Owned, Contractor-Operated ammunition industrial base for peacetime and national emergency requirements, while ensuring economical and efficient processes at minimal operating costs, matching critical skills, balancing community economic benefits, and becoming a model for defense conversion. This meeting will update the EAC and public on the status of ongoing actions, new items of interest, and suggested future direction/actions. Topics for this meeting will include—Logistics Support Facility (LST) Award using ARMS facility contract model; Office of Installations, Logistics and Environment and Pendulum Management Company LLC Team's "Leasing Comparison" presentation; tenant transition process at excessed facilities; the Industrial Operations Command Strategic Plan; procedures for competition of facilities; EAC membership nominations; criteria for tenant proposal evaluation; facility requirements due to Threatcon Level Alpha or higher security requirements; and PricewaterhouseCoopers' "Best of Breed" presentation. This meeting is open to the public.

Date of Meeting: February 8-9, 2000.

Place of Meeting: Xerox Document University (XDU), Routes 7 and 659, Leesburg, Virginia 20176.

Time of Meeting: 8 a.m.-5 p.m. on February 8 and 8 a.m.-2 p.m. on February 9.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Elwood H. Weber, ARMS Task Force, HQ Army Materiel Command, 5001 Eisenhower Avenue, Alexandria Virginia 22333; Phone (703) 617-9788.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To assist in the EAC Meeting administrative support requirements, request that all attendees provide their desired overnight accommodations (2, 1 or 0 nights) to Mr. Elwood Weber (703) 617-9788/email eweber@hqamc.army.mil or Ms. Susan Alten (703) 617-4718/email susan.alten@hqda.army.mil. XDU is a multifunctional and secure campus type atmosphere, which requires all attendees to provide advance notification, even those not staying overnight. To insure your immediate accessibility and expeditious registration, we request your attendance confirmation with this office by January 19, 2000. After January 19 your requests will be accepted on a space available basis. Corporate casual is meeting attire.

Mary V. Yonts,

Army Alternate Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year 2000

Purpose of Programs

The Strengthening Institutions, American Indian Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities, and Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian-Serving Institutions Programs are all authorized under Title III, Part A of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA). These programs will be referred to collectively in this notice as the Title III Part A programs. Each provides grants to eligible institutions of higher education to enable them to improve their academic quality, institutional management, and fiscal stability, and increase their self-sufficiency; thereby supporting the elements of the National Education Goals that are relevant to these institutions' unique missions.

Special Notes

1. A grantee under the Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program authorized under Title V of the HEA may not receive a grant under any part of the Title III Part A program, if any part of its HSI Program grant would overlap with the Title III Part A Program grant. Further, an HSI Program grantee may not give up that grant in order to apply for a grant under any Title III Part