

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; issuance of permit.

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 been issued a permit to conduct research on captive pinnipeds for scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Kate Swails, (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 15, 2009, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (74 FR 47207) that a request for a permit to conduct research on captive pinnipeds for scientific research 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.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 14535 authorizes psychological and physiological research annually on up to 2 captive harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), 2 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), and 2 northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) at Long Marine Laboratory, which are trained to voluntarily participate in studies designed to evaluate their perceptual and cognitive capabilities. The permit expires on December 31, 2014.

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: December 7, 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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****RIN 0648–XR34****Marine Mammals; File No. 14301**

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Alaska Museum of the North, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775–6960 (Dr. Link E. Olson, Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to collect, acquire, import and export various marine mammal and endangered species specimens, including partial and whole carcasses from species of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of NMFS for the purpose of curating samples for future scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before January 11, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are 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

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

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.*), 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The University of Alaska Museum of the North functions as an archive for scientific specimens of marine mammals under the jurisdiction of the National Marine Fisheries and is a major repository of marine mammal material from the Arctic and North Pacific oceans. Under the proposed permit, the applicant would (1) import/export marine mammal parts (bones and organ tissue samples) from dead beach-cast carcasses, (2) receive/archive and export samples of marine mammals taken by Alaskan Native subsistence hunters, and (3) receive, import/export specimens from scientists in academic, federal, and state institutions involved in marine mammal research under their own permits. Unlimited samples from up to 1240 pinnipeds (35 species; excluding walrus) and 1700 cetaceans (81 species) would be collected, received, imported, or exported annually. Import/export activities would occur world-wide. No live animals would be harassed or taken, lethally or otherwise, under the requested permit. The permit is requested for a five-year period.

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: August 27, 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 a meeting via teleconference.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting via teleconference to deliberate a draft letter of recommendation to the Secretary of Commerce.

DATES: December 15, 2009.

Time: 1 p.m. (ET).

For the Conference Call-In Number and Further Information, Please Contact: The Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, Washington, DC, 20230 (Phone: 202-482-4501), or e-mail the Executive Secretary at Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

Dated: December 7, 2009.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Mission Statement

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

RepCAN 2010—U.S. Matchmaker and Exhibition, Vancouver, Toronto & Montreal, Canada, June 9–10, June 14–15, June 16–17, 2010.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, is organizing RepCAN 2010 a combined trade mission and exhibition, to be held in Vancouver, British Columbia on June 9–10; Toronto, Ontario on June 14–15; and Montreal, Quebec on June 16–17, under the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service's Canada First Building Bridges to

Prosperity Initiative. RepCAN 2010 is a horizontal event open to all industry sectors. It is designed to provide export-ready, small to medium-sized U.S. companies (SMEs) with a highly efficient and cost-effective opportunity to establish profitable commercial relations with prospective agents, distributors and end-users in any one, two, or all three, of Canada's primary regional markets. RepCAN 2010 also offers U.S. new-to-export firms an ideal opportunity to gain valuable international business experience in a low-risk market with strong potential for high returns.

RepCAN 2010 participants will benefit from a full range of business facilitation and trade promotion services provided by the U.S. Commercial Service in Canada, including:

- ✓ Current market sector information
- ✓ Professional Commercial Service business counseling
- ✓ Pre-event marketing support and promotional consideration
- ✓ Pre-event market briefings by industry experts
- ✓ Individual business meetings with potential Canadian partners
- ✓ Exhibit space for table-top displays and promotional materials
- ✓ Networking events to include business, industry and government contacts
- ✓ Full logistical support, including hotel bookings at preferred rates
- ✓ On-site assistance and support
- ✓ National market exposure
- ✓ Listings on CS Canada's website and in a special RepCAN brochure
- ✓ Follow-up assistance

Commercial Setting

The United States and Canada share the largest and most dynamic commercial relationship in the world. In 2008, two-way merchandise trade crossing our common border with Canada stood at US\$596.9 billion, or more than US\$1.6 billion per day as U.S. exports to Canada grew by 5.0%. Today, U.S. trade with Canada, just one country, is about the same as total U.S. trade with all 27 countries of the European Union combined. Canada also represents the number one export market for 36 of our 50 states and is among the top five export markets for another ten states.

Canada's geographic proximity, open market economy, stable business climate and receptivity to U.S. goods and services make it the number one gateway to the international marketplace for thousands of U.S. export-ready SMEs. The North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), which provides many U.S.

origin goods with duty-free entry into Canada, also contributes to the relatively low-cost, low-risk, access that U.S. SMEs can gain to prosper and grow in the global marketplace.

Leading Sectors in Canada for U.S. Export and Investment:

- Medical Devices
- Safety and Security Equipment
- Agricultural Machinery and Equipment
- Aerospace and Defense
- Consumer Electronics
- Travel and Tourism
- Automotive Aftermarket Parts & Accessories/Service Equipment
- Computer Hardware
- Telecommunications Equipment
- Computer Software
- Oil and Gas Field Machinery
- Electrical Power Systems

Mission Goals

To provide U.S. export-ready, small-to-medium-sized firms with cost-effective, low opportunities to identify, establish and develop valuable long-term business relations in Canada, our number one export market.

To provide state, regional and local governments in the United States with a ready-made vehicle that can be employed to help their rural and minority-owned SMEs cross the threshold into the international market.

To provide our individual participants with export successes and our multipliers with a positive export-development experience.

Mission Scenario

In each city, participants will be invited to attend an informal ice-breaker reception, where they will meet CS staff and receive their updated participant's information package, as well as briefings on the following day's program. Participants will be allowed to set-up their table-top displays and pop-up exhibits that evening. Participants will also be provided with a six-foot draped table for their table-top displays and four chairs for use during the event.

The day of the event will begin with a briefing on "Doing Business in Canada" focusing on the respective regional market and featuring CS Canada business service providers and others speaking on the commercial climate, local business practices, shipping to Canada, and other aspects of doing business in Canada.

Individual one-on-one business meetings with pre-screened prospective Canadian business partners will commence immediately following the briefing in the exhibit hall/meeting room and will continue throughout the day. In addition to one-on-one meetings