

representatives of resource user and non-user interests.

NMFS has asked the following individuals to serve as members on this TRT:

Melissa Andersen, NMFS; David Beutel, University of Rhode Island; William Bright, Fishing Vessel Retriever; Brendan Cummings, Center for Biological Diversity; Glenn Delaney, Northeast Seafood Coalition; Gregory DiDomenico, Garden State Seafood Association; Pat Fiorelli, Northeast Fishery Management Council; Damon Gannon, Mote Marine Laboratory; Mike Genovese, Fishing Vessel White Dove; Glen Goodwin, Fishing Vessel Relentless; Elizabeth Griffin, Oceana; Nick Jenkins, Fishing Vessels Isabelle Taylor and Jean McCausland; Jessica Koelsch, The Ocean Conservancy; Robert Lane, Fishing Vessels Isabel S. and Melissa Jayne; Stephen Lee, Fishing Vessel Kristen Lee; Jim Lovgren, Fishing Vessel Sea Dragon; Rick Marks, Garden State Seafood Association; William McLellan, University of North Carolina, Wilmington; Mark Minton, NMFS; Peter Moore, American Pelagic Association; Gerry O'Neill, Fishing Vessel, Voyager, Challenger, Endeavor; Ryan Rabar, Fishing Vessel Providian; Eoin Rochefort, Northern Pelagic Group, LLC (NORPEL); Jim Ruhle, Fishing Vessel Darana R; Rich Seagraves, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Michael Simpkins, Marine Mammal Commission; and Sharon Young, Human Society of the United States.

Other individuals from NMFS and state and Federal agencies may be present as observers or for their scientific expertise. Members of TRTs serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed by NMFS, upon request, for reasonable travel costs and expenses incurred in performing their duties as members of the team. The TRT process will be facilitated by Robin Roberts and Dana Mason, RESOLVE, Washington, D.C. The ATGTRT will hold its first meeting from September 19-22, 2006, in Providence, RI (see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES**).

NMFS intends to conduct the TRT process in a way that provides for national consistency yet accommodates the unique regional characteristics of the fishery and marine mammal stocks involved. Take Reduction Teams are not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.). Meetings are open to the public.

Dated: September 11, 2006.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090506B]

Advisory Committee and Species Working Group Technical Advisor Appointments

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

ACTION: Nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS is soliciting nominations to the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) as established by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA). NMFS is also soliciting nominations for technical advisors to the Advisory Committee's species working groups.

DATES: Nominations must be received by October 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Nominations to the Advisory Committee or for technical advisors to a species working group should be sent to Dr. William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. A copy should also be sent to Kelly Denit, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, Room 12622, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kelly Denit, 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 971b of the ATCA (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) requires that an advisory committee be established that shall be composed of: (1) not less than five nor more than 20 individuals appointed by the U.S. Commissioners to ICCAT who shall select such individuals from the various groups concerned with the fisheries covered by the ICCAT Convention; and (2) the chairs (or their designees) of the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf Fishery Management Councils. Each member of the Advisory Committee appointed under paragraph (1) shall serve for a term of two years and shall be eligible

for reappointment. Members of the Advisory Committee may attend all public meetings of the ICCAT Commission, Council, or any Panel and any other meetings to which they are invited by the ICCAT Commission, Council, or any Panel. The Advisory Committee shall be invited to attend all nonexecutive meetings of the U.S. Commissioners to ICCAT and, at such meetings, shall be given the opportunity to examine and be heard on all proposed programs of investigation, reports, recommendations, and regulations of the ICCAT Commission. Members of the Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation for such services. The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of State may pay the necessary travel expenses of members of the Advisory Committee.

There are currently 20 appointed Advisory Committee members. The terms of these members expire on December 31, 2006. New appointments will be made as soon as possible, but will not take effect until January 1, 2007.

Section 971b-1 of the ACTA specifies that the U.S. Commissioners may establish species working groups for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the U.S. Commissioners and to the Advisory Committee on matters relating to the conservation and management of any highly migratory species covered by the ICCAT Convention. Any species working group shall consist of no more than seven members of the Advisory Committee and no more than four scientific or technical personnel, as considered necessary by the Commissioners. Currently, there are four species working groups advising the Committee and the U.S. Commissioners: a Bluefin Tuna Working Group, a Swordfish Working Group, a Billfish Working Group, and a BAYS (Bigeye, Albacore, Yellowfin, and Skipjack) Tunas Working Group. Technical Advisors to the species working groups serve at the pleasure of the U.S. Commissioners; therefore, the Commissioners can choose to alter appointments at any time.

Nominations to the Advisory Committee or to a species working group should include a letter of interest and a resume or curriculum vitae. Letters of recommendation are useful but not required. Self-nominations are acceptable. When making a nomination, please clearly specify which appointment (Advisory Committee member or technical advisor to a species working group) is being sought. Requesting consideration for placement on both the Advisory Committee and a

species working group is acceptable. Those interested in a species working group technical advisor appointment should indicate which of the four working groups is preferred. Placement on the requested species working group, however, is not guaranteed.

Dated: September 11, 2006.

William T. Hogarth,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 763-1845

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Smithsonian National Zoological Park (SNZP), 3001 Connecticut Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20008 (John Berry, Responsible Party) has been issued a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddelliis*) and import marine mammal specimens 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)427-2521; 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 Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 3, 2006, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 26073) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the species identified above had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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).

The SNZP has been issued a permit to study maternal investment, maternal and pup diving behavior, and the onset of feeding by mother and pup Weddell seals in Antarctica. Over a 2-year period, researchers will capture mother-pup pairs and weaned pups for weighing, administering isotopes, collecting blood and milk samples, and attachment/removal of time-depth recorders and radio transmitters. Samples from Weddell seals and from non-endangered marine mammals may be imported into the U.S. and re-exported for scientific analysis over a 5-year period.

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: September 8, 2001.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF THE DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Missile Defense Advisory Committee (MDAC)

AGENCY: Missile Defense Agency (MDA).

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Missile Defense Advisory Committee will meet in closed session on September 18-19, 2006, in Washington, DC.

The mission of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee is to provide the Department of Defense advice on all matters relating to missile defense, including system development, technology, program maturity and readiness of configurations of the Ballistic Missile Defense System (BMDS) to enter the acquisition process. At this meeting, the Committee will conduct classified discussions on capability-based acquisition.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: COL David R. Wolf, Designated Federal Official (DFO) at david.wolf@mda.mil, phone/voice mail (703) 695-6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public

Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App II), it has been determined that this Missile Defense Advisory Committee meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

The need to conduct this meeting was identified with less than 15 calendar days prior to the schedule date. As a result, the meeting notice is being published with less than 15 calendar days notice.

Dated: September 8, 2006.

C.R. Choate,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Office, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Notice of Availability for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Hemet/San Jacinto Integrated Recharge and Recovery Project, Riverside County, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army—U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Los Angeles District (Regulatory Branch), in coordination with the Eastern Municipal Water District (EMWD), has completed a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the Hemet/San Jacinto Integrated Recharge and Recovery Project. EMWD requires authorization pursuant to Section 404 of the Clean Water Act for 53.1 acres of fill into waters of the U.S. A public hearing will be held at the Simpson Center (305 East Devonshire Avenue, Hemet, CA 92543) on September 19, 2006 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions or comments concerning the Draft EIS should be directed to Dr. Daniel P. Swenson, Regulatory Branch, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 532711, Los Angeles, CA, 90053, (213) 452-3414. Comments should be submitted no later than October 20, 2006.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Mark Durham,

Chief, South Coast Section, Regulatory Branch.

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