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This section of the FEDERAL REGISTER contains documents other than rules or proposed rules that are applicable to the public. Notices of hearings and investigations, committee meetings, agency decisions and rulings, delegations of authority, filing of petitions and applications and agency statements of organization and functions are examples of documents appearing in this section.

### AFRICAN DEVELOPMENT FOUNDATION

#### Sunshine Act Meeting; Board of Directors Meeting

PLACE: ADF Headquarters.

DATE: Monday, 18 May 5:00–7:00 p.m. and Tuesday, 19 May 9:00–11:00 a.m.

STATUS: Open.

#### Agenda

Monday, 18 May 1998

5:00–7:00 p.m. Meeting

Tuesday, 19 May 1998

9:00 a.m. Chairman's Report;  
President's Report; Trade and  
Investment Initiative

11:00 a.m. Adjournment

If you have any questions or comments, please direct them to Paul Magid, General Counsel, who can be reached at (202) 673–3916.

**William R. Ford,**  
*President.*

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The National Forest System lands described as portions of Tract V–1, Parcels 1 and 2 in Section 2–S and Parcel 1 in Section 2–T of the Blue Ridge Parkway, which are part of the Pisgah National Forest located in Henderson, Buncombe, Haywood and Transylvania Counties, North Carolina, are hereby transferred from the jurisdiction of the Secretary of Agriculture to the jurisdiction of the Secretary of the Interior subject to outstanding rights or interests of record. Pursuant to the Act of June 8, 1940, which amended the act of June 30, 1936, the National Forest lands transferred to the Department of the Interior shall be administered as part of the Blue Ridge Parkway.

A description of the lands to be transferred and a map are available for public inspection at the Office of the Chief, Forest Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Auditors Building, 201 14th Street, S.W., at Independence Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20250.

**Daniel R. Glickman,**

*Secretary of Agriculture.*

**Bruce Babbitt,**

*Secretary of the Interior.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Forest Service

#### Committee of Scientists Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** A meeting of the Committee of Scientists is scheduled for May 27–29 in Boulder, Colorado. The purpose of the meeting is for the committee to continue to draft its report and recommendations for the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service. The meeting is open to the public.

**DATES:** A meeting is scheduled for May 27–29 in Boulder, Colorado.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 800 28th Street, Boulder, Colorado. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 5 p.m. on all 3 days.

Written comments on improving land and resource management planning may be sent to the Committee of Scientists, P.O. Box 2140, Corvallis, OR 97339 or

the Committee may be accessed via the Internet at [www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/](http://www.cof.orst.edu/org/scicomm/).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bob Cunningham, Designated Federal Official to the Committee of Scientists, Telephone: 202–205–2494.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee of Scientists was chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process (62 FR 43691; August 15, 1997).

Dated: May 6, 1998.

**Robert C. Joslin,**

*Deputy Chief, National Forest System.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 980427105–8105–01]

RIN 0648–ZA41

#### Sea Grant Industry Fellows Program

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces that proposals may be submitted for a Fellowship program sponsored by the National Sea Grant Office (NSGO) to strengthen ties between academia and industry and to fulfill its broad educational responsibilities. With required matching funds from private industrial sponsors, Sea Grant expects to support up to four new Industrial fellows in 1998. Each fellow will be a graduate student selected through national competition, and will be known as a Company Name/Sea Grant Industrial Fellow. Proposals must be submitted by academic institutions who have identified a graduate fellow and an industrial sponsor who will provide matching funds.

**DATES:** Proposals must be submitted by June 12, 1998 to the nearest state Sea Grant College Program.

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

#### Forest Service

### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### National Park Service

#### Joint Secretarial Order; Pisgah National Forest, North Carolina and Blue Ridge Parkway; Joint Order Transferring Administrative Jurisdiction of National Forest System Lands

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of Agriculture and in the Secretary of the Interior by the Act of June 8, 1940, which amended the Act of June 30, 1936 (16 U.S.C. 460a–1), it is ordered as follows:

**ADDRESSES:** Applications should be requested from the nearest Sea Grant college program. The addresses of the Sea Grant college program directors can be found on Sea Grant's home page (<http://www.mdsq.umd.edu/NSGO/index.html>). The addresses may also be obtained by contacting the Program Manager at the National Sea Grant Office (see below).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Vijay G. Panchang, Program Manager, National Sea Grant Office/NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Tel. (301) 713-2435 ext. 142; e-mail: [Vijay.Panchang@noaa.gov](mailto:Vijay.Panchang@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**A. Program Authority**

Authority: 33 U.S.C. 1127(a).

**B. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance**

CFDA No. 11.417—Sea Grant Support.

**C. Introduction**

Today's global economy is putting unprecedented demands on the US industrial community for innovation and new technology. Two critical components of success in that endeavor are well-trained human resources and high rates of technology commercialization. This situation presents challenges to industry and universities to develop new paradigms that will create more efficient utilization of available human, fiscal, and technical resources and closer collaboration between universities and industry. Successful methods of transferring technology from academia to industry include hiring graduates trained in particular technologies and developing opportunities for collaboration between industrial and academic scientists and engineers. To strengthen ties between academia and industry, Sea Grant developed the Industrial Fellows Program in 1995. With required matching funds from private industrial sponsors, Sea Grant expects to support up to four new Industrial fellows in 1998. Each fellow will be a graduate student selected through national competition, and will be known as a Company Name/Sea Grant Industrial Fellow.

**D. Fellowship Program Goals**

To enhance the education and training provided to top graduate students in US colleges and universities; to provide real-world experience of industrial issues to graduate students to accelerate their career development; to increase interactions between the nation's top scientists and engineers and

their industrial counterparts; to accelerate the exchange of information and technologies between universities and industry; to provide a mechanism for industry to influence Sea Grant research priorities and solve problems of importance to industry; and to forge long-term relationships between Sea Grant colleges and industrial firms.

**E. Program Description**

The Sea Grant Industrial Fellows Program provides, in cooperation with specific companies, support for highly-qualified graduate students who are pursuing research on topics of interest to a particular industry/company. In a true partnership, the student, the faculty adviser, the Sea Grant college or institute, and the industry representative work together on a project from beginning to end. Research facilities and the cost of the activity are shared. University faculty are the major source for identifying potential industrial collaborators and suitable research topics. However, other sources can be used to identify potential industrial partners including the Sea Grant Marine Advisory Services, university industrial relations offices, and the Sea Grant Review Panel. Sea Grant directors are encouraged to use a variety of sources in building successful partnerships with industry.

**F. Proposal Features**

Interested members of US institutions of higher education may submit a proposal through the nearest Sea Grant program for a grant to support up to 50 percent of the total budget. The fellowship can be for a maximum of three years, though funding will be in annual increments. No more than \$30,000 of federal funds may be requested per year. Indirect costs on federal funds are limited to 10 percent of total modified direct costs. The proposal must include a written matching commitment, equal to the federal request, from the industrial partner to support the budget for the period of the award. Allocation of matching funds must be specified in the budget. Use of the industrial matching funds for student stipend support will be looked on favorably.

The budget should include adequate travel funds for the student and the faculty advisor to meet at least twice per year during the fellowship period, preferably at the site of the industrial partner. Funds should also be allocated for one trip per year to NOAA offices in Silver Spring, Maryland, for a meeting of all fellows, advisors, and industrial partners.

**Proposal Form and Content**

Proposals are limited to 10 pages of text (8.5 inches by 11 inches, 10 point type) exclusive of budgets, vitae, letters of commitment, company description, and required forms. Proposals should contain the following:

1. The problem and its importance: What is the problem being addressed and what is its scientific and economic importance to the advancement of technology, to the cooperating industrial partner, and to the region or nation?
2. The research proposed: What are the goals, objectives, and anticipated approach of the proposed research? While a detailed work plan is not expected, the proposal should present evidence that there has been thoughtful consideration of the approach to the problem under study. What capabilities does the industrial partner possess that will benefit the research program?
3. Benefits: Upon successful completion of the project, what are the anticipated benefits to the student, the industrial partner, the university and its faculty, the sponsoring Sea Grant program, and the nation?
4. References/Bibliography.
5. Budget for each year and a cumulative budget.
6. Letter of commitment from the industrial partner.
7. Vitae of the student, the faculty advisor, and the company-appointed research mentor (limited to two pages per person).
8. A brief (one-page) description of the industrial firm.

**Participant Interest**

Interested graduate students or faculty advisors should contact the nearest Sea Grant program director for further details regarding proposal submission. Proposals must be submitted to the nearest Sea Grant program director by June 12, 1998. The addresses of the directors can be found on Sea Grant's home page (<http://www.mdsq.umd.edu/NSGO/index.html>). The addresses of the directors may also be obtained from Dr. Vijay Panchang, Program Manager, National Sea Grant Office/NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Tel. 301-713-2435, ext. 142.

**Sea Grant Program—Proposal Submission**

The Sea Grant program directors must ensure that the original and two copies of all proposals, all required NOAA forms (Sea Grant Project Summary and Budget forms), OMB forms (SF424, SF424a, SF424b), form CD-511, mail reviews, and a cover letter are received at the NSGO on or before July 13, 1998.

Proposals should be mailed to: Dr. Vijay Panchang, Program Manager, National Sea Grant Office/NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Tel. (301) 713-2435, ext. 142. Fellows receive funds directly from the National Sea Grant Colleges as part of a project awarded to the submitting Sea Grant program.

#### *Proposal Evaluation*

1. The sponsoring Sea Grant program is responsible for conducting the mail peer review of the proposed project for significance and importance of the problem being addressed; scientific and technical merit; and benefit to the discipline, field, and nation. Proposals may be revised on the basis of reviewer comments. All proposals must be accompanied by copies of the peer reviews and a letter from the Sea Grant director describing what, if any, changes have been made to the proposal as a result of the review process.

2. Proposals will be reviewed at the National Sea Grant Office by a panel composed of individuals from academia, industry, and the federal government with particular expertise in industry/academic interactions. The panel will be asked to assess each proposal, taking into account all mail peer review ratings, based on the following criteria:

a. The importance of the problem and the benefits expected to the industrial partner and the nation due to the advancement of technology (40%).

b. The benefit accruing to the student from his or her participation as a Sea Grant Industrial Fellow (20%).

c. The level of commitment of the industrial partner to the project, particularly student stipend support (20%).

d. The potential for the establishment of a long-term relationship between the Sea Grant program and the industrial firm (20%).

#### *Selection Procedures*

All proposals will be evaluated and ranked by the peer review panelists, who will make individual recommendations to the selecting officer, the Director of the National Sea Grant College program.

#### **G. Timetable**

June 12, 1998—Proposals due in the nearest Sea Grant College Program office.

July 13, 1998—Proposals due in the National Sea Grant September 1, 1998 (approximate)—Funds awarded to selected recipients; fellowship begins.

#### **Other Requirements**

(1) *Federal Policies and Procedures*—Recipients and subrecipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and DoC policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards.

(2) *Past Performance*—Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

(3) *Preaward Activities*—If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Notwithstanding any verbal or written assurance that may have been received, there is no obligation on the part of DoC to cover preaward costs.

(4) *No Obligation for Future Funding*—If an application is selected for funding, DoC has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of DoC.

(5) *Delinquent Federal Debts*—No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

i. The delinquent account is paid in full,

ii. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received, or

iii. Other arrangements satisfactory to DoC are made.

(6) *Name Check Review*—All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

(7) *Primary Applicant Certifications*—All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are hereby provided:

i. *Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension*. Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

ii. *Drug-Free Workplace*. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605)

are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

iii. *Anti-Lobbying*. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater; and

iv. *Anti-Lobbying Disclosures*. Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

(8) *Lower Tier Certifications*—Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to DoC. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to DoC in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(9) *False Statements*. A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(10) *Intergovernmental Review*—Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### **Classification**

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comments are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for this notice concerning grants, benefits, and contracts. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required for purposes of the Regulatory Flexibility Act. This action has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

This notice contains collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The Project Summary Form has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0648-0019, with an average response estimated to take 20 minutes; the Sea Grant Budget Form has been approved under Control Number 0648-0034, with an average response estimated to take 15 minutes. These estimates include the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments on these estimates or any other aspect of these collections to National Sea Grant Office/NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Washington, DC 20503 (Attention: NOAA Desk Officer). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Dated: May 8, 1998.

**Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,**

Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 050698A]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 782-1455 and File No. 738-1454

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Douglas P. DeMaster, Ph.D., National Marine Mammal Laboratory, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070, has applied in due form for a permit to take Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) for purposes of scientific research. In

addition, Carole Conway, Genomic Variation Laboratory, Department of Animal Science, Meyer Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-3322, has applied in due form for a permit to import blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*) skin samples from Canada for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permits are 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 fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Dr. DeMaster (File No. 782-1455) seeks authorization to: monitor the status of the northern fur seal population (*Callorhinus ursinus*); evaluate the condition of pups from each cohort (health or strength of year-class); monitor the diet of fur seals in the Bering Sea during the summer; document the movement patterns and foraging behavior of various age and sex classes of fur seals; and incidentally disturb Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) while conducting the above-listed activities.

Carole Conway (File No. 738-1454) requests a permit to import blue whale

(*Balaenoptera musculus*) skin samples from Canada over a 5-year period. The samples are necessary for a global study of the genetic structure of populations which will provide critical information for conservation management of this species.

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 this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The application and related documents submitted by Dr. DeMaster may be reviewed in the following locations:

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

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070;

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

The application and related documents submitted by Ms. Conway may be reviewed in the following locations:

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

Dated: May 7, 1998.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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