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Organizations or individuals also may submit statements for the record without testifying. Twenty (20) copies of such statements should be sent to the Executive Secretary of the Advisory Council at the above address. Papers will be accepted and included in the record of the meeting if received on or before October 1.

Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of September, 1998.

**Meredith Miller,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group Studying Small Businesses: How to Enhance and Encourage the Establishment of Pension Plans; Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans

##### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, a public meeting will be held Monday, October 5, 1998, of the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans Working Group studying the obstacles to why small businesses are not establishing retirement vehicles for their employees when so many different savings arrangements are available. The Working Group also is focusing on how to encourage these businesses to establish such pension plans.

The session will take place in Room N-4437 C&D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington 20210. The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:00 p.m., is for Working Group members to draft their report and/or recommendations their report for the Secretary of Labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before October 1, 1998, to Sharon

Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by October 1, at the address indicated in this notice.

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Signed at Washington, D.C. this 10th day of September 1998.

**Meredith Miller,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

### Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration

#### Working Group on the Disclosure of the Quality of Care in Health Plans Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefits Plans

##### Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the authority contained in Section 512 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. 1142, the Working Group established by the Advisory Council on Employee Welfare and Pension Benefit Plans to study what kind of information on the quality of care in health plans should be transmitted to fiduciaries and participants and how the information should be transmitted will hold an open public meeting on Monday, October 5, 1998, in Room N-4437 C&D, U.S. Department of Labor Building, Second and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210.

The purpose of the open meeting, which will run from 9:30 a.m. to approximately noon, is for Working Group members to begin drafting their report and/or recommendations for the Secretary of Labor.

Members of the public are encouraged to file a written statement pertaining to

the topic by submitting 20 copies on or before October 1, 1998, to Sharon Morrissey, Executive Secretary, ERISA Advisory Council, U.S. Department of Labor, Room N-5677, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20210. Individuals or representatives of organizations wishing to address the Working Group should forward their request to the Executive Secretary or telephone (202) 219-8753. Oral presentations will be limited to 10 minutes, but an extended statement may be submitted for the record. Individuals with disabilities, who need special accommodations, should contact Sharon Morrissey by September 1, at the address indicated in this notice.

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Signed at Washington, DC this 10th day of September, 1998.

**Meredith Miller,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary, Pension and Welfare Benefits Administration.*

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## MARINE MAMMAL COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meeting

**TIME AND DATE:** The Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors on Marine Mammals will meet in executive session on Tuesday, November 10, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. The public sessions of the Commission and the Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., on Wednesday, November 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., and on Thursday, November 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** The Double Tree Hotel, 1230 Congress Street, Portland, Maine, 04102. Phone number 800/989-3856. Fax number 201/761-1560.

**STATUS:** The executive session will be closed to the public. At it, matters relating to international negotiations in process, personnel, and the budget of the Commission and will be discussed. All other portions of the meeting will be open to public observation. Public participation will be allowed as time permits and as determined to be desirable by the Chairman.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** The Commission and Committee will meet in public session to discuss a broad range of marine mammal matters. The focus of the meeting will be on species that occur in waters along the East Coast of the United States. While subject to change, major issues that the Commission plans to consider at the meeting include: the conservation of northern right whales, research and management issues related to the Gulf of Maine population of harbor porpoise, New England pinniped-fishery interactions, humpback whales, sources and effects of anthropogenic noise in the marine environment, whale watching activities in New England, bottlenose dolphins in coastal Atlantic waters, and research related to the effects of the eastern tropical Pacific tuna fishery on dolphins.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** John R. Twiss, Jr., Executive Director, Marine Mammal Commission, 4340 East-West Highway, Room 905, Bethesda, MD, 20814, 301/504-0087.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

**John R. Twiss, Jr.,**

*Executive Director.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### 50th Anniversary Public Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* 50th Anniversary Public Advisory Committee (5213).

*Date and Time:* October 15, 1998—(9:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.) and October 16, 1998—(9:00 a.m.–Noon).

*Place:* NSF Headquarters, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Contact Person:* Ms. Mary Bullock, Section Head-Special Projects Section, Office of Legislative and Public Affairs, Suite 1245, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1070.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation in highlighting 50 years of U.S. achievements in science and engineering research and education, and in increasing awareness of the role of U.S. support of science and engineering plays in enabling world leadership in these fields.

*Agenda:* Public Advisory Committee members will receive their charge to encourage celebrations of NSF's 50th anniversary in the research and education

communities with which they are connected. Members will discuss ideas and purpose plans for anniversary activities such as symposia among academic, government and other leaders; public outreach events to engage communities of the general public in activities that build interest in science and technology, and other means of increasing public and understanding and appreciation of science and technology.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Proposal Review Panel in Earth Sciences; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

*Name:* Proposal Review Panel in Earth Sciences (1569).

*Date and Time:* October 7-9, 1998; 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230, Room 310.

*Type of Meeting:* Closed.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Leonard E. Johnson, Program Director, Continental Dynamics Program, Division of Earth Sciences, Room 785, National Science Foundation, 4210 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230; Telephone: (703) 306-1559.

*Purpose of Meeting:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning proposals submitted to NSF for financial support.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Continental Dynamics proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information; financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c), (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Division of Environmental Biology; Notice of Meetings

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation (NSF) announces the following meetings.

*Name Advisory Panel for Ecological Studies (1751).*

*Date & Time:* October 13-16, 1998, 8:30 am-5:00 pm each day.

*Place:* Room 340, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Scott L. Collins, Program Director, Ecological Studies, Division of Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1483.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Ecology proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Name Advisory Panel for Ecological Studies (1751).*

*Date & Time:* October 6-9, 1998, 8:30 am-5:00 pm each day.

*Place:* Room 380, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230.

*Contact Person:* Dr. Penelope Firth, Program Director, Ecological Studies, Division of Environmental Biology, Room 635, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22230. Telephone: (703) 306-1479.

*Minutes:* May be obtained from the contact person listed above.

*Agenda:* To review and evaluate Ecosystem Studies proposals as part of the selection process for awards.

*Type of Meetings:* Closed.

*Purpose of Meetings:* To provide advice and recommendations concerning support for research proposals submitted to the NSF for financial support.

*Reason for Closing:* The proposals being reviewed include information of a proprietary or confidential nature, including technical information: financial data, such as salaries; and personal information concerning individuals associated with the proposals. These matters are exempt under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c) (4) and (6) of the Government in the Sunshine Act.

Dated: September 14, 1998.

**M. Rebecca Winkler,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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## NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

### Advisory Panel for Neuroscience; Notice of Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting:

*Name:* Advisory Panel for Neuroscience (1158).

*Date and Time:* October 15-16, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

*Place:* Room 310, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA.

*Type of Meeting:* Part-Open.