

facsimile at 202-482-4054. Numbers listed in this notice are not toll-free. The Original of the required application materials should be sent to Cheryl Bruner as noted above. Applications sent by facsimile must be immediately followed by submission of the original application to Ms. Bruner at the following address: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cheryl Bruner or Jennifer Johnson at 202-482-1360. Information is also available via the International Trade Administration's (ITA) Internet home page at "http://www.ita.doc.gov/uscs/doctm".

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Trade Mission Description

Secretary of Commerce, William M. Daley, will lead a trade mission to Canada in August with a U.S. business delegation. The mission to Canada will include stops in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, and possibly Vancouver. The overall focus of the trip will be to promote expanded trade opportunities for U.S. technology firms afforded under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). With stops in Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and possibly Vancouver, the Secretary's mission will cover the largest and most dynamic markets for U.S. technology products in Canada focusing on commercial opportunities for small and medium-sized U.S. firms. Specific sectors to be highlighted include computer software, computers and peripherals, electronic components, aerospace equipment, pollution control equipment, telecommunications equipment and related services, all of which are included in Canada's key growth sectors for U.S. products over the next 12 months. The Commerce Department's U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service will provide logistical support for these activities at each stop. The itinerary for the Canada Mission will be as follows:

August 3 (Sun)—Arrive Montreal  
 August 4 (Mon)—Montreal  
 August 5 (Tues)—Leave Montreal  
     Arrive/Depart Ottawa  
     Arrive Toronto  
 August 6 (Wed)—Toronto  
     Depart Toronto  
 August 7 (Thurs)—Vancouver (possible business delegation participation) Mission Concludes

The goals for the mission are:

- Increase sales of U.S. products and services to Canada with focus in the areas of computers, software and peripherals; electronic components;

pollution control equipment, telecommunications equipment and related services;

- Seek resolution of outstanding bilateral commercial issues where appropriate, discuss multilateral issues of mutual interest and advocate U.S. interests regarding specific government procurements;
- Highlight opportunities for U.S. technology exports to America's largest and most accessible trading partner, particularly for the U.S. Small and Medium Size Enterprises (SME);
- Introduce participating U.S. companies to Canadian federal and provincial leaders and to representatives of U.S. firms in Canada;
- Promote U.S.-Canadian cooperation in pursuing strategic alliance opportunities in third-countries leading to the expansion of U.S. exports; and
- Highlight achievements under NAFTA and this Administration's commitment to its continued implementation.

A full description of the mission is set forth in the Mission Statement, which is available from Cheryl Bruner, Director of the Office of Business Liaison, at the above address.

##### Trade Mission Participation Criteria

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in the mission will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997 and reflected herein. Company representatives should be senior level executives appropriate to the goals of the mission with authority to execute sales and other marketing agreements. Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- Consistency of the company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein;
- Relevance of a company's business line to the plan for the mission;
- Past, present and prospective business activity in Canada;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and traditional under-representation in business.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process. An interested party must fill out an application to be considered for participation in the mission.

##### Endorsements/Referrals

Third parties may nominate or endorse potential applicants, but companies that are nominated or endorsed must themselves submit an

application to be eligible for consideration. Referrals from political organizations will not be considered.

##### Costs

The fees to participate in the mission have not yet been determined, and will be based on the number of participants and participation in all three, or possibly four stops. The fees will not cover travel, lodging, or other personal expenses.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

**Anita K. Blackman,**

*Acting Regional Director, Office of International Operations-Western Hemisphere, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052397D]

##### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of scientific research permit no. 848-1335.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Honolulu Laboratory, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Honolulu, Hawaii 96822-2396, has been issued a permit to "take" Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 96822-2396 (808/973-2987).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 6, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 10259) that the above-named applicant had submitted a

request for a scientific research and enhancement permit to "take" Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll. The research will be conducted over a 5-year period and will involve population assessment, disease assessment, recovery actions, and pelagic ecology studies of Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at all locations within the Hawaiian Archipelago and at Johnston Atoll. Research methods include: observation and monitoring; capture; physical and chemical restraint; flipper tagging and retagging; instrumentation; bleach marking; measuring and weighing; blood and tissue sampling; swabbing; biopsy sampling (blubber); lavage; capture for the purpose of rehabilitation and release to the wild; and experimental medical treatment. The research will be conducted over a 5-year period. 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060997B]

### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) Committee.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on July 8, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Pauahi Tower, Nortel Conference Room, 1001 Bishop Street, Suite 2650, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 532-6306.

*Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The VMS Committee will hold a meeting to discuss and formulate recommendations for the Council to consider at its 93rd meeting to be held August 19-21, 1997. The VMS committee plans to discuss Hawaii longline VMS Data confidentiality, VMS data for fisheries research, future direction of the VMS program, and consider other business as required.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: June 9, 1997.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Technical Information Service

### NTIS Advisory Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Monday, July 28, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Tuesday, July 29, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session on Tuesday, July 29, 1997, will be closed to the Public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will include a progress report on NTIS activities, an update on the progress of FedWorld, and a discussion of NTIS' long range plans. The closed session discussion is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. on July 29, 1997. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

**DATES:** the meeting will convene on July 28, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. and convene again on July 29, 1997, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 2029 Sills Building, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation on July 28, 1997, and closed on July 29, 1997. Approximately thirty minutes will be set aside on July 28, 1997, for comments or questions from the public. Seats will be available for the public and for the media on a first-come, first-served basis. Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time. Copies of the minutes of the open session meeting will be available within thirty days of the meeting from the address given below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Lucas, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161 Telephone: (703) 487-4636; FAX (703) 487-4093.

Dated: June 10, 1997.

**Donald R. Johnson,**

*Director.*

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