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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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International Whaling Commission; Intersessional Revised Management Scheme Working Group Meeting; Nominations

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

ACTION: Request for nominations.

SUMMARY: This notice is a call for nominees for one non-federal position to the U.S. Delegation to the March 2005 International Whaling Commission (IWC) intersessional Revised Management Scheme (RMS) Working Group meeting.

DATES: All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC intersessional RMS Working Group meeting must be received by March 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC intersessional RMS Working Group meeting should be addressed to Rolland Schmiten, U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, and sent via post to: Cheri McCarty, 13708, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Prospective Congressional advisors to the delegation should contact the Department of State directly.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheri McCarty, 301-713-2322, Ext. 114.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. Commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of

the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies. The non-federal representative selected as a result of this nomination process is responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations.

The intersessional RMS Working Group meeting will be held March 30–April 1, 2005, in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Dated: February 7, 2005.

Laurie Allen,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Public Comment for Enhancement of the Initial Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS)

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity for written public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the opportunity for the public to comment on the implementation and development of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS).

DATES: Ocean.US will host an Implementation Conference on Tuesday, May 3, 2005 and Wednesday, May 4, 2005. The purpose of this conference is to enable coordinated implementation of the First Annual IOOS Development Plan (available at <http://www.ocean.us>). The public is invited to submit written comments on the plan and priorities for implementation by close of business on Friday, April 22, 2005. Please submit comments via e-mail to k.stump@ocean.us or in written to Ms. Kristine Stump, Ocean.US, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Suite 1350, Arlington, VA 22201.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location has yet to be determined.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information regarding this Notice, please contact Ms. Kristine Stump: Ocean.US telephone (703) 588-0855 or E-mail k.stump@ocean.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Ocean.US was established to plan and coordinate implementation of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS). The IOOS is the U.S. contribution to the Global Ocean Observing System and to

the oceans and coasts component of the Global Earth Observation System of Systems. The First Annual IOOS Development Plan and other planning documents can be viewed at <http://www.ocean.us>. The IOOS is a sustained network of sensors on buoys, ships, satellites, underwater vehicles, and other platforms that routinely supplies the data and information needed for rapid detection and timely predictions of changes in our Nation's coastal waters and on the high seas. An initial IOOS consisting of existing systems has been identified, and needs for enhancements have been submitted by IOOS stakeholders. Building on last year's First Annual IOOS Implementation Conference, this Second Annual IOOS Implementation Conference will allow stakeholders to contribute to updating and improving the First Annual IOOS Development Plan.

Dated: February 7, 2005.

Peter Gibson,

Acting Deputy Chief Financial Officer, For Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

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Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Conservation Plan

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, Commerce; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior

ACTION: Notice of applications and availability of documents for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and conservation plan for public review and comment. The Washington Department of Natural Resources (WDNR), on behalf of the State of Washington, has submitted applications to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (the Services) for incidental take permits under section 10 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 as amended. The conservation plan also serves as the