

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Monday, November 14, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 15, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 16, 2005, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 17, 2005, and Friday, November 18, 2005, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of ten members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award program, processes, and procedures within the guidelines set forth by the Baldrige Program's Board of Overseers.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 14, 2005 at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on November 18, 2005. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Room A1038, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda will include review of the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, review of feedback discussion approach with site visit team leaders, final judging of 2005 applicants, learning and improvements for 2006 judging cycle, update on the 2006 program and review 2006 judges calendar. The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 20, 2004, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the

Government in the Sunshine Act, Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: October 19, 2005.

William Jeffrey,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Endangered Species; File No. 1475

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 Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FFWCC), Florida Marine Research Institute (Richard E. Matheson, Principal Investigator), 1481 Market Circle, Unit 1, Port Charlotte, FL 33953 has been issued a permit to take smalltooth sawfish, *Pristis pectinata*, for purposes of 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 Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 21, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 29274) that a request for a scientific research permit to take smalltooth sawfish had been submitted by the above-named organization. On January 26, 2005, notice was published in the **Federal**

Register (70 FR 3682) that a request to amend the permit application to include takes of loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) turtles. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

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 any endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 20, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Strategic Advisory Group Meeting of the U.S. Strategic Command**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, USSTRATCOM.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Strategic Advisory Group (SAG) will meet in a closed session on December 8 and 9, 2005. The mission of the SAG is to provide timely advice on scientific, intelligence, technical, and policy-related issues to the Commander, U.S. Strategic Command, during the development of the Nation's strategic war plans. Full development of the topics will require discussion of information classified in accordance with Executive Order 12958, dated April 17, 1995, as amended March 25, 2003. Access to this information must be strictly limited to personnel having the requisite security clearances and the specific need-to-know. Unauthorized disclosure of the information to be discussed at the TAG meeting could cause serious damage to our national defense.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C., App. 2), it has been determined that this SAG meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. Section 552b(c), and