

during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the presumption that reimbursement of antidumping and/or countervailing duties occurred and the subsequent increase in antidumping duties by the amount of antidumping and/or countervailing duties reimbursed.

#### Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation that is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing these results and notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 7, 2006.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice of Creation of U.S.–Iraq Business Dialogue

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Amendment to Prior Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce and the Iraqi Ministry of Trade have established the U.S.–Iraq Business Dialogue (Business Dialogue or Dialogue). This notice announces an amendment extending the deadline for applications for American representatives to join the U.S. section of the Dialogue.

**DATES:** Applications must be received no later than December 28, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send requests for consideration to Ms. Susan Hamrock, Director, Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force, U.S. Department of Commerce, either by fax on 202-482-0980 or by mail to U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Mail Stop 3868, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Aaron Kleiner, Office of the Middle

East, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2029–B, Washington, DC 20230. Phone: 202-482-2680.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 30, 2006, the International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce published a **Federal Register** notice soliciting applications from U.S. persons interested in serving as members of the U.S. Section of the U.S.–Iraq Business Dialogue. *See* 71 FR 63286. The International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce is amending the previous notice due to the level of interest in the Dialogue and to attract applicants from a more diverse geographic base, including applicants located in the Middle East. Applicants must meet the requirements put forward in the previous notice. *See* 71 FR 63286.

Dated: December 11, 2006.

**Susan Hamrock,**

*Director, Iraq Investment and Reconstruction Task Force.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary (FKNMS) is seeking applications for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (council): Boating, Citizen-at-Large (upper Keys), Diving (alternate), Citizen-at-Large (middle Keys, alternate), Conservaiton & Environment (alternate), Recreational Fishing, Recreational Fishing (alternate), Research & Monitoring (alternate), Elected Official (alternate), Charter Fishing (sports). Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve

three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by January 12, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from the Advisory Council Coordinator at *Fiona.Wilmot@noaa.gov*, from the Web site at *www.floridakeys.noaa.gov*, by telephone at (305)-395-0194 or in writing at 2513 Granada Circle East, St. Petersburg, FL 33712 or any of the FKNMS offices listed on the Web site. Completed applications should be sent to the same address listed above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Fiona Wilmot at the above address, e-mail and telephone number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Information concerning the council, including past meeting minutes and member contact information can be found at the sanctuary Web site.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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Dated: December 7, 2006.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of exempted fishing permit application.

**SUMMARY:** The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject exempted fishing permit (EFP) application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE)

Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued that would allow three commercial fishing vessels to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP, which would enable researchers to investigate the efficacy of an experimental trawl designed to reduce the bycatch of cod while maintaining selectivity for haddock, would allow for exemptions from the FMP as follows: U.S./Canada Management Area gear requirements for trawl nets, U.S./Canada Management Area harvest control regulations, and NE multispecies possession restrictions. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before December 29, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on the Massachusetts Haddock Trawl Study." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: [DA6347@noaa.gov](mailto:DA6347@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tobey Curtis, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9273, fax (978) 281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A complete application for an EFP was submitted on November 15, 2006, by David Chosid and Michael Pol of the Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries (DMF). The project was funded by the DMF/University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, School for Marine Science and Technology, Marine Fisheries Institute grant program. The primary goal of the research is to test the effectiveness of a sweepless raised footrope trawl, designed to minimize the catch of Atlantic cod while maximizing the catch of haddock. The intent of the researchers is that the experimental net, if successful, could potentially be an acceptable alternative trawl design to be used in the groundfish fishery.

The project is a continuation of research previously conducted in 2006

by DMF, which has preliminarily shown that this new trawl net design significantly reduces the bycatch of cod, as compared to the standard legal trawl. Specifically, DMF will test the effectiveness of a sweepless (no ground gear) raised footrope, semi-pelagic trawl, referred to as the "5-point trawl." The net was designed to exploit the differences in behavior of haddock and cod in relation to towed gears. Similar to the haddock separator trawl, this experimental net proposes to reduce cod mortality; however, it avoids some of the complexities associated with separator trawls, since the cod would not pass through meshes, or encounter grids or escape vents. Although this study would focus on reducing cod-haddock interactions, this net may also reduce the bycatch of flatfish species such as winter flounder, yellowtail flounder, witch flounder, and American plaice.

The species of principal interest in the study are cod and haddock, but the study will also have implications for flatfishes, including yellowtail flounder, winter flounder, witch flounder, and American plaice. All fish would be sorted and weighed, and fish of legal size would be retained for sale. All discards would be released as quickly as practicable to reduce incidental mortality. Based on catch data from previous experimental tows with this net design, the researchers anticipate that a total of 34 mt (74,957 lb) of fish would be harvested throughout the course of the study. All proceeds from the sale of the fish would be returned to DMF for the purpose of enhancing future research.

All at-sea research would be conducted from three fishing vessels. The vessels intend to fish in the Eastern and Western U.S./Canada Management Areas. The vessel would fish exclusively outside of all closed areas. A total of 21 days would be used for testing the experimental trawls, carried out under NE multispecies Category A Days-at-Sea. An anticipated 120, 2-hour tows, using a twin trawl rig, would be conducted during that time. This effort would result in a total of 240 hours of bottom time for the experimental trawls. DMF staff would be aboard the vessel at all times during testing.

Based on preliminary review of this project, and in accordance with NOAA Administrative Order 216-6, a Categorical Exclusion from requirements to prepare either an Environmental Impact Statement or an Environmental Assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act appears to be justified. The applicant may request minor modifications and

extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or impact of the initially approved EFP request.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 11, 2006.

**Alan D. Risenhoover,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Notice; availability of new criteria for designation of marine mammal Unusual Mortality Events (UMEs).

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces new criteria developed by the Working Group on Marine Mammal Unusual Mortality Events (Working Group) to help determine when a marine mammal Unusual Mortality Event (UME) is occurring.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Teri Rowles, D.V.M., Ph.D. or Trevor Spradlin, NMFS, Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program, Office of Protected Resources; telephone: (301) 713-2322; fax: (301) 427-2522.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Marine mammals strand for a variety of reasons. Some identified causes include: infectious disease (*e.g.*, viral, bacterial, parasitic), non-infectious disease (*e.g.*, stress, starvation, exposure to biotoxins or contaminants.), physical trauma (*e.g.*, ship strikes, entanglements, predation, acoustic sources), behavioral changes (*e.g.*, associated with prey shifts, social cohesiveness), weather and oceanographic conditions (*e.g.*, hurricanes, tsunamis, El Nino), to name a few (Geraci *et al.*, 1999; Dierauf and Gulland, 2001; Geraci and Lounsbury, 2005). Title IV of the Marine Mammal