

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

RIN 0648-XD61

Marine Mammals; File No. 10080

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Kathryn A. Ono, Department of Biological Sciences, University of New England, Biddeford, ME, has requested a major amendment to Permit No. 10080 for research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before March 12, 2008.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9300; fax (978) 281-9394.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 10080.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Jaclyn Daly, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The amendment is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended

(MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 10080, issued on December 18, 2007 (72 FR 72996) and valid through December 31, 2012, authorizes research to examine expanding populations of the Western North Atlantic stocks of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina concolor*) and gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*) in the Gulf of Maine. In addition to capture and sampling activities, the permit authorizes harassment of up to 1000 gray seals annually incidental to boat approaches to seals on haul outs. In consideration of the increasing size of this population, the applicant has requested an increase in the number of seals that may be harassed by this activity: up to 2000 annually.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), NMFS has initially determined that issuance of the proposed permit is consistent with a category of activities identified in NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 that do not individually or cumulatively have the potential to pose significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and are therefore exempted from further environmental review and requirements to prepare environmental review documents.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 5, 2008.

Tammy C Adams,

Acting 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 of Defense****Missile Defense Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Defense; Missile Defense Agency (MDA).

ACTION: Notice of Closed Meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended) and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended) and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces that the following

Federal advisory committee meeting will take place.

Name of Committee: Missile Defense Advisory Committee.

Dates of Meeting: Tuesday, February 26 and Wednesday, February 27, 2008.

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Security clearance and visit requests are required for access.

Location: 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7100.

Purpose of the Meeting: At this meeting, the Committee will receive classified briefings by Missile Defense Agency senior staff, Program Managers, senior Department of Defense leaders, representatives from industry and the Services on the appropriate role for the Missile Defense Agency in Cruise Missile Defense.

Agenda: Topics tentatively scheduled for discussion include, but are not limited to administrative work; Current and Potential Service Capabilities and Responsibilities in Joint Cruise Missile Defense; Review of Governing Directives; and an Update on MDA's Engineering Capabilities and Responsibilities.

Meeting Accessibility: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155 the Missile Defense Agency has determined that the meeting shall be closed to the public. The Director, Missile Defense Agency, in consultation with the Missile Defense Agency Office of General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the committee's meeting will be closed to the public because they will be concerned with classified information and matters covered by section 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1).

Committee's Designated Federal Officer: Mr. Al Bready, mdac@mda.mil, phone/voice mail 703-695-6438, or mail at 7100 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7100.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140, and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the public or interested organizations may submit written statements to the membership of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee about its mission and functions. Written statements may be submitted at any time or in response to the stated agenda of a planned meeting of the Missile Defense Advisory Committee.

All written statements shall be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer for the Missile Defense Advisory Committee, in the following formats: One hard copy with original signature and one electronic copy via e-mail (acceptable file formats: Adobe Acrobat