

affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.

With respect to military readiness activities, the MMPA defines "harassment" as:

(i) any act that injures or has the significant potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A Harassment]; or (ii) any act that disturbs or is likely to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of natural behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, surfacing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering, to a point where such behavioral patterns are abandoned or significantly altered [Level B Harassment].

Summary of Request

On March 31, 2008, NMFS received an application from the Navy requesting authorization for the take of 24 species of marine mammals (4 pinniped and 20 cetacean) incidental to upcoming training activities to be conducted off the coast of southern California and farther off the coast of northern Mexico (in SOCAL) over the course of 5 years. These training activities are classified as military readiness activities. The Navy states that these training activities may expose some of the marine mammals present in the area to sound from various mid-frequency and high-frequency active tactical sonar sources or to pressure from underwater detonations. The Navy requests authorization to take individuals of 24 species of marine mammals by Level B Harassment. Further, the Navy requests authorization to take 10 individual beaked whales over the course of 5 years by serious injury or mortality.

Specified Activities

In the application submitted to NMFS, the Navy requests authorization to take marine mammals incidental to conducting operations utilizing mid- and high frequency active sonar sources and explosive detonations. These sonar and explosive sources will be utilized during Naval Surface Fire Support Exercises, Bombing Exercises, Sink Exercises, Antisubmarine Warfare (ASW) Tracking Exercises, ASW Torpedo Exercises, Major Integrated ASW Training Exercises, and Mine Neutralization Exercises. Table 1-1 in the application lists the activity types, the equipment and platforms involved, and the duration and potential locations of the activities.

Information Sought

Interested persons may submit information, suggestions, and comments concerning the Navy's request (see ADDRESSES). All information, suggestions, and comments related to

the Navy's SOCAL request and NMFS' potential development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals by the Navy's SOCAL activities will be considered by NMFS in developing, if appropriate, the most effective regulations governing the issuance of letters of authorization.

Dated: April 10, 2008.

James H. Lecky,

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Understanding the Pending Lead Legislation and the Use of Lead in Consumer Products; Notice of Roundtable To Be Held by CPSC Staff

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice of roundtable to be held by Consumer Product Safety (Commission or CPSC) staff.

SUMMARY: On May 13, 2008, the staff of the Consumer Product Safety Commission (Commission or CPSC) will hold a one-day roundtable on understanding the pending lead legislation and the use of lead in consumer products.

DATES: The roundtable will be held on May 13, 2008, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. at the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ADDRESSES: The roundtable will be held in Room 420, CPSC's Hearing Room of the East West Towers Building, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20814.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The staff is holding a one-day roundtable, "Understanding the Pending Lead Legislation and the Use of Lead in Consumer Products." This roundtable is intended to provide stakeholders with an understanding of the pending Congressional action on lead and the use of lead in consumer products, especially children's products.

CPSC staff will discuss pending lead legislation and enforcement issues, current events abroad, and laboratory testing procedures for lead. Industry representatives will discuss the use of lead in consumer products (for example,

paints and coatings, toys, plastics, jewelry, electronics, batteries and textiles), potential substitutes for lead in their products, best practices that can be implemented to eliminate or reduce the use of lead, and differences between domestic manufacturing plants and their practices and those outside the U.S. The roundtable will include question and answer sessions and discussions led by the CPSC staff. A wrap-up session for final comments and questions and answers will conclude the day.

The roundtable is a public event open to anyone interested in lead issues. Although pre-registration is not mandatory, CPSC staff request that attendees pre-register online at <http://www.cpsc.gov/cgibin/lead.aspx>. For a hard copy of the registration form, contact Todd Stevenson, telephone 301-504-6836, e-mail tstevenson@cpsc.gov.

Dated: April 11, 2008.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: United States Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting Roundtable Discussion.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, April 24, 2008, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. (EST).

PLACE: United States Election Assistance Commission, 1225 New York Ave., NW., Suite 150, Washington, DC 20005.

AGENDA: The Commission will host a voting advocates roundtable discussion of the Technical Guidelines Committee's (TGDC) recommended Voluntary Voting System Guidelines. The discussion will be focused upon the following topics: (1) The development of a threat assessment; (2) The evaluation of innovative systems; (3) Open Ended Vulnerability Testing (OEVT) and how it fits into the proposed standards; (4) The testing of voting system software; (5) How best to strike the balance between usability and accessibility and the need for secure systems; (6) Possible changes in scope or depth that would help improve the proposed standard.

This meeting will be open to the public.