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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China; Recruitment Reopened for Additional Applications

AGENCY: International Trade
Administration, Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

The recruitment has reopened and the deadline for additional applications is extended to September 29, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all additional applications after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Companies who have already applied do not need to reapply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Implementing Recovery Actions for Hawaiian Monk Seals

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement; announcement of public
scoping period; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces its
intent to prepare a Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)
to analyze the environmental impacts of
implementing specific management
actions and administering the associated
research and enhancement program for
Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus
schauinslandi*) in the Northwestern and
Main Hawaiian Islands. Publication of
this notice begins the official public
scoping process that will help identify
alternatives and determine the scope of
environmental issues to be considered
in the PEIS.

ADDRESSES: Written statements and
questions regarding the public scoping
process must be postmarked by
November 15, 2010. To be included on
a mailing list and receive newsletters
and copies of the Draft and Final PEIS,
please send mailing address and/or
email address to Jeff Walters, Hawaiian
Monk Seal Recovery Coordinator,
Protected Resources Division, NOAA
NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office,
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110,
Honolulu, HI 96814. Comments on this
notice and the scoping process for this
action may be submitted by:

- Mail: 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.
- Scoping Meetings: Oral and written
comments will be accepted during the
upcoming scoping meetings. See
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, SCOPING
MEETINGS** (below) for dates and
locations of public scoping meetings for
this issue.
- Email: monkseal@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff
Walters, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional
Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814, or via the
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is
the Federal agency responsible for

management of Hawaiian monk seals,
under the Endangered Species Act
(ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the
Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA;
16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). NMFS funds and
conducts research and enhancement
activities on Hawaiian monk seals in the
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)
and Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI). In
1976, NMFS listed Hawaiian monk seals
as “endangered” under the ESA and
“depleted” under the MMPA. As
required under section 4 of the ESA,
NMFS published a Recovery Plan for
the species in 1983, which was revised
in 2007. The funds administered by
NMFS to implement recovery actions,
including research and enhancement,
have been designated by Congress and
allocated within NMFS’ annual budgets
for the purpose of promoting Hawaiian
monk seal recovery. The intent of this
PEIS is to evaluate, in compliance with
the National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the
potential direct, indirect, and
cumulative impacts on the human
environment of the alternative
approaches to implementing recovery
actions, including research and
enhancement activities, under the
Hawaiian monk seal recovery program.

Background

The Hawaiian monk seals’ population
has experienced a prolonged decline
and currently only approximately 1,200
monk seals remain. Numerous threats to
the survival of Hawaiian monk seals are
identified in the Hawaiian monk seal
Recovery Plan. In the NWHI, young
seals are starving, pups are being killed
by sharks, seals are getting entangled in
marine debris, and sea level rise
threatens terrestrial habitats. Low
juvenile survival over the past two
decades is the primary cause of the
population’s decline. There is
insufficient recruitment into the
breeding population, and the population
decline will likely continue without
intervention. Enhancement activities,
including but not limited to
translocating seals from areas of lower
to higher survival probability, are being
considered to improve juvenile survival
and the overall health of the population.

The purpose of implementing
recovery activities for Hawaiian monk
seals is to promote the recovery of the
species population to levels at which
ESA protection is no longer needed.
Research, enhancement, and
management activities on Hawaiian
monk seals considered in this PEIS are
funded, undertaken, and permitted by
NMFS, which are federal actions
requiring NEPA compliance. The need
for this action is rooted in fundamental