

passive integrated transponder (PIT) tagging, anesthetizing, and handling of fish. Permit 16318 does not authorize any intentional lethal take of ESA-listed salmonids. Permit 16318 authorizes unintentional lethal take of juvenile ESA-listed salmonids associated with research activities not to exceed one percent of the annual total expected take for each species associated with electrofishing and not to exceed two percent of the annual total expected take associated with beach seining and marking/tagging procedures. Permit 16318 expires on December 31, 2016.

Dated: September 29, 2011.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA745

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; *telephone:* (603) 431-2300; *fax:* (603) 433-5649.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the agenda are:

The Committee and Advisory Panel will review gear stowage regulations. There will be a request for comments on vessel and gear marking. There will be an open comment period for the fishing industry, concerning Compliance and Effectiveness of Regulations for New

England Fishery Management Plans. The Committee and Panel will comment on draft NOAA Enforcement Priority Setting Process. Some of the actions that the Committee and Panel may be asked to review are: Scallop management measures (Framework 24 and Amendment 16); Herring Amendment 5 management measures-preliminary review; Hake (Whiting) incidental possession limits when Total Allowable Landings are reached; Skate species identification at sea and at the dock. They also plan to schedule meetings for next year. Other business may be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 28, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA599

Marine Mammals; File No. 16094

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Juneau, AK to conduct research on marine mammals.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review

upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Joselyd Garcia-Reyes, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 29, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 45514) that a request for a permit to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) throughout their range in Alaska, including Southeast Alaska, Gulf of Alaska, and Bering Sea, had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permitted takes include aerial surveys for population census and radio tracking; ground surveys for photo-identification, counts and behavioral observations; vessel approaches of animals equipped with telemetry equipment; vessel surveys for radio tracking; and capture by entanglement in a net in the water or by hoop net or dip net on land. Captured animals will: be restrained (chemical or physical); be weighed and measured; have biological samples collected (blood, milk (lactating females), blubber, skin, muscle, hair, mucus membrane swabs, stomach lavage, tooth and vibrissae); be administered deuterated water; have measurement of blubber via ultrasound; be marked with flipper identification tags; and have internal (PIT tags) or external scientific instruments attached. Tissue samples will be collected from subsistence harvested animals and other mortalities and some samples will be exported to Canada for analysis. The permit is valid through December 31, 2016.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 28, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,

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

Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of Defense Office of Inspector General, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the Senior Executive Service (SES) Performance Review Board (PRB) for the Department of Defense Office of Inspector General (DoD OIG), as required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4). The PRB provides fair and impartial review of SES performance appraisals and makes recommendations regarding performance ratings and performance awards to the Inspector General.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Phyllis Hughes, Director, Human Capital Advisory Services, Administration and Management, DoD OIG, 400 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202, (703) 602-4516.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following executives are appointed to the DoD OIG, PRB:

Kathy Buller Deputy Inspector General, (Foreign Service) Peace Corps

Asa E. Cunningham Assistant Inspector General for Inspections and Special Investigations, Department of Labor

Richard K. Delmar Counsel to the Inspector General, Department of the Treasury

Maria A. Freedman Assistant Inspector General for Audit, Department of the Treasury

Glenn P. Harris Counsel to the Inspector General, Small Business Administration

Elizabeth Martin General Counsel, United States Postal Service

Mary Mitchelson Deputy Inspector General, Department of Education

Daniel J. O'Rourke Assistant Inspector General for Investigations, Small Business Administration

Keith West Assistant Inspector General for Audit Services, Department of Education

Dated: September 28, 2011.

Aaron Siegel,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD

Sunshine Act Notice

AGENCY: Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board.

ACTION: Notice of public hearing and meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) public hearing and meeting described below. The Board will conduct a public hearing and meeting pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 2286b and invites any interested persons or groups to present any comments, technical information, or data concerning safety issues related to the matters to be considered.

TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: Session I: 1-5 p.m., November 17, 2011; Session II: 7-9 p.m., November 17, 2011.

PLACE: Santa Fe Community Convention Center, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501. Parking will be available at no cost.

STATUS: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: In this public hearing and meeting, the Board wishes to further explore safety matters and gather other information related to public and worker health and safety for defense nuclear facilities at the Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). During Session I, the Board will examine the seismic safety of the Plutonium Facility. The Board will receive testimony on National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA) actions to address Plutonium Facility seismic vulnerabilities that lead to severe postulated accident scenarios. The Board is also interested in the status of actions identified in NNSA's response to the Board's Recommendation 2009-2, *Los Alamos National Laboratory*

Plutonium Facility Seismic Safety, which was issued on October 26, 2009. The Board will also examine the status of emergency preparedness at the laboratory and will receive testimony concerning how well NNSA and its contractor are prepared to respond to site emergencies, including threats from natural phenomena. The Board is also interested in lessons learned from the events at the Fukushima Daiichi complex, the recent Las Conchas fire, and the 2000 Cerro Grande fire and the actions taken to incorporate these lessons learned at the site-wide level and in defense nuclear facility operations. During Session II, the Board will examine NNSA's efforts to mitigate risks to public and worker safety posed by existing aging defense nuclear facilities and NNSA's efforts to ensure the integration of safety-in-design for modern replacement facilities. The Board will receive testimony on the operations and safety basis at existing LANL defense nuclear facilities, including the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Building, Area G in Technical Area-54, and the Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility. The Board will also receive testimony on the integration of safety-in-design for the Chemistry and Metallurgy Research Replacement project, the new Transuranic Waste Facility, and the Radioactive Liquid Waste Treatment Facility Upgrade project. The public hearing portion of this proceeding is authorized by 42 U.S.C. 2286b.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Brian Grosner, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW., Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004-2901, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public participation in the hearing is invited. The Board is setting aside thirty minutes at the end of each session of the hearing for presentations and comments from the public. Requests to speak may be submitted in writing or by telephone. The Board asks that commentators describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on November 10, 2011, will be scheduled to speak at the session of the hearing most relevant to their presentations. At the beginning of Session I, the Board will post a schedule for speakers at the entrance to the hearing room. Anyone who wishes to comment or provide technical information or data may do so in writing, either in lieu of, or in addition to, making an oral presentation. The Board Members may question presenters to the extent