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### Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a closed meeting of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Tuesday, April 4, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and a public meeting on Wednesday, April 5, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The meeting will be composed of two parts. On April 4, 1995, the Judges Panel will meet to hold final review of the 1994 Award cycle; establish the 1995 Award cycle, including examiner selection and training; review of evaluations of applicants not selected for an award; review improvements on the feedback and judging processes, and discuss future plans for the Award program. Review and discussion of applications contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence. This meeting will include a working lunch. On April 5, 1995, there will be a combined meeting of the members of the Judges Panel and the Board of Overseers. The purpose of this meeting will be for the Board of Overseers to receive and then discuss reports from the Judges Panel and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). These reports and discussions will cover the following topics: overview of the Award process; status of the 1994/1995 Award cycles and application trends; update on pilot programs; status of legislation; the responsibility of Judges and Overseers; and technology transfer discussions. The meeting on April 4, 1995, scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and end at 5 p.m., will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene April 4, 1995, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on April 5, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building

Conference Room (seating capacity 36, includes 24 participants), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Dr. Curt W. Reimann, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2036.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 3, 1994, that the meeting of the Panel of Judges will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

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### 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:** Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P492A and P492B).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Graham A.J. Worthy, Marine Mammal Research Program, Texas A&M University, 4700 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551-5923 (co-investigators: Alan Abend and Lisl K.M. Shoda), has applied in due form for a permit to obtain skin, blubber, blood, and muscle samples, and to import/export samples from various species of cetaceans and pinnipeds for purposes of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before April 10, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9720 Executive Center Drive, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2532 (813/570-5312); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 292A).

Dr. Worthy and Mr. Abend (P492A) request a permit to biopsy two captive beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) at the Aquarium of Wildlife Conservation, and obtain, import, and export skin, blubber, and blood samples from various other species of pinnipeds and cetaceans. Samples to be imported from/exported to Canada, Norway, and the Netherlands will be obtained from other permitted researchers and stranded animals. The objectives are to determine the actual tissue turnover rates of marine mammals using stable isotope tracers, determine which tissues are suitable for fatty acid tracing of marine mammal diets, and apply the turnover rates to free-ranging marine mammals to identify prey and movement.

Dr. Worthy and Ms. Shoda (P492B) request a permit to biopsy 30 rehabilitating beached/stranded northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) at Sea World and/or The Marine Mammal Center. The objectives of the study are to determine the pattern of toxin redistribution as northern