that the current situation results in unnessary burdens. The forum is intended to stimulate discussion on means for achieving greater compatibility, coordination, and mutual recognition of competent laboratory accreditations. All interested parties are invited to attend and to express their views.

To date, several task groups have assessed the problems encountered by their communities. The various stakeholders include laboratories and their customers, accreditation organizations, industry, and government at all levels. They report overlapping and contradictory requirements among regulations, contractual specifications, and other voluntary applications, as well as a lack of reciprocity among bodies. The consequent duplication of effort costs time and money and seriously degrades U.S. competitiveness in domestic and global markets.

Laboratories, accreditors, manufacturers, the National Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Conference (NELAC), and government representatives, both federal and state, will present their views. They will discuss the cost of multiple accreditations for individual laboratories; conflicting requirements of those requiring accreditation; special programs tailored to narrow customer or supplier bases; non-uniformity of requirements and lack of reciprocity; international trade implications; and other pertinent factors.

A panel discussion and open exchange of ideas at the October 13 forum will explore concepts for future collaboration that will lead to ''one-stop shopping'' in laboratory accreditation.

Dated: September 5, 1995.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 083095E]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification to permit no. 918 (P191E).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on August 30, 1995, Permit No. 918, issued to California Department of Fish and Game, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, was modified.

ADDRESSES: The modification 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 (301/712–2289); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: E. Ruth Johnson, 301/713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification 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 provisions of §§ 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as admended (16 U.S.C. 1543 et seq.), the regulations governing endangered species permit (50 CFR 217–222), the Fur Seal Act of 1966, and the regulations governing the taking of fur seals (50 CFR 215).

The Permit authorizes up to 30,000 Pacific harbor seals to be inadvertently harassed annually during aerial surveys and an unspecified number of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustrirostris*), and Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) will be opportunistically harassed during these surveys. This Permit was extended until September 30, 1999.

Dated: August 31, 1995.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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New England Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a 2-day public meeting to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 13, 1995, at 10:00 a.m. and on September 14, 1995, at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Mariner's Church Banquet Center, 368 Fore Street, Portland, ME; telephone: (207) 774–7016.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906–1097.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas G. Marshall, Executive Director, telephone: (617) 231–0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 13, the morning session will commence with a report from the Groundfish Committee on the status of Amendment #7 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). There also will be an update and recommendation from the Aquaculture Committee on the Westport Scalloping enhancement project.

The Marine Mammal Committee will report during the afternoon session. Following that discussion, the Monkfish Committee will report on the progress to develop a monkfish total allowable catch and evaluate trip limits and qualification criteria for limited access, directed monkfish permits. This will be followed by the Gear Conflict Committee update on the Council's request for emergency action to close areas defined in the Southern New England Deepwater Gear Conflict Resolution.

On September 14, the morning session will begin with an update from the Lobster Committee Chairman on the progress of Amendment #6 to the Lobster FMP. Later, reports will be received from the Council Chairman, Executive Director, Northeast Regional Director, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, U.S. Coast Guard and the Mid-Atlantic Council Liaison.

Special Accommodations

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

Dated: September 5, 1995.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMPETITIVENESS POLICY COUNCIL

Notice of Forthcoming Meeting

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, the