

that the current situation results in unnecessary 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

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### 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 amended (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 angustirostris*), 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 Scallop 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

Competitiveness Policy Council announces a forthcoming meeting.

**DATES:** September 14; 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 11, Washington, D.C. 20510.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Howard Rosen, Executive Director, Competitiveness Policy Council, Suite 300, 1726 M Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036, 632-1307.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Competitiveness Policy Council (CPC) was established by the Competitiveness Policy Council Act, as contained in the Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988, Public Law 100-418, sections 5201-5210, as amended by the Customs and Trade Act of 1990, Public Law 101-382, section 133. The CPC is composed of 12 members and is to advise the President and Congress on matters concerning competitiveness of the US economy. The Council's chairman, Dr. C. Fred Bergsten, will chair the meeting.

The meeting will be open to the public subject to the seating capacity of the room. Visitors will be requested to sign a visitor's register.

*Type of Meeting:* Open.

*Agenda:* The Council will discuss its annual report and consider additional business as suggested by its members.

Dated: September 5, 1995.

**C. Fred Bergsten,**

*Chairman, Competitiveness Policy Council.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review**

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paper Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title and OMB Control Number:* Recreation Research—Use Surveys; OMB Control Number 0710-0002.

*Type of Request:* Expedited Processing—Approval date requested: 30 days following publication in the **Federal Register**.

*Number of Respondents:* 37,500.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Annual Responses:* 37,500.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 3,000.

*Needs and Uses:* The information collected hereby, will be used to

enhance research efforts directed toward evaluation, as well as increasing cost efficiency of, planning, design, and management of Corps of Engineers projects. It is also used to report visit information to Congress as required by statute.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Voluntary.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Mr. Timothy G. Hunt.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Hunt at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

*DOD Clearance Officer:* Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202-4302.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

**Patricia L. Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the Semiconductor Technology Council; Notice**

**SUMMARY:** Under the provisions of PL 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that the Semiconductor Technology Council will hold its third meeting. The Council's mission is to: Link industry and national security needs to opportunities for cooperative investments, foster pre-competitive cooperation among industry, government and academia, recommend opportunities for new R&D efforts and potential to rationalize and align on-going industry and government investments. Part of the meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, and pursuant to the appropriate provisions of Section 552b(c) (3) and (4), Title 5, U.S.C. There will be an open section from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. for a discussion of MicroElectroMechanical Systems (MEMS) technology. Advanced registration is required for this session.

**DATES:** September 18, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** 1300 N. 17th St., Suite 1450, Arlington, VA 22209.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Lance Glasser, Director, ARPA/ETO, 3701 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1714; telephone: 703/696-2213.

Dated: September 6, 1995.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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**Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers**

**Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed McDonald Gold Project, Lincoln, MT**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent.

**SUMMARY:** The proposed action is an open-pit mining operation with ore processed by heap leaching, and gold and silver recovered by carbon adsorption. The project would be located in Lewis and Clark County, approximately 8 miles east of Lincoln, Montana. The project area covers 5,400 acres above the confluence of the Landers Fork with the Blackfoot River. The majority of the gold deposit lies on state land in Section 6, T14N, R7W. Major facilities would include rock piles, heap leach pads, solution ponds, processing equipment, and auxiliary buildings. Two miles of Montana Highway 200 would be relocated 1,200 feet to the south. A project life of 25 years, from construction to reclamation, is anticipated.

The applicant has determined that 205 million tons of ore can be mined and processed economically at a gold price of \$375/ounce. This will require the removal of 440 million tons of barren rock to uncover the ore, for a total of over 600 million tons of rock to be removed from the open pit. Phelps Dodge Mining Company, the majority partner in the Seven-Up Pete Joint Venture, will be the operator of the proposed mine. Phelps Dodge advocates a commitment to mining in an environmentally responsible manner.

The Seven-Up Pete Joint Venture identified 16 candidate sites for either rock pile or heap leach sites. All sites were within a 4-mile radius of the McDonald gold deposit. The Co-Lead agencies for preparation of the EIS have requested the applicant to consider additional alternative sites, and that some facilities be broken into smaller units (i.e., three 100 million ton waste rock piles instead of one 300 million ton waste rock pile. The Lead Agencies will