

written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees MS: 3886C, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on October 3, 1997, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of these Committees is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information or copies of the minutes call Lee Ann Carpenter, 202-482-2583.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

**Lee Ann Carpenter,**

*Committee Liaison Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Science Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Under Secretary and Administrator, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for research, education and application of science to resource management. SAB activities and advice will provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

**TIME AND PLACE:** Thursday, January 28, 1999 from 8 AM to 4:30 PM. The meeting will take place in the main conference room at the Clarion Hotel & Suites, Downtown Convention Center, 100 SE 4th Street, Miami, FL, 33131.

#### AGENDA:

1. Update on FY99 NOAA science programs and budget.
2. Overview of NOAA-wide Line Office consensus research priorities with focus on cross-cutting initiatives.
3. Presentation of NOAA Strategic Planning Team examples at a general level (i.e., Sustain Health Coasts with focus on "Harmful Algal Blooms" and Advance Short-Term Weather Forecast Systems with focus on "Hurricanes at Landfall").
4. SAB Discussion on NOAA Strategic Planning related to science priorities.
5. SAB Sub-committee reports.
6. SAB Discussion on NOAA Science Policy with reference to the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Science Report on Science Policy ("Ehler Report"), the National Association of State Universities and Land Grant Colleges (NASULGC) "White Paper", and the National Research Council (NRC) report on "Research Pathways for the Next Decade".
7. Discussion on potential SAB participation in NOAA Science panel Reviews.
8. Closing discussion on Priority Science-related issues for NOAA by SAB, with Sub-Committee Action Items, Next Steps and/or Preliminary Recommendations identified as appropriate.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** The meeting will be open to public participation with at least 45 minutes set aside during the meeting for direct verbal comments or questions from the public. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments (at least 35 copies) should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by January 18, 1999, in order to provide sufficient time for SAB review prior to meeting date. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after January 18 will be distributed to the SAB, but may possibly not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately twenty (20) seats will be available for the public

including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come first-served bases.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael P. Crosby, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, NCHB, Rm. 5128, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-2977, Fax: 202-501-3068, E-mail: MICHAEL.CROSBY@NOAA.GOV).

Dated: December 30, 1998.

**D. James Baker,**

*Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere and Administrator for NOAA.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. P595

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 1004, issued to The Whale Conservation Institute, 191 Weston Road, Lincoln, Massachusetts 01773, was amended to extend the expiration date to December 31, 1999.

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

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

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).