

Maryland. The closed portion of the meeting is scheduled from 8–9:30 a.m.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on July 15, 1999, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that these portions of the meeting may be properly closed because they are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552© (4), (6) and (9)(b). A copy of the determination is available for public inspection in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6219, Main Commerce.

MEP's services to smaller manufacturers address the needs of the national market as well as the unique needs of each company. Since MEP is committed to providing this type of individualized service through its centers, the program requires the perspective of locally based experts to be incorporated into its national plans. The MEPNAB was established at the direction of the NIST Director to maintain MEP's focus on local and market-based needs. The MEPNAB was approved on October 24, 1996, in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2., to provide advice on MEP programs, plans, and policies; to assess the soundness of MEP plans and strategies; to assess the current performance against MEP program plans, and to function in an advisory capacity. The Board will meet three times a year and reports to the Director of NIST. This will be the first meeting of the MEPNAB in 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Acierto, Assistant to the Director for Policy, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975–5033.

Dated: January 4, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director, NIST.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122199E]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of photography permit no. 954–1517

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Michael Kundu, Project SeaWolf, P.O. Box 987, Marysville, WA 98270–0987, has been issued a permit to take by Level B harassment several species of non-threatened, non-endangered marine mammals for purposes of commercial photography. **ADDRESSES:** The permit 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);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213

(562/980–4015);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bin C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0070 (206/526–6150); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586–7235).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 27, 1999, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (64 FR 51960) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a permit to take several species of marine mammals by Level B harassment during the course of commercial photographic activities in California, Alaska, Washington waters, excluding the area west of 124° west longitude and north of 48° north latitude. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of § 104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: December 30, 1999.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting cancellation.

SUMMARY: On December 20, 1999, 64 FR 71124, the Department of Defense published a notice to announce a

meeting of the Defense Partnership Council to be held January 11, 2000. This notice is to announce that the meeting is cancelled due to conflicts in members' schedules.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Boulevard, Suite B–200, Arlington, VA, 22209–5144, (703) 696–1450.

Dated: January 6, 2000.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Anti-Cruise Missile

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Patriot Anti-Cruise Missile (PACM) will meet in closed session on February 1, 2000, at Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), 4001 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics and Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization on programmatic and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting, the Task Force will review and compile recommendations for the Secretary of Defense on how to best respond to the Congressional directive to assess the capability of the PACM to counter cruise missiles, including low-observable cruise missiles, compared to the capability of the Patriot PAC–3 missile and other upgraded versions of the Patriot missile to counter such threats, and the opportunity costs of PACM acquisition.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.