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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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National Plan of Action for the Conservation and Management of Sharks

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of draft plan.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of a draft National Plan of Action (NPOA) developed pursuant to the endorsement of the International Plan of Action (IPOA) for the Conservation and Management of Sharks by the United Nations' Food and Agriculture Organization Committee on Fisheries (COFI) Ministerial Meeting in February 1999. NMFS has prepared this draft plan based on consultation with scientific and technical experts and certain Federal and state agencies. Members of the public are encouraged to provide comments on the draft NPOA.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than September 30, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the draft NPOA should be sent to Margo Schulze-Haugen, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or may be sent via facsimile (fax) to 301-713-1917. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margo Schulze-Haugen or Karyl Brewster-Geisz, (301) 713-2347; fax (301) 713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Noting the increased concern about the expanding catches of sharks and their potential negative impacts on shark populations, the IPOA calls on member nations to voluntarily develop national plans to ensure the conservation and management of sharks for their long-term sustainable use by applying the precautionary approach. Member

nations are encouraged to develop and implement an NPOA if their vessels conduct directed fisheries for sharks or if their vessels regularly catch sharks incidentally in fisheries for other species. Specifically, the IPOA calls on member nations to ensure that shark catches from directed and incidental fisheries are sustainable; assess threats to shark populations; protect critical habitats; provide special attention to vulnerable or threatened shark stocks; minimize unutilized incidental catches of sharks; encourage full use of dead sharks; improve species-specific catch and landings data and monitoring of shark catches; and consult with stakeholders in research, management, and educational initiatives within and between member nations. The United States has committed to developing this national plan, and reporting on its implementation to COFI, no later than the 25th COFI session in February 2001.

A proposed schedule, outline, background, and rationale were published in the Federal Register on September 30, 1999 (64 FR 52772). A revised schedule was published in the **FEDERAL REGISTER** on March 27, 2000 (65 FR 16186).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.* and 1801 *et seq.*

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Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

[Docket No. 000721216-0216-01]

Announcement of the Establishment of a Joint Public-Sector Private-Sector Technology Demonstration Center

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of establishment of a Technology Demonstration Center.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce Technology Administration announces the establishment of a joint public-sector private-sector Technology Demonstration Center. The purpose of the Center will be to demonstrate state-of-the-art and future technological advances in a variety of technologies and to encourage future development. Demonstrations will consist of joint presentations by the United States Department of Commerce Technology

Administration and private sector parties. The Center is a joint activity, conducted under the auspices of Cooperative Research and Development Agreements. This is not a grant program.

DATES: The Technology Demonstration Center is immediately available for interested parties.

ADDRESSES: Parties interested in participating in the Technology Demonstration Center should send inquiries to, Technology Demonstration, United States Department of Commerce, Technology Administration, Attn: Ms. Jacki Pickett, Washington DC, 20232.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jacki Pickett, Technology Administration, (202) 482-1039.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the authorities granted by Title 15 United States Code sections 3704 and 3710a, the Under Secretary for Technology is establishing a Technology Demonstration Center in cooperation with one or more private sector entities.

The purpose of the Center will be to demonstrate state-of-the-art and future technological advances in a variety of technologies and to encourage future development. The demonstrations will consist of joint presentations by the United States Department of Commerce Technology Administration and private sector parties.

The Center will be established under the auspices of Cooperative Research and Development Agreements between the Technology Administration and one or more private sector parties. The Center will be for demonstration purposes only and will comply with applicable Federal regulations and Departmental requirements. The Center will not be used for sales of merchandise, solicitations, orders or for the advertisement of specific products or services. The Center will be physically located at the United States Department of Commerce's Herbert C. Hoover Building, in Washington D.C.

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Cheryl L. Shavers,

Undersecretary of Commerce for Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Waiver of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for Certain Defense Items Produced in the United Kingdom

AGENCY: Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Notice of waiver of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the limitation of 10 U.S.C. 2534 for certain defense items produced in the United Kingdom (UK). 10 U.S.C. 2534 limits DoD procurement of certain items to sources in the national technology and industrial base. The waiver will permit procurement of items enumerated from sources in the UK, unless otherwise restricted by statute.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This waiver is effective for one year, beginning August 19, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Mutty, OUSD (AT&L), Director of Defense Procurement, Foreign Contracting, Room 3C762, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060, telephone (703) 697-9353.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Subsection (a) of 10 U.S.C. 2534 provides that the Secretary of Defense may procure the items listed in that subsection only if the manufacturer of the item is part of the national technology and industrial base. Subsection (i) of 10 U.S.C. 2534 authorizes the Secretary of Defense to exercise the waiver authority in subsection (d), on the basis of the applicability of paragraph (2) or (3) of that subsection, only if the waiver is made for a particular item listed in subsection (a) and for a particular foreign country. Subsection (d) authorizes a waiver if the Secretary determines that application of the limitation "would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under a memorandum of understanding providing for reciprocal procurement of defense items" and if he determines that "that country does not discriminate against defense items produced in the United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against defense items produced in that country." The Secretary of Defense has delegated the waiver authority of 10 U.S.C. 2534(d) to the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics).

DoD has a reciprocal procurement Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the UK that was signed on December 13, 1994.

The Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) finds that the UK does not discriminate against defense items produced in the United States to a greater degree than the United States discriminates against defense items produced in the UK, and also finds that application of the limitation in 10 U.S.C. 2534 against defense items produced in the UK would impede the reciprocal

procurement of defense items under the MOU.

Under the authority of 10 U.S.C. 2534, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) has determined that application of the limitation of 10 U.S.C. 2534(a) to the procurement of any defense item produced in the UK that is listed below would impede the reciprocal procurement of defense items under the MOU with the UK.

On the basis of the foregoing, the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics) is waiving the limitation in 10 U.S.C. 2534(a) for procurements of any defense item listed below that is produced in the UK. This waiver applies only to the limitations in 10 U.S.C. 2534(a). It does not apply to any other limitation, including sections 8016 and 8067 of the DoD Appropriations Act for Fiscal Year 2000 (Public Law 106-79). This waiver applies to procurement under solicitations issued during the period from August 19, 2000, to August 18, 2001. Similar waivers were granted for the period from August 4, 1998, to August 3, 2000 (63 FR 38815, July 20, 1998, and 64 FR 38896, July 20, 1999). For contracts entered into prior to August 4, 1998, this waiver applies to procurements of the defense items listed below under—

(1) Subcontracts entered into during the period from August 19, 2000, to August 18, 2001, provided the prime contract is modified to provide the Government adequate consideration such as lower cost or improved performance; and

(2) Options that are exercised during the period from August 19, 2000, to August 18, 2001, if the option prices are adjusted for any reason other than the application of the waiver, and if the contract is modified to provide the Government adequate consideration such as lower cost or improved performance.

List of Items to Which This Waiver Applies

1. Air circuit breakers.
2. Welded shipboard anchor and mooring chain with a diameter of four inches or less.
3. Gyrocompasses.
4. Electronic navigation chart systems.
5. Steering controls.
6. Pumps.
7. Propulsion and machinery control systems.
8. Totally enclosed lifeboats.

9. Ball and roller bearings.

Michele P. Peterson,

Executive Editor, Defense Acquisition Regulations Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Public Meeting With the Community College of the Air Force Board of Visitors To Review and Discuss Academic Policies and Issues Relative to the Operation of the College

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Community College of the Air Force (CCAF) Board of Visitors will hold a meeting to review and discuss academic policies and issues relative to the operation of the college. Agenda items include a review of the operations of the CCAF and an update on the activities of the CCAF Policy Council.

Members of the public who wish to make oral or written statements at the meeting should contact First Lieutenant Matthew M. Groleau, Designated Federal Officer for the Board, at the address below no later than 4 p.m. on November 1, 2000. Please mail or electronically mail all requests. Telephone requests will not be honored. The request should identify the name of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. A minimum of 35 copies of the presentation materials must be given to First Lieutenant Matt Groleau no later than 3 days prior to the time of the board meeting for distribution. Visual aids must be submitted to First Lieutenant Matt Groleau on a 3½-inch computer disk in Microsoft PowerPoint format no later than 4 p.m. on November 1, 2000 to allow sufficient time for virus scanning and formatting of the slides.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2000 at 8 a.m. on the First Floor Conference Room, Air University, 130 West Maxwell Boulevard, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama 36112.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: First Lieutenant Matt Groleau, 334-953-7322, Community College of the Air Force, 130 West Maxwell Boulevard, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama,