

complete the review within the foregoing time, the administering authority may extend that 245 day period to 365 days. Completion of the preliminary results within the 245 day period is impracticable for the following reasons: (1) This review involves certain complex United States indirect selling expenses including, but not limited to, financial statements and interest expenses; (2) this review involves certain complex Constructed Export Price (CEP) adjustments including, but not limited to, CEP profit and CEP offset; (3) this review involves certain complex warehouse expenses in the United States including, but not limited to, inland freight and inventory.

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time specified, we are extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of stainless steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Taiwan by 120 days, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

The deadline for issuing the preliminary results is extended from March 1, 2002 to June 29, 2002. Because this date falls on a weekend, the Department will issue its preliminary results on July 1, 2002.

Dated: January 14, 2002.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Federal Highway Administration Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5 P.M. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 01-018. *Applicant:* Federal Highway Administration, McLean, VA 22101-2296. *Instrument:* Automated Ultrasonic Inspection System, Model P-scan 4 Lite. *Manufacturer:* Force Institute, Denmark. *Intended Use:* See notice at 66 FR 55913, November 5, 2001.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign

instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) An extra degree of freedom allowing rotation of the transducer and three-dimensional representation of the defect in a weld, (2) automated operation and (3) a unique software/hardware configuration to optimize use by the operator and system performance in the field. A domestic manufacturer of similar equipment advised January 10, 2002 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122801A]

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Operation of a Low Frequency Sound Source by the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of a letter of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), as amended, notification is hereby given that a letter of authorization to take several species of marine mammals incidental to operation of a low frequency sound source by the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL) was issued on January 15, 2002, to the University of California San Diego, Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Scripps).

DATES: This letter of authorization is effective from January 15, 2002, through January 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The application and letter is available for review in the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-

West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, ext 128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made by NMFS and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term \geq taking \geq means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking incidental to operation of a low frequency sound source by NPAL, were published on August 17, 2001 (66 FR 43442), and remain in effect until September 17, 2006.

Issuance of the letter of authorization to Scripps is based on findings made in the preamble to the final rule that the total takings by this project would result in only small numbers (as the term is defined in 50 CFR 216.103) of marine mammals being taken. In addition, the resultant incidental harassment would have no more than a negligible impact on the affected marine mammal stocks or habitats and would not have an unmitigable adverse impact on Arctic subsistence uses of marine mammals. NMFS also finds that the applicant will meet the requirements contained in the implementing regulations and Letter of Authorization (LOA), including monitoring and reporting requirements. This LOA will be renewed annually based on a review of the activity, completion of monitoring requirements

and receipt of reports required by the LOA.

Dated: January 15, 2002.

Wanda Cain,

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held February 4-12, 2002, in Anchorage, AK. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 500 W. 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, Phone 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates, Times, and Agendas

The Council's Advisory Panel will begin at 8 a.m. Monday, February 4, and continue through Friday, February 8, 2002.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, February 4, and continue through Wednesday, February 6, 2002.

The Joint Protocol Committee for the Council and Alaska Board of Fisheries will meet from Noon until 5 p.m. on Monday, February 4, 2002.

The full Council and Board will meet from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on February 5, 2002.

The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, February 6, continuing through Tuesday, February 12, 2002.

All meetings are open to the public except executive sessions. An Executive

Session of the Council has been scheduled during the lunch hour on Wednesday, February 6, 2002 to discuss personnel issues.

Joint Board/Council Meeting: The agenda will include the following issues of mutual interest to the Board and Council:

Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports:
 - (a) Executive Director's Report.
 - (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.
 - (c) National Marine Fisheries Service Management Report.
 - (d) Enforcement and Surveillance reports by NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard.
 - (e) Annual meeting report from the International Pacific Halibut Commission.
 - (f) Presentation of results of sea lion research on eastside of Kodiak Island.
 - (g) Status report on an amendment to the Community Development Quota Program policies.
 - (h) World Wildlife Fund report on Russian Far East fisheries.

2. Programmatic Groundfish Supplementary Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS): The Council will approve alternatives for analysis and provide direction to the Ecosystem Committee regarding involvement in the process.

3. Essential Fish Habitat: Receive a progress report and discuss alternatives for mitigating fisheries impact; provide direction to staff.

4. Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota Program: Review Committee report: review of an amendment of alternatives for community purchase of quota shares. Provide direction to staff.

5. Gulf of Alaska Groundfish Rationalization: Review staff discussion paper and provide direction.

6. Bering Sea/Aleutian Island Crab Rationalization:

- (a) Initial review of amendment analysis.
 - (b) Discuss the environmental impact statement for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crab Fishery Management Plan and potential alternatives. Provide direction to staff.
7. American Fisheries Act (AFA):
- (a) Review final pollock co-op reports for 2001.
 - (b) Review final AFA report to Congress.

(c) Initial review of an amendment to relax single geographic location restrictions for floating processors (if analysis is available).

8. Observer Program:

- (a) Review Committee report.
- (b) Initial review of regulatory amendment package.
- (c) Discuss status of long-term program adjustments.

9. Discuss amendment for additional Steller Sea Lion protection measures and provide direction to staff.

10. Salmon Bycatch:

- (a) Review general information on impacts of Steller sea lion protection measures on salmon bycatch.
- (b) Review discussion paper on Gulf of Alaska salmon bycatch, if available.

11. Review research priorities.

12. Groundfish Management:

- (a) Develop problem statement and provide staff direction for differential gear impact analysis.
- (b) Review information and discussion paper on license limitation recency issues.
- (c) Discuss independent review of the Council's F₄₀ harvest strategy.
- (d) Review discussion paper on disclosure of catch and bycatch information (if paper available).

13. Staff Tasking:

- (a) Review existing tasking and provide direction as necessary.
- (b) Review NMFS initiative for mandatory data collection.

Scientific and Statistical Committee: The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Groundfish SEIS: (Item #2 on the Council agenda)
2. Essential Fish Habitat (Item #3 on the Council agenda)
3. Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization (Item #6 on the Council agenda)
4. Observer Program Issues (Item #8 on the Council agenda)
5. Research priorities (#11 on the Council agenda)
6. Independent review of the Council's F₄₀ harvest strategy (Item #12(c) on the Council agenda)

Advisory Panel: The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Items 1 and 11 of the Council agenda.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during the meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.