to implement a Salstonstall-Kennedy grant, with a final, revised submission on July 30, 2003. DMF proposes to conduct 100 tows for each design with a twin trawl net, in which the test net is rigged alongside a standard net, for 200 total tows, and limited to 200 hours of bottom-time. The experimental fishing would take place between September 1, 2003, and March 1, 2004, on Georges Bank in 30–minute squares 62–63, 79–80, 92–99, 109–114, 118–119, excluding year-round Closed Areas I and II. DMF requests exemption from the trip limit for haddock, specified at 50 CFR 648.86(a)(1), and the Georges Bank cod landing limit, specified at 50 CFR 648.86(b)(2), and requests retention of legal-sized fish for sale, with the vessel receiving the revenues as compensation for using its DAS. The participating vessel would be required to comply with applicable state landing laws and Federal commercial DAS requirements, and to report all landings on the Federal Fishing Vessel Trip Report.

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

Dated: August 19, 2003.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Sea Grant College Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR) National Sea Grant Review Panel, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Solicitation for Sea Grant Review Panelists.

SUMMARY: This notice responds to the National Sea Grant College Program Act, at 33 U.S.C. 1128, which requires the Secretary of Commerce to solicit nominations at least once a year for membership on the Sea Grant Review Panel. This advisory committee provides advice on the implementation of the National Sea Grant College Program.

DATES: Resumes should be sent to the address specified and must be received by 30 days from publication.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Ronald C. Baird, Director; National Sea Grant College Program; 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11716; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald Baird of the National Sea Grant College Program at the address given above; telephone (301) 713–2448 or fax number (301) 713–1031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 209 of the Act establishes a Sea Grant Review Panel to advise the Secretary of Commerce, the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program on the implementation of the Sea Grant Program. The panel provides advice on such matters as:

(a) The Sea Grant Fellowship Program;

(b) Applications or proposals for, and performance under, grants and contracts awarded under the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976, as amended at 33 U.S.C. 1124;

(c) The designation and operation of sea grant colleges and sea grant institutes; and the operation of the sea grant program;

(d) The formulation and application of the planning guidelines and priorities under 33 U.S.C. 1123 (a) and (c)(1); and

(e) Such other matters as the Secretary refers to the panel for review and advice.

The Panel is to consist of 15 voting members composed as follows; Not less than eight of the voting members of the panel should be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields included in marine science. The other voting members shall be individuals who by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in, or representative of, education, extension service, state government, industry, economics, planning, or any other activity which is appropriate to, and important for, any effort to enhance the understanding, assessment, development, utilization, or conservation of ocean and coastal resources. No individual is eligible to be a voting member of the panel if the individual is (a) the director of a sea grant college, sea grant regional consortium, or sea grant program, (b) an applicant for or beneficiary (as determined by the Secretary) of any grant or contract under 33 U.S.C. 1124 or (c) a full-time officer or employee of the United States. The Director of the Naitonal Sea Grant College Program and one Director of a Sea Grant Program also serve as non-voting members. Panel members are appointed for a 4-year term.

Dated: August 19, 2003.

Louisa Koch,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Oceanographic Surveys in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application and proposed authorization for a small take authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from the Scripps Institution of Oceanography (SIO), a part of the University of California, for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting oceanographic surveys in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP). Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an incidental take authorization to SIO to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of several species of cetaceans and pinnipeds for a limited period of time within a one-year period.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than September 25, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to the Acting Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225, or by telephoning the contact listed here. A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning the contact listed here. Comments cannot be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah C. Hagedorn, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713–2322, ext 117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: