the Department has determined it is not practicable to complete this review within the statutory time limit because of significant issues which require additional time to evaluate. These include: the proper treatment of certain equity transactions involving the respondent's parent firm, and various issues relating to the calculation of the respondent's cost of production.

Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until December 13, 2004, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: December 3, 2004.

Gary Taverman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Sea Grant Review Panel

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of 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. Francis M. Schuler, Executive Director; National Sea Grant College Program; 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11716; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Francis M. Schuler of the National Sea Grant College Program at the address given above; telephone (301) 713–2445 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 National 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: December 8, 2004.

Sharon Schroeder,

Director, Program Policy Division, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Advisory Council): Citizen-at-large member and alternate, Tourism/Chamber of Commerce member and alternate, and Conservation alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 3-year terms, pursuant to the Advisory Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by December 31, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Olympia Coast National Marine Sanctuary, 115 East Railroad Ave., Suite 301, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Palmer, 115 East Railroad Ave., Suite 301, Port Angeles, WA 98362. Telephone (360) 457–6622, ext. 15. E-mail *andrew.palmer@noss.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sanctuary Advisory Council members and alternatives serve three-year terms. The Advisory Council meets bi-monthly in public sessions in communities in and around the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary.

The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council was established in December 1998 to assure continued public participation in the management of the sanctuary. Serving in a volunteer capacity, the advisory council's 15 voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public. In addition, 5 Federal Government agencies and one

Federally funded program serve as non-voting, *ex-officio* members. Since its establishment, the advisory council has played a vital role in advising the sanctuary and NOAA on critical issues. In addition to providing advice on management issues facing the Sanctuary, the Council members serve as a communication bridge between constituents and the Sanctuary staff.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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Dated: December 5, 2004.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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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; Marine Seismic Survey in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean off Central America

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting oceanographic seismic surveys in the in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean (ETPO) off Central America has been issued to the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (L-DEO), a part of Columbia University.

DATES: Effective from November 19, 2004 through November 18, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The application and authorization are available by writing to Steve Leathery, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225, by telephoning the contact listed here and are also available at: *http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/PR2/Small_Take/smalltake_info.htm#applications.*

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713–2289, ext 128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking 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 and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined ''negligible impact'' in 50 CFR 216.103 as ''...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.''

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. Except with respect to certain activities not pertinent here, the MMPA defines ''harassment'' as:

> any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A harassment]; or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering [Level B harassment].

Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45–day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30–day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

Summary of Request

On June 28, 2004, NMFS received an application from L-DEO for the taking, by harassment, of several species of marine mammals incidental to conducting a marine seismic survey program during a 4–week period beginning in late November 2004 in the Exclusive Economic Zones of El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. The purpose of the seismic survey is to investigate stratigraphic development in the presence of tectonic forcing in the Sandino basin off Nicaragua and Costa Rica. Because of the variations in subsidence/uplift histories within the Sandino Basin, and the inability to provide whole-basin coverage during a research cruise of reasonable length, data will be collected in two primary grids in the Sandino Basin and a third, smaller grid off Nicoya Peninsula. Grid descriptions are provided in L-DEO's application.

Description of the Activity

The seismic survey will involve one vessel. The source vessel, the *R/V Maurice Ewing*, will deploy three low-energy GI airguns as an energy source, with a total discharge volume of up to 315 in3. As the airguns are towed along the survey lines, the towed hydrophone system will receive the returning acoustic signals.

The program will consist of a maximum of 6048 km (3266 nm) of surveys. Water depths within the survey area are up to 5000 m (16,400 ft); most of the survey will be conducted in water depths less than 2000 m (6560 ft). The area to be surveyed extends from approximately 4 to 150 km (2 to 80 nm) offshore. The airguns may also be operated closer to, and farther from, shore while the ship is maneuvering toward or between survey lines.

The proposed program will use conventional seismic methodology with a small towed array of three GI airguns as the energy source, and a towed hydrophone streamer as the receiver system. The energy to the airguns is compressed air supplied by compressors on board the source vessel. Seismic pulses will be emitted at intervals of 5 seconds. The 5–sec spacing corresponds to a shot interval of approximately 12.5 m (41 ft).

The generator chamber of each GI gun, the one responsible for introducing the sound pulse into the ocean, is 105 in^3. The injector chamber injects air into the previously generated bubble to maintain its shape, and does not introduce appreciably more sound into the water. The three 105–in^3 GI guns will be towed behind the *Ewing*, at a