

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No.: 050314070-5070-01]

Request for Technical Input—Standards in Trade Workshops**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology.**ACTION:** Request for workshop recommendations.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to submit recommendations for workshops covering specific sectors and targeted countries or regions of the world where training in the U.S. system of standards development, conformity assessment, and metrology may facilitate trade. Prospective workshops may be scheduled for one or two week periods. This notice is not an invitation for proposals to fund grants, contracts or cooperative agreements of any kind. NIST will offer a limited number of workshops, based upon the availability of resources. Recommenders are encouraged to consider departmental priorities outlined in part of the soon-to-be released National Export Strategy. NIST will consider recommendations based upon which workshops would be most useful to intended audiences. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade Workshops is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

DATES: All recommendations must be submitted no later than 5 p.m., June 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: All recommendations must be submitted to Elisabeth Gomez via email (elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov) or by mail to 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD, 20899. The National Export Strategy is available at <http://www.ita.doc.gov/media/publications/>. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade Workshops, to include schedules and summary reports for workshops held to date and participant information, is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elisabeth Gomez (301) 975-3089, elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standards in Trade Workshops are a major activity of the Global Standards and Information Group in the NIST Standards Services Division (SSD). The workshops are designed to provide timely information to foreign standards

officials on U.S. practices in standards and conformity assessment. Participants are introduced to U.S. technology and principles in metrology, standards development and application, and conformity assessment systems.

Each workshop is a one or two week program offering an overview of the roles of the U.S. Government, private sector, and regional and international organizations engaged in standards development and conformity assessment practices. Specific workshop objectives are to: (1) Familiarize participants with U.S. technology and practices in metrology, standardization, and conformity assessment; (2) describe and understand the roles of the U.S. Government and the private sector in developing and implementing standards; and (3) develop professional contacts as a basis for strengthening technical ties and enhancing trade.

Workshop recommendations (maximum 5 pages) must address at a minimum the following points, *in the order noted and labeled accordingly*:

1. Name and Description of the Recommending Organization

Provide the primary mailing address and a brief description of the organization, including the name, telephone number and email address of the primary point of contact.

2. Industry Sector and Suggested Workshop Title

Provide a description of the suggested industrial sector and focus area with a possible workshop title which captures the essence of the recommendation. Consider the goals and potential benefits.

3. Proposed Workshop Objectives

Describe the intended goals to be attained and why they are important and list the specific possible workshop objectives.

4. Calendar Dates Suggested for Workshop

Provide three or more suggested start dates for the workshop. The first date should be no earlier than 8 months from the publication date of this announcement.

5. Relevant NIST Organizational Link

Workshop topics must be linked to NIST activities and/or research. The appropriate NIST organizational unit, laboratory or program must be identified by the recommender and the relevance of the activity to NIST must be demonstrated. If known, identify the specific NIST staff who could serve as the NIST internal point of contact.

6. Proposed Foreign Participants

Provide a representative list of the foreign organizations that might participate in the workshop, including a description of their function or business and their country of incorporation or origin.

7. U.S. Stakeholder Participants (e.g., Associations, Agencies, Users, others)

Provide a representative list of other U.S.-based organizations that are likely to participate in the workshop.

8. Principal Topics

Provide a list of the suggested topics for the workshop.

9. Related Site Visits and Events

Workshops can include visits to relevant business sites or events. Provide a list of suggested site visit locations, events or other areas of interest and discuss the relevance of each to the overall purpose of the proposed workshop's goals.

10. Expected Outcomes/Measures of Success

Include in this section a description of:

- a. The anticipated benefit of the workshop for trade and market access;
- b. The anticipated economic impacts (in dollars);
- c. The potential for future opportunities for trade as a result of the workshop;
- d. The measures of success;
- e. The desired results of the workshop and how the results will be measured.

All recommendations must address each of the above ten points and be submitted to Elisabeth Gomez via email (elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov) or mail 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 no later than 5 p.m., June 3, 2005.

Dated: May 12, 2005.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 050605B]

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 116-1786, 715-1792, 978-1791

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that three applicants have applied in due form for a permit for scientific research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments on the new applications must be received on or before June 20, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular request would be appropriate. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 116-1786, 715-1792, or 978-1791.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Tammy Adams, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-227), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Applications for Permits

File No. 116-1786: Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Dr., Orlando, Florida 32821 (Principal Investigator: Dudley Wigdahl) proposes to continue the long-term maintenance of eight non-releasable female Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) at Sea World San Antonio. Proposed enhancement activities include increased public

awareness through an education program that includes public educational exhibit lectures, public display of the seals with graphic panels around the monk seal exhibit, and collection of husbandry samples, which would provide information on the biology of the species. Animals would have the following husbandry procedures performed for health monitoring purposes: weight measurements taken, blood sampling, fecal and urine sampling, and medical cultures taken. No research is proposed at this time. The applicant has requested a 5-year permit.

File No. 715-1792: Andrew W. Trites, Ph.D., Marine Mammal Research Unit, Fisheries Centre, University of British Columbia, Room 18, Hut B-3, 6248 Biological Sciences Road, Vancouver, B.C. Canada V6T 1Z4 requests a permit to conduct research on northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) in Alaska. The proposed project involves the deployment of three types of electronic tags on up to 35 adult female northern fur seals from St. Paul Island, Alaska over a 3-year period to gather fine scale foraging data needed to identify critical habitat and assess the extent of spatial overlap with commercial fisheries. Data gathered from the simultaneous deployment of all three devices will also be used to develop analytical procedures to enhance the interpretation of existing foraging data. The applicant has requested a 3-year permit.

File No. 978-1791: Paul E. Nachtigall, Ph.D., Marine Mammal Research Program Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology, P.O. Box 1106, Kailua, Hawaii 96734, seeks a permit to conduct hearing measurements on stranded whales and dolphins that are under veterinary care in a rehabilitation center. Results of this work would shed insight into the nature of strandings that may be caused by man-made sounds. These results could also be used as a medical diagnostic tool to determine how well an individual animal can hear and thus help with decisions made about the potential for a stranded animal to be released and its survival in the wild. The applicant would use auditory brainstem response recordings with non-invasive suction cup sensors on up to 15 individuals of certain species of cetaceans in the U.S. These types of recordings are routinely used to measure the hearing of human infants within the first weeks of life, do not represent a risk to whales and dolphins, and would expand knowledge about cetacean hearing to assist in the conservation of these species. The applicant has requested a 5-year permit.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following locations:

All documents: Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521;

File No. 715-1792: Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

File No. 978-1791: Pacific Islands Region, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941; and

File No. 116-1786: Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Dated: May 12, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051605A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 881-1758

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), 301 Railway Avenue, Seward, AK 99664, (Anne Hoover-Miller, Principal Investigator) has been issued a permit to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) in rehabilitation at the ASLC. **ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and