

13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application 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 this 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](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1093-1834.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Tammy Adams, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant requests a 5-year permit to investigate the utility of free-ranging harbor seals as a mammalian sentinel species for coastal contamination and associated health risks for top consumers in the marine food chain. Harbor seal pups tend to accumulate high body burdens of persistent organic pollutants. The applicant proposes to capture up to 280 harbor seal pups at six locations from Maine to Massachusetts over the course of the permit. The animals would be captured using seine nets or hand held hoop nets, measured, weighed, blood sampled, blubber/skin biopsied, swabbed for fecal and nasal samples, and released. The applicant also requests authorization for the research-related mortality of up to two seals over the course of the permit.

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

Dated: March 8, 2006.

**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

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#### Vessel Monitoring Systems; Approval of Mobile Transceiver Unit Reseller

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

**ACTION:** Notice; addition of an authorized reseller.

**SUMMARY:** This document provides notice of the addition of an authorized reseller for the previously type approved ST2500G-NMFS Mobile Transceiver Unit (MTU).

**ADDRESSES:** To obtain copies of the list of NOAA-approved Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS) MTU and VMS MCSPs, or to obtain information regarding the status of VMS systems being evaluated by NOAA, write to NOAA Fisheries, Office for Law Enforcement (OLE), 8484 Georgia Avenue, Suite 415, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For current listing information contact Mark Oswell, Outreach Specialist, or for questions regarding VMS installation and status of evaluations contact Jonathan Pinkerton, National VMS Program Manager by phone: 301-427-2300 or by fax: 301-427-2055.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The reseller listed below is authorized to sell the Stellar ST2500G-NMFS MTU for use on vessels operating in fisheries that require the use of a VMS and listed within the approved sales area of this notice.

#### A. Additional Approved Reseller

METOCEAN Data Systems; 21 Thornhill Drive; Dartmouth, Nova Scotia Canada B3B 1R9. telephone (902) 468-2505, fax (902) 468-4442. For additional information METOCEAN Data Systems can be found on the Internet at [www.metocean.com](http://www.metocean.com).

#### B. Approved Sales Areas

METOCEAN Data Systems is approved to resell the Stellar ST2500G-NMFS MTU to fishers operating in the Alaska Fisheries Requiring VMS, Pacific

Coast Groundfish Fishery, South Atlantic Rock Shrimp Fishery, and the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fishery.

Dated: March 8, 2006.

**William T. Hogarth**,  
Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Event Planning

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on this new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 15, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: [Susan.Brown@uspto.gov](mailto:Susan.Brown@uspto.gov). Include "0651-00xx Event Planning comment" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.
- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.
- Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information should be directed to Elizabeth Shaw, Office of External Affairs, United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313-1451; by telephone at 571-272-9300; or by e-mail at [elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov](mailto:elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is responsible under 35 U.S.C. 2(A)(2) for the dissemination of patent and trademark information to the public. This information can include planning for long-term goals, outreach to