DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File Nos. 14197 and 782–1812

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit and permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Air Force, 30th Space Wing, Vandenberg Air Force Base, CA has been issued a permit to conduct research on marine mammals (File No. 14197); and NMFS National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Seattle, WA, has been issued a major amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 782–1812 for research on marine mammals.

ADDRESSES: The permits 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)427–2521; [File No. 782–1812 only] Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115–0700; phone (206)526–6150; fax (206)526–6426; and
Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802–4213; phone (562)980–4001; fax (562)980–4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Kate Swalls, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 6, 2009, notice was published in the Federal Register (74 FR 15460) that requests for a permit and permit amendment to conduct research on marine mammals had been submitted by the above-named applicants. The requested permit and permit amendment have been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 14197 authorizes continued studies of the effects of noise from rocket and missile launches and subsequent launch-generated sonic booms on Pacific harbor seals (Phoca vitulina richardii), California sea lions (Zalophus californianus), and northern elephant seals (Mirounga angustirostris) at Vandenberg Air Force Base and the northern California Channel Islands. The permit is valid through June 30, 2014.

Permit No. 782–1812–00, issued on May 9, 2006 (71 FR 27996), authorizes research related to population and health assessment and studies of the ecology of and disease in California sea lions, northern elephant seals, harbor seals, and northern fur seals (Callorhinus ursinus) on the southern California Channel Islands, surrounding waters, and at haul-out sites along the coast of California, Oregon, and Washington. The amendment revises protocols and numbers related to research on California sea lions, and is valid through permit expiration on June 30, 2011.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), a final determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: June 29, 2009.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew McGilvray, Executive Secretary. [FR Doc. E9–15843 Filed 7–2–09; 8:45 am] BILLYING CODE 3510–06–S

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Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program

AGENCY: Alaska Fishery Science Center (AFSC), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a public workshop.

SUMMARY: NMFS will hold a workshop for participants in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program who are required to submit a crab Economic Data Report.

DATES: The workshop will be held on Friday, July 17, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Pacific standard time.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Pacific Seafood Processors Association office Conference Room, 1900 W. Emerson Place, Number 205, Seattle, WA 98119.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS Alaska Fishery Science Center staff and the Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee are holding a workshop for Crab Rationalization Program fishing industry members to review, discuss, and comment on draft revised crab economic data report (EDR) forms to improve the quality of information collected in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Crab Rationalization Program. The revised EDR forms are intended to address critical data quality limitations resulting from the design of the existing forms. The workshop is intended to ensure that NMFS receives consistent and accurate information. Participation from individuals involved in completing the EDR forms is important. This workshop is part of a process to respond to the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council’s Crab Rationalization Program economic data collection requirements. The workshop discussion also will address “Best Practices” recommendations for recordkeeping and data validation documentation issued by the EDR auditor.

This is NOT a committee meeting or a presentation or discussion of any analysis. It is a workshop for industry input on EDR forms. It is open to the public and any interested stakeholders.

Copies of the draft revised EDR forms and other relevant documents can be downloaded from the NMFS Alaska Regions BSAI CRAB EDR website at: http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/sustainable fisheries/crab/rat/edr/default.htm

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations should be directed to Brian Garber-Yonts (see FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT) by DATE.
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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Ad Hoc Salmon Plan Amendment Committee (SPAC) will hold a meeting to initiate planning and develop draft alternatives for an amendment to the Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP) to address the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 1, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: June 29, 2009.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Case History

On January 26, 2009, the Department received the petition for the imposition of countervailing duties filed in proper form by the petitioner.1 This investigation was initiated on February 17, 2009. See Ni-Resist Piston Inserts From Argentina and the Republic of Korea: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations, 74 FR 8054 (February 23, 2009) (Initiation Notice), and accompanying Argentina Initiation Checklist.2 On March 20, 2009, the Department postponed the deadline for the preliminary determination by 65 days to no later than June 29, 2009. See Ni-Resist Piston Inserts From Argentina and the Republic of Korea: Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigations, 74 FR 11910 (March 20, 2009).

Normally for an investigation, the Department selects a respondent(s) based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the period of investigation (POI). In this case, the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) category that includes subject merchandise is broad and includes products other than products subject to this investigation. We thus determined that such CBP data would not be informative to our respondent selection. In the petition, petitioner identified Clorindo Appo SRL (Clorindo) as the sole Argentine producer/exporter of subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. We did not receive comments from interested parties on respondent selection. Therefore, we selected Clorindo as the mandatory respondent in this investigation. See Memorandum from the Team through Melissa Skinner, Director, AD/CVD Operations Office 3, to John M. Andersen, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, titled “Respondent Selection” (March 4, 2009).

On March 4, 2009, we issued the initial countervailing duty (CVD) questionnaire to the Government of Argentina (GOA) and Clorindo. On March 4 and 27, 2009, petitioner submitted new subsidy allegations. On March 20 and April 6, 2009, the

1 Petitioner is Korff Holdings, LLC d/b/a Quaker City Castings.
2 A public version of this and all public memoranda is on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU), room 1117 in the main building of the Commerce Department.