research in Central California. At that
time, NMFS determined that conducting
the seabird research would not have a
significant impact on the quality of the
human environment and issued a
Finding of No Significant Impact
(FONSI) and, therefore, it was not
necessary to prepare an environmental
impact statement for the issuance of an
IHA to PRBO for this activity. In 2008,
NMFS prepared a supplemental EA
(5EA) titled “Supplemental
Environmental Assessment For The
Issuance Of An Incidental Harassment
Authorization To Take Marine
Mammals By Harassment Incidental To
Conducting Seabird And Pinniped
Research In California And
Environmental Assessment For The
Continuation Of Scientific Research On
Pinnipeds In California Under Scientific
Research Permit 373–1868–00,” to
address new available information
regarding the effects of PRBO’s seabird
and pinniped research activities that
may have cumulative impacts to the
physical and biological environment. At
that time, NMFS concluded that
issuance of an IHA for the December
2008 through 2009 season would not
significantly affect the quality of the
human environment and issued a
FONSI for the 2008 SEA regarding
PRBO’s activities. In conjunction with
this year’s application, NMFS has again
reviewed the 2007 EA and the 2008 SEA
determined that there are no new
direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to
the human and natural environment
associated with the IHA requiring
evaluation in a supplemental EA and
NMFS, therefore, reaffirms the 2008
FONSI. A copy of the EA, SEA, and the
NMFS FONSI for this activity is
available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Authorization
As a result of these determinations,
NMFS has issued an IHA to PRBO
to conduct seabird and pinniped research
on Southeast Farallon Island, West End
Island, Ano Nuevo Island, and Point
Reyes National Seashore in central
California from February 19, 2010
through February 18, 2011, provided the
previously mentioned mitigation,
monitoring, and reporting requirements
are incorporated.


James H. Lecky,
Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING
COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:
Commodity Futures Trading
Commission (Commission).

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 25,
2010, commencing at 9 a.m. and ending
at 3 p.m.

PLACE: Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st
St., NW., Washington, DC, Lobby Level
Hearing Room (Room 1000).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Public
meeting to examine the trading of
futures and options in the precious and
base metals markets, and to consider
Federal position limits in the precious
and base metals markets and related
hedge exemptions on regulated futures
exchanges, derivatives transaction
execution facilities and electronic
trading facilities.

CONTACT PERSONS AND ADDRESSES:
Written materials should be mailed to the
Commodity Futures Trading
Commission, Three Lafayette Center,
1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC,
20581, attention Office of the
Secretariat; transmitted by facsimile at
202–418–5521; or transmitted
electronically to
metalshearing@cftc.gov.

Reference should be made to “metals
position limits.” For questions, please
contact Sauntia Warfield, 202–418–
5084.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Commission is undertaking a review of
issues related to the trading of futures
and options in the precious and base
metals markets, and to consider Federal
position limits in the precious and base
metals markets and related hedge
exemptions on regulated futures
exchanges, derivatives transaction
execution facilities and electronic
trading facilities. In furtherance of that
review, the Commission hereby
announces that it will hold a public
meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010
from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Commission
headquarters in Washington, DC. At this
meeting the Commission will have oral
presentations by panels of experts
representing all segments of futures
market participants and experts.

This meeting will generally focus on
precious and base metals markets
issues, including: the application of
speculative position limits to address
the burdens of excessive speculation in
the precious and base metals markets;
how such limits should be structured;
how such limits should be set; the
aggregation of positions across different
markets; and the types of exemptions, if
any, that should be permitted. The focus
will be on gold, silver and copper
markets.

A transcript of the meeting will be
made and entered into the
Commission’s public comment files,
which will remain open for the receipt
of written comments until April 30,
2010.

Advanced Registration Requested:
Advanced registration for attending the
metals meeting is requested. Please
transmit full name and organization
represented to
metalsmeetingregistration@cftc.gov, no
later than March 18, 2010. Upon arrival
on March 25, 2010, all attendees will be
required to show valid, government-
issued identification before being
granted admittance. Unregistered
attendees arriving on the day of the
meeting will be seated on a space
available basis. Overflow seating will be
available for additional public viewing
via live videocast. Registrants will be
notified if attendance capacity has been
met.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 22,
2010 by the Commission.

David Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
Office of the Secretary


U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed
Forces Proposed Rules Changes

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes
to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of
the United States Court of Appeals for
the Armed Forces.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the
following proposed changes to Rules
21(b) and 21(b)(5)(G), and proposed new
Rule 21A of the Rules of Practice and
Procedure, United States Court of
Appeals for the Armed Forces for public
notice and comment.

DATES: Comments on the proposed
changes must be received within 30
days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be
submitted, identified by docket number
and title, by any of the following
methods:
• Federal eRulemaking Portal: http://
www.regulations.gov.
• Mail: Federal Docket Management
System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon,