DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XR83

Marine Mammals; File No. 358–1787

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, 1255 West 8th Street, Juneau, AK 99802 (Principal Investigator: Robert Small, Ph.D.), has been issued a major amendment to Permit No. 358–1787–02.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment 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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802–1668; phone (907) 586–7221; fax (907) 586–7249.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 25, 2009, notice was published in the Federal Register (74 FR 48909) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 358–1787–02 to conduct research on harbor seals (Phoca vitulina), spotted seals (P. largha), ringed seals (P. hispida), ribbon seals (P. fasciata), and bearded seals (Ergmochthus barbatus) in Alaska had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit amendment has 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).

The amended permit allows an increase in the number of ringed, bearded, spotted, and ribbon seals that may be captured, from 50 per year to 100 per year, to allow for selection of animals of specific age, sex, and molt condition. The amendment also includes permission to (1) administer diazepam as needed to sedate seals acting aggressively during handling, (2) pull a whisker for stable isotope analyses of diet; and (3) use a dip net from a boat as an additional capture method. The amendment is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

DATED: March 1, 2010.

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

International Trade Administration

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of the Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting to discuss a variety of issues affecting the U.S. manufacturing industry. The Council was re-chartered on April 10, 2008, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry.

DATES: March 22, 2010.

Time: 1:30–3 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC, 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than March 15, 2010, to J. Marc Chittum, the Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230, telephone 202–482–4501, Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, the Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230, telephone: 202–482–4501, e-mail: Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

DATED: March 1, 2010.

J. Marc Chittum
Executive Secretary, the Manufacturing Council.

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AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 5, 2010.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background

On December 1, 2009, the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”). See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 74 FR 62743 (December 1, 2009). On December 31, 2009, Mueller Comercial de México, S. De R.L. de C.V. (“Mueller”) and Southland Pipe Nipples Company, Inc. (“Southland”) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Mueller’s exports to the