

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, DOC.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC).

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 4830 at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert Clark Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Todd DeLelle, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 4053, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-4877; Fax: 202-482-5665; e-mail: [todd.delelle@trade.gov](mailto:todd.delelle@trade.gov)). This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at 202-482-5225 no less than one week prior to the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will take place from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This meeting is open to the public and time will be permitted for public comment from 3-3:30 p.m. Written comments concerning ETTAC affairs are welcome any time before or after the meeting. Minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting. This will be the second meeting of this committee under the current charter.

*Background:* The ETTAC is mandated by Public Law 103-392. It was created to advise the U.S. government on environmental trade policies and programs, and to help it to focus its resources on increasing the exports of the U.S. environmental industry. ETTAC operates as an advisory committee to the Secretary of Commerce and the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). ETTAC was originally chartered in May of 1994. It

was most recently re-chartered until October 2012.

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

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**Marine Mammals; File Nos. 16109 and 15575**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of applications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that GeoMarine, Inc. [File No. 16109] (Responsible Party: Jason Holt See; Principal Investigator: Amy Whitt), 2201 K Avenue, Suite A2, Plano, TX 75074 and Robert DiGiovanni Jr. [File No. 15575], Riverhead Foundation for Marine Research and Preservation, 467 East Main St., Riverhead, NY 11901 have applied in due form for permits to conduct research on marine mammals and sea turtles.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before September 16, 2011.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 16109 or 15575 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

Written comments on these applications should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and

Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by e-mail to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please include the File No. in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Laura Morse (301) 427-8401.

**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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Each application is summarized below. For specific take numbers of each species, please refer to the associated application.

GeoMarine, Inc. [File No. 16109], requests a permit to conduct scientific research on 35 species of cetaceans, four species of pinnipeds, five species of sea turtles from New Jersey to North Carolina. The purpose of the research is to assess the distribution, abundance, behavior, and migration of these species in nearshore waters of southern New Jersey to North Carolina, which is a region of significant potential offshore wind farm development. Eleven of the 44 species to be targeted for research are listed as threatened or endangered: blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei whale (*B. borealis*), sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*). Types of take would include harassment by survey approach during shipboard transect surveys. The permit would be valid for a period of five years.

Robert Di Giovanni, Jr. [File No. 15575], requests a permit to conduct photo-identification surveys from both aerial and vessel platforms to assess seasonal abundance and distribution of