

and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses, and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees. The

appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 12 months.
DATES: *Effective Date:* The effective date of service of the four new appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is September 30, 2011.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Omar Williams, Executive Resources

Program Manager, Workforce Management Office, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-6301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and positions of the members of the NOAA PRB are set forth below:

Louisa Koch	Director, Office of Education, Office of Education.
Maureen E. Wylie	Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Financial Officer.
Charles S. Baker	Deputy Assistant Administrator, NESDIS, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.
Russell F. Smith III	Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Fisheries, Office of the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere.
Christopher C. Cartwright	Chief Financial Officer, National Ocean Service.
David Robinson	Associate Director for Management Resources, National Institute of Standards and Technology, DOC.
Laura K. Furgione	Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services, National Weather Service
John S. Gray, II	Director, Legislative Affairs, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs.
Justin H. Kenney	Director of Communications and External Affairs, Office of Public and Constituent Affairs.
Craig McLean	Acting Assistant Administrator For Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Ocean and Atmospheric Research.
Dr. Ned Cyr	Director, Office of Science and Technology National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dated: September 16, 2011.

Jane Lubchenco,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 16472

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Antarctic Ecosystem Research Division, La Jolla, California, (Responsible Party: George Watters, PhD, Director) to take marine mammals for scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review 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; 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 Amy Sloan, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 20, 2011, notice was published in the

Federal Register (76 FR 43266) that a request for a permit to conduct research on Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*), and Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) in the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica, had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit 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 permit authorizes capture, tissue sampling, marking and instrumentation of seals on ice, and ground and aerial surveys of seals on ice and in waters surrounding the South Shetland Islands, Antarctica. Tissue samples from captured seals and salvaged from cetacean and pinniped carcasses may be imported from the Antarctic. The permit is valid for five years.

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: September 22, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Limitations of Duty- and Quota-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Beneficiary Sub-Saharan African Countries From Regional and Third-Country Fabric

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Publishing the New 12-Month Cap on Duty- and Quota-Free Benefits.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Don Niewiaroski, Jr., International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-2496.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Title I, Section 112(b)(3) of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (TDA 2000), Pub. L. 106-200, as amended by Division B, Title XXI, section 3108 of the Trade Act of 2002, Pub. L. 107-210; Section 7(b)(2) of the AGOA Acceleration Act of 2004, Pub. L. 108-274; Division D, Title VI, section 6002 of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA 2006), Pub. L. 109-432; Presidential Proclamation 7350 of October 2, 2000 (65 FR 59321); Presidential Proclamation 7626 of November 13, 2002 (67 FR 69459).

Title I of TDA 2000 provides for duty- and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries. Section 112(b)(3) of TDA 2000 provides duty- and quota-free treatment for apparel articles wholly assembled in one or more beneficiary sub-Saharan African countries from fabric wholly formed in one or more beneficiary countries from yarn originating in the U.S. or one or