

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

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Marine Mammals; File No. 17410

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 Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G; Responsible Party: Robert Small, Ph.D.), 1255 West 8th Street, Juneau, AK 99811, to collect, receive, import, and export marine mammal parts for scientific research purposes.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation 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 Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 10, 2012, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 55456) that a request for a permit to conduct research on marine mammal parts 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 (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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The permit authorizes the collection, receipt, import, and export of marine mammal parts from up to 1,000 pinnipeds (excluding walrus) and 500 cetaceans to obtain information on population status and distribution, stock structure, age distribution, mortality rates, productivity, feeding habits, and health status of marine mammals. No takes of live animals are authorized. 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 activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

As required by the ESA, issuance of this permit was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 13, 2013.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Reserve Forces Policy Board (RFPB); Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary of Defense, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA) (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.150, the Department of Defense announces the following Federal advisory committee meeting of the Reserve Forces Policy Board will take place.

DATES: Wednesday, June 5, 2013, from 8:25 a.m. to 3:50 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The address is the Pentagon, Room 3E863, Arlington, VA (escort required; see guidance in Meeting Accessibility).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CAPT Steven Knight, Designated Federal Officer, (703) 681-0608 (Voice), (703) 681-0002 (Facsimile), RFPB@osd.mil. Mailing address is Reserve Forces Policy Board, 5113 Leesburg Pike, Suite 601, Falls Church, VA 22041. Web site: <http://ra.defense.gov/rfpb/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Meeting: The purpose of the meeting is to obtain, review and evaluate information related to strategies, policies, and practices

designed to improve and enhance the capabilities, efficiency, and effectiveness of the Reserve Components.

Agenda: The Reserve Forces Policy Board will hold a meeting from 8:25 a.m. until 3:50 p.m. The portion of the meeting from 8:25 a.m. until 2:10 p.m. will be closed and is not open to the public. The closed session of the meeting will consist of remarks from the Deputy Secretary of Defense; the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel & Readiness); the Commander, U.S. Southern Command; the Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation; the Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command; Dr. Paul Stockton, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Homeland Defense and Americas' Security Affairs; and a representative from the Council of Governors. All of the closed session speakers will discuss the best ways to use the Reserves to support the Department's new strategy; the right balance of Active and Reserve Component Forces; and the cost to maintain a strong Reserve Component. Additionally, the Deputy Commander, U.S. Cyber Command, will discuss his views on the increased emphasis placed on cyber security and the logical mission fit for Reserve Component members. The Director, Cost Assessment and Program Evaluation, will provide her thoughts as the Department completes studies and implements decisions that will have a profound impact on the Reserve Components. The representative from the Council of Governors and Dr. Stockton will discuss the vulnerabilities or capabilities of systems, installation infrastructures, projects, plans, or protection services relating to national security. The Council of Governors representative may also address the following topics: Defense Support of Civilian Authorities, employment of the Reserve Components for related missions and the lessons learned from Hurricane Sandy. The open portion of the meeting, from 2:10 p.m. until 3:50 p.m., will consist of briefs from the RFPB subcommittees on the status of the recommendations previously made to the Secretary of Defense, "off-ramping" of Reserve units, Reserve Component Medical Readiness, and an update on the progress of the OASD Reserve Affairs Certificate of Release or Discharge from Active Duty (DD Form 214) working group. The Secretary of Defense Strategic Question Task Group will discuss its findings, present relevant facts, provide for the Board's consideration a report or reports of advice and recommendations for the