

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

[I.D. 101599G]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 638-1519-00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Mr. Thomas R. Kieckhefer, Pacific Cetacean Group, UC Monterey Bay Education, Science & Technology Center, 3239 Imjin Road #122, Marina, CA 93933, has been issued a permit to take humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 21, 1999, notice was published in the Federal Register (64 FR 39118) that a request for a scientific research permit to take (*i.e.* harass) up to 300 humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) annually in California waters had been submitted by the above-named individual. 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (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 through 226).

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

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**Meeting Notice**

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

Time and Date: 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., December 7, 1999.

Status: Open.

SUMMARY: This is to give notice that Chairman William J. Rainer will hold a public roundtable meeting to discuss emerging technology related issues as they pertain to the financial services and commodities markets.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC, Lobby Level Hearing Room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

De'Ana H. Dow, Legal Counsel to Chairman Rainer, at 202-418-5030, or Elizabeth Fox, Legal Counsel to Commissioner Newsome, at 202-418-5052. Written comments should be submitted to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on November 24, 1999.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEFENSE NUCLEAR FACILITIES SAFETY BOARD**Sunshine Act Meeting**

Pursuant to the provision of the "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b), notice is hereby given of the Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board's (Board) meeting described below.

Time and Date of Meeting: 6:00 p.m., December 8, 1999.

Place: Red Lion Hotel, Richland/Hanford House, McNary Room, 802 George Washington Way, Richland, WA 99352.

Status: Open. While the Government in the Sunshine Act does not require

that the scheduled discussion be conducted in a meeting, the Board has determined that an open meeting in this specific case furthers the public interests underlying both the Sunshine Act and the Board's enabling legislation.

Matters to be considered: The Board is visiting the Hanford Site as a part of its oversight of the Department of Energy's (DOE) safety management of its defense nuclear facilities. The Board's enabling legislation requires health and safety oversight encompassing design, construction, operation and decommissioning activities. The Board's Strategic Plan, submitted to the Office of Management and Budget and Congress, has identified the facilities and operations at Hanford that represent the greatest hazards and has worked with DOE to establish action plans to address them. These include emptying the K-basins, characterizing and stabilizing high-level tank wastes, stabilizing and safely storing or disposing of the weapons program radioactive residuals, and clean-up and decommissioning of contaminated facilities.

The Board will review DOE's progress on these stabilization and clean-up activities. The Board wishes to avail itself of the opportunity of this visit to learn the public's views on the Hanford clean-up program as it exists today, where they believe it should be focused in the future, and the reasons for that focus.

The Board's meeting will provide an opportunity for members of the public, DOE, and its contractor employees or their representatives to comment on or provide information directly to the Board regarding matters affecting health or safety at Hanford, including, but not limited to, those subject areas and facilities the Board will review during this visit.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Kenneth M. Pusateri, General Manager, Defense Nuclear Facilities Safety Board, 625 Indiana Avenue, NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20004, (800) 788-4016. This is a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Requests to speak at the meeting may be submitted in writing or by telephone. Commentators should describe the nature and scope of their oral presentations. Those who contact the Board prior to close of business on December 7, 1999, will be scheduled for time slots, beginning at approximately 6:00 p.m. Prior to the meeting, the Board will post a schedule for those speakers who have contacted the Board. The posting will be made at the entrance to the McNary Room at the start of the 6:00 p.m. meeting.