

protected areas in Mid-Atlantic exclusive economic zone and consider renaming the Ecosystem Committee; Finalize issues to be addressed for Amendment 9 public hearing draft and address issues to be included in Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish fishery management plan; Receive briefing from NMFS officials on its fishery dependent data collection systems (recreational and commercial) and receive comment on the proposed regulations for electronic dealer reporting; Receive update on NMFS bycatch activities; Receive report on cooperative research activities involving National Fisheries Institute-SMC, Rutgers University, Northeast Fisheries Science Center; Receive report on most recent Stock Assessment Workshop/Stock Assessment Research Committee process; Receive and hear committee and organizational reports, and act on any new and/or continuing business, e.g., reinitiation of tilefish limited entry system.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 30, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122903E]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Social Sciences Advisory Committee in January, 2004 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2004 at 10 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Social Science Advisory Committee will review progress on the development of Amendment 1 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP) including social and economic data and analytical approaches being utilized in the Herring Amendment 1 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS).

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#### Special Accommodations

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Dated: December 30, 2003.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122303J]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1048-1717

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Peter J. Stein, Scientific Solutions, Inc., Nashua, New Hampshire, has been issued a permit to take the marine mammals listed below for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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, [www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot\\_res](http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res); 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 Steve Leathery, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 5, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 62563) that a request for a scientific research permit to take gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), endangered blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), endangered fin whales (*B. physalus*), endangered humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), minke whales (*B. acutorostrata*), endangered sei whales (*B. borealis*), endangered sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), northern right whale dolphins (*Lissodelphis borealis*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), Baird's beaked whales (*Berardius bairdii*), mesoplodont beaked whales (*Mesoplodon spp.*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), threatened Guadalupe fur seals (*Arctocephalus*

*townsendi*), northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), and threatened Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) had been submitted by the above-named individual and that a draft environmental assessment had been prepared on the proposed research. An EA has been prepared with a finding of no significant impact. 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 Dr. Stein to expose up to 1200 gray whales, 200 minke whales, 150 harbor porpoise, 150 Dall's porpoise, 400 Pacific white-sided dolphin, 150 bottlenose dolphin, 2000 Risso's dolphin, 2000 short-beaked common dolphin, 1200 northern right whale dolphin, 200 killer whales, 200 short-finned pilot whales, 30 Baird's beaked whales, 30 Cuvier's beaked whales, 30 Mesoplodont beaked whales, 500 California sea lions, 500 harbor seals, 500 northern elephant seals, and 200 northern fur seals to sounds from low-power high-frequency "whale-finder" sonars per year offshore of central California. The purpose of the proposed research is to validate and improve the ability of whale-finder sonar systems to detect marine mammals without adversely affecting them.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**Tammy C. Adams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### Meeting of the DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices

**AGENCY:** Advisory Group on Electron Devices, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD Advisory Group on Electron Devices (AGED) announces a closed session meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held at 0900, Wednesday, January 14, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Palisades Institute for Research Services, 1745 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 500, Arlington, VA 22202.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Eric Carr, AGED Secretariat, 1745

Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal Square Four, Suite 500, Arlington, Virginia 22202.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The mission of the Advisory Group is to provide advice to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics to the Director of Defense Research and Engineering (DDR&E), and through the DDR&E to the Director, Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Military Departments in planning and managing an effective and economical research and development program in the area of electron devices.

The AGED meeting will be limited to review of research and development programs which the Military Departments propose to initiate with industry, universities or in their laboratories. The agenda for this meeting will include programs on Radiation Hardened Devices, Microwave Tubes, Displays and Lasers. The review will include details of classified defense programs throughout.

In accordance with section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, as amended, (5 U.S.C. App. section 10(d)), it has been determined that this Advisory Group meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly, this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate, OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice to alter a system of records.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is proposing to alter a system of records notice in its existing inventory of records systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

The Department of the Army is proposing to alter the existing system of records to expand the category of individuals covered, the category of records being maintained, and the purposes for collecting and maintaining the records.

**DATES:** This proposed action will be effective without further notice on February 4, 2004, unless comments are

received which result in a contrary determination.

**ADDRESSES:** Department of the Army, Freedom of Information/Privacy Act Office, U.S. Army Records Management and Declassification Agency, ATTN: TAPC-PDD-FP, 7798 Cissna Road, Suite 205, Springfield, VA 22153-3166.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Janice Thornton at (703) 806-7137/DSN 656-7137.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Department of the Army systems of records notices subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended, have been published in the **Federal Register** and are available from the address above.

The proposed system report, as required by 5 U.S.C. 552a(r) of the Privacy Act of 1974, as amended, was submitted on December 16, 2003, to the House Committee on Government Reform, the Senate Committee on Governmental Affairs, and the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) pursuant to paragraph 4c of Appendix I to OMB Circular No. A-130, "Federal Agency Responsibilities for Maintaining Records About Individuals," dated February 8, 1996 (February 20, 1996, 61 FR 6427).

Dated: December 24, 2003.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

#### A0040-5a DASG

**SYSTEM NAME:**

DoD Health Surveillance/Assessment Registries (April 4, 2003, 68 FR 16484).

**CHANGES:**

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**SYSTEM NAME:**

Delete entry and replace with "Defense Medical Surveillance System."

**CATEGORIES OF INDIVIDUALS COVERED BY THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "Department of Defense military personnel (active and reserve) and their family members; DoD civilian personnel deploying with the Armed Forces; applicants for military service; and individuals who participate in DoD health surveys."

**CATEGORIES OF RECORDS IN THE SYSTEM:**

Delete entry and replace with "The Defense Medical Surveillance System contains up-to-date and historical data on diseases and medical events (e.g., hospitalizations, ambulatory visits, reportable diseases, HIV tests, acute respiratory diseases, and health risk