

run-of-the-river fish and anesthetized at the John Day Handling Facility at John Day Dam by NMFS personnel under the authority of permit 822. The NMFS personnel will then provide OCFRU personnel with a representative sample made up of listed and non-listed fish. Once the fish are provided to OCFRU, they will be implanted with radio telemetry transmitters (radio tags), held for 36-48 hours in tanks supplied with circulating river water to determine tag retention and delayed mortality, released near the mouth of the John Day River, and tracked electronically to determine their fate. Permit 950 was issued to OCFRU on April 19, 1995. The duration of the study is from April 15 to July 15 in 1995 only.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Dated: April 26, 1995.

**Russell J. Bellmer,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### **Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P771#72).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, has applied in due form for a permit to take the marine mammals listed below for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application 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);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Barone, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The subject permit is requested 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 applicant seeks authorization to biopsy sample 120 beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) and conduct genetic and dietary analyses on the samples over a 3-year period. In addition, the applicant seeks authorization to take by harassment up to 2,000 beluga whales incidental to the sampling. Proposed taking will be by small boat. Field work will be conducted from July, 1995 through October, 1998 in Cook Inlet, Norton Sound, Bristol Bay, Kotzebue Sound, and Beaufort Sea, on the west coast of Alaska. The results of the research will provide information on the stock boundaries.

Dated: April 20, 1995.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### **Technology Administration**

#### **National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Determination for Closure of Meeting**

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for May 3, 1995.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The Committee's recommendations are made

after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have from six to twelve members, of which ten are now serving. Two additional Committee members are in the process of being appointed.

The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to impair the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the May 3, 1995, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Dated: April 27, 1995.

**Gloria Gutierrez,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

Dated: April 26, 1995.

**Barbara S. Fredericks,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Administration.*

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### **COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION**

#### **New York Cotton Exchange: Proposed Amendments Relating to the Maximum Daily Price Fluctuation and the Minimum Price Fluctuation Limits for the Cotton No. 2 Futures Contract**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Contract Rule Change.

**SUMMARY:** The New York Cotton Exchange ("NYCE") has submitted proposed amendments to its cotton No. 2 futures contract that will: (1) Increase to three from two cents per pound the contract's base maximum daily price fluctuation limit (base maximum limit) for all contract months listed for trading whenever the settlement price for any one contract month equals or exceeds 95 cents per pound; (2) provide that the proposed three-cent-per-pound maximum limit may be increased to