

response to this notice for appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before July 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-948-3716. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <http://www.quality.nist.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program and Designated Federal Official, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020; telephone 301-975-2361; FAX 301-948-3716; or via e-mail at [harry.hertz@nist.gov](mailto:harry.hertz@nist.gov).

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Judges Panel Information**

The Judges Panel was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1), the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2), The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987 (Public Law 101-107).

#### *Objectives and Duties*

1. The Judges Panel will ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award selection process by reviewing the results of examiners' scoring of written applications, and then voting on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality improvements claimed by applicants.

2. The Judges Panel will ensure that individuals on site visit teams for the Award finalists have no conflict of interest with respect to the finalists. The Panel will also review recommendations from site visits, and recommend Award recipients.

3. The Judges Panel will function solely as an advisory body, and will comply with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Panel will report to the Director of NIST.

#### *Membership*

1. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. There will be a balanced representation from U.S. service and manufacturing industries, education, and health care and will include

members familiar with quality improvement in their area of business. No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Judges Panel.

2. The Judges Panel will be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. The term of office of each Panel member shall be three years. All terms will commence on March 1 and end on February 28 of the appropriate year.

#### *Miscellaneous*

1. Members of the Judges Panel shall serve without compensation, but may, upon request, be reimbursed travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*

2. The Judges Panel will meet four times per year. Additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the NIST Director or by the Chairperson. Meetings are one to four days in duration. In addition, each Judge must attend an annual three-day Examiner training course.

3. Committee meetings are closed to the public pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409, and in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of title 5, United States Code. Since the members of the Judges Panel examine records and discuss Award applicant data, the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person may be privileged or confidential.

#### **II. Nomination Information**

1. Nominations are sought from all U.S. service and manufacturing industries, education, and health care as described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be familiar with the quality improvement operations of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, education and health care organizations. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination,

acknowledge the responsibilities of serving on the Judges Panel, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Judges Panel. Besides participation at meetings, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of seventeen days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, reading Baldrige applications, and so forth, in furtherance of their Committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Judges Panel membership.

Dated: June 7, 2002.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **National Institute of Standards and Technology**

#### **Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB)**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations of members to serve on the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Board, in addition to nominations already received.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before July 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Ms. Linda Acierto, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-963-6556.

Additional information regarding the Board, including its charter and current membership list may be found on its electronic home page at: <http://www.mep.nist.gov/index-nist.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Linda Acierto, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800; telephone 301-975-5033, fax 301-963-6556; or via email at [linda.acierto@nist.gov](mailto:linda.acierto@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board will advise the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on MEP programs, plans, and policies.

The Board will consist of nine individuals appointed by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the advisement of the Director of MEP. Membership on the Board shall be balanced to represent the views and needs of customers, providers, and others involved in industrial extension throughout the United States.

The Board will function solely as an advisory body, in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act: 5 U.S.C. App. 2 and General Services Administration Rule: 41 CFR Subpart 101-6.10

Dated: June 6, 2002.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcement of Public Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held July 14 through July 18, 2002, at the Omni Netherland Hotel, Cincinnati, OH. The meeting is open to the public. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the States, counties, and cities of the United States, federal representatives, and private sector representatives. The annual meeting of the Conference brings together enforcement officials, other government officials, and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations to discuss subjects that relate to the field of weights and measures technology and administration. Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 272(b)(6)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology supports the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote

uniformity among the States in the laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the States of commercial weighing and measuring.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held July 14-July 18, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Omni Netherland Hotel, 35 West 5th Street, Cincinnati, OH 45202

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST, Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2350, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2350. Telephone (301) 975-4004, or E-mail [owm@nist.gov](mailto:owm@nist.gov).

Dated: June 6, 2002.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052302B]

#### Endangered Species; File No. 1174

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Harold Brundage III, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc., 112 Commons Court, Chadds Ford, PA 19317, has been issued a permit to take endangered species 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)713-289; fax (301)713-0376.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Lillian Becker, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 16, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 200) that a request for scientific research Permit No. 1174 be modified to allow for the implantation of sonic transmitters in shortnose sturgeon. The requested permits have been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and

exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

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: June 10, 2002.

**Eugene Nitta,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 052102D]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 116-1662

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Sea World, Inc., 7007 Sea World Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821, has been issued a permit to import one beluga whale (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for purposes of public display.

**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 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802, (562/980-4000).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 8, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 10681) that a request for a public display permit to import one adult male beluga whale had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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).