

monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Review Workshop Report documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

SEDAR conducts updates of benchmark stock assessments previously conducted through the SEDAR program. Update assessments add additional data points to datasets incorporated in the original SEDAR benchmark assessment and run the benchmark assessment model to update population estimates.

The greater amberjack update assessment will update the SEDAR 9 benchmark of Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack. The update process consists of a series of webinars.

**Greater Amberjack Update Schedule:
July 16, 2010; 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.; SEDAR
Update Data Webinar**

An updated assessment data set and associated documentation will be presented and discussed during the Data Webinar. Participants will evaluate updates of data employed or considered in SEDAR 9, providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: June 17, 2010.

Tracey L. Thompson,
*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration**

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Marine Mammals; File No. 15261

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Paul Ponganis, Ph.D., University of California at San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093, has been issued a permit to conduct research on leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*) in Antarctica. **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; 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: Kate Swails or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 10, 2010, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (75 FR 11132) that a request for a permit to conduct research 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 (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. Ponganis to study the foraging behavior of leopard seals at Cape Washington, Antarctica. Backpack digital cameras and time depth recorders will be deployed on up to five leopard seals annually over five years (no more than ten seals successfully instrumented total) to document diving and foraging behavior near the emperor penguin colony, and, for the first time, construct time-activity budgets and prey intake rates of these seals. The permit is issued 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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: June 17, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

*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**

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**North Pacific Fishery Management
Council; Public Meeting**

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC), and Groundfish Plan Team members will hold a workshop via Web-Ex, July 8, 2010, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (AST) to review methods for determining annual catch limits (ACLs) for Tier 6 groundfish stocks. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 8, 2010, 12:30 - 5 p.m. - Web-ex.

ADDRESSES: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W 4th Avenue, Anchorage, AK, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Building 4, Seattle, WA and AFSC/Auke Bay Laboratories, 17109 Lena Loop Rd., Juneau, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's SSC and Groundfish Plan Team members will hold a workshop via Web-Ex, July 8, 2010, beginning at 12:30 p.m. Alaska Standard Time (AST) to review methods for determining annual catch limits (ACLs) for Tier 6 groundfish stocks. These stocks are poorly sampled by bottom trawl surveys and the catch history may not reflect the productive capacity of these stocks. The teleconference will review existing methods for determining ACLs for these stocks and also consider methods being proposed in other regions of the U.S. to evaluate if these can be applied to groundfish stocks of the Bering Sea and

Gulf of Alaska. Contact the Council office for how to connect to the meeting via Web-Ex.

Agenda: The agenda/instruction to connect will be posted on the Council website at: <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 17, 2010.

Tracey L. Thompson,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Safety and Security Equipment and Services Trade Mission To Brazil

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, is organizing a Trade Mission to Brazil, to be led by a Department of Commerce official. This event is intended to tap immediate opportunities in the private and public security areas in Rio de Janeiro, Brasilia and Sao Paulo. The mission will include

representatives from a variety of U.S. safety and security equipment firms interested in gaining a foothold in the fast-growing Brazilian markets.

Commercial Setting

Brazil is the largest economy and population in Latin America, and offers considerable export opportunities for the United States. The Brazilian market for public and private security equipment and services in 2009 was valued at approximately \$ 20 billion. Due to an increasing level of crime rates in Brazil, local trade contacts believe that the market will expand by 20 percent in 2010.

According to the Brazilian Association of Electronic Security Companies (ABESE), approximately 5,000 companies serve the electronic security sector in Brazil, including equipment manufacturers, distributors, retailers, and services providers. The increase of security monitoring services and security devices in residences contributed to the fast expansion of the sector.

U.S. products enjoy good receptivity among large Brazilian and multinational companies that demand quality, durability and state-of-the-art technology. However, Chinese manufacturers are challenging the U.S. market share by offering similar products at lower prices. They are reportedly stepping up aggressive marketing techniques.

The federal government plans to invest in areas such as building and refurbishing existing prisons and police stations, training, communications systems improvements, vehicles, helicopters, airport security equipment, bullet proof vests, cameras, ammunition, guns, GPS systems, cellular phone blocking systems (for prisons), fire protection systems, and intelligence equipment. The Brazilian government will also invest heavily in high-tech equipment to provide adequate security for the 2014 World Cup and the 2016 Olympics, both to be held in Brazil. The Brazilian federal government will be in charge of managing World Cup security, and anticipates numerous investments in security improvements for the Games and the host cities.

In private security alone, Brazil spent over US\$ 17 billion in 2008. In electronic security, the market is

estimated at US\$ 1.5 billion. Today, electronic security equipment is not limited only to banks and commercial or industrial buildings. The increase in security monitoring services and security devices for residences is contributing to the fast expansion of this market. The U.S. manufacturers of security equipment have been operating successfully in Brazil, holding approximately 50% of the import market, mainly for electronic security.

Mission Goals

The mission's goal is to provide first-hand market information and to provide access to key government officials and potential business partners for U.S. security firms desiring to expand their presence in the Brazilian market. The need to protect individuals, property and the government from losses and to protect assets is creating new opportunities for U.S. firms in this market.

Mission Scenario

The mission will include meetings with individuals from both the public sector (e.g., public security authorities and officials) and private business (e.g., local security systems companies). Participants will receive a briefing that will include market intelligence, as well as an overview of the country's economic and political environment. A networking reception is planned at each stop.

The mission will also include a brief about the Soccer World Cup 2014 and 2016 Olympics organizations, briefings by public security authorities on planned projects and expected infrastructure and security needs, and one-on-one business meetings between U.S. participants and potential end-users and partners. Follow-on business meetings in other cities in the region can be set up before or after the trade mission for an additional price, depending on participants' wishes.

Proposed Mission Timetable

The proposed schedule allows for about a day and a half in Rio de Janeiro and São Paulo and a visit to Brasilia for companies interested in introducing their products to the Brazilian Government. Efforts will be made to accommodate participating companies with particular interests that require individual schedules within one stop.

Sunday, September 26 Rio de Janeiro, Brazil ...	Mission arrives in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
Monday, September 27	Welcome briefing and technical visit. Meeting with the Brazilian Soccer Federation. Networking reception.
Tuesday, September 28	Business matchmaking: 1 full day of appointments.