

apertures, such that the center lines of the struts intersect at the nodes. Bending loads on the struts are thus eliminated, while the design and construction of the structure is substantially simplified. This design is easily scalable for small or large structures and can be used for systems that support optical components, which may include a variety of devices including lasers, optical microscopes or microlithography machines.

NIST Docket Number: 97-027/98-002US.

Title: Method of Forming Metallic and Ceramic Thin Film Structures Using Metal Halides and Alkali Metals.

Abstract: A new low temperature method for nanostructured metal and ceramic thin film growth by chemical vapor deposition (CVD) involves the use of a low pressure co-flow diffusion flame reactor to react alkali metal vapor and metal halide vapor to deposit metal, alloy and ceramic films.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of Availability of Evaluation Final Findings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for Connecticut, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, Puerto Rico, South Carolina, and Virgin Islands Coastal Management Programs, and the Chesapeake Bay (Maryland), Great Bay (New Hampshire), and Jobos Bay (Puerto Rico) National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approved coastal management programs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The States of Connecticut, Hawaii, Maryland, Michigan, New Jersey, New York, South Carolina, Virgin Islands, and the Territories of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands and Puerto Rico were found to be implementing and enforcing their Federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objective identified in CZMA Section 303(2) (A)-(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards.

Chesapeake Bay, Jobos Bay, and Great Bay NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System. Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Vickie Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (310) 713-3087x126.

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Capt. Evelyn J. Fields,

Deputy Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 684-1458

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Donald B. Siniff, Professor, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, University of Minnesota, College of Biological Sciences, 100 Ecology Building, 1987 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108, has been issued a permit to take Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*) and Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*) 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 and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sara Shapiro or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 24, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 34366) that a request for a scientific research permit to take Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*), crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*), leopard seals (*Hydrurga leptonyx*), Ross seals (*Ommatophoca rossii*), southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*) and Antarctic fur seals (*Arctocephalus gazella*) 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), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Dated: August 10, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation 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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Marine Mammals; File No. P597

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 993, issued to Mr. Michael Kundu, Arcturus Adventure Communications International, 5516 64th Place, NE, Marysville, WA 98270, was amended.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130