

ACTION: Notice of meeting and opportunity for collaboration.

SUMMARY: The Office of Information Technologies in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 9 a.m., in room 3407, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce to U.S. information technology (IT) suppliers the IT Management Planning Tool, a new product for developing IT markets overseas, and to explore ways to collaborate in disseminating this product to potential users. Seating is limited. Those planning on attending the meeting should inform the Office of Information Technologies by October 27, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tu-Trang Phan or Raymond Cho in the Office of Information Technologies at 202-482-0571 (phone), 202-482-3002 (fax), or by e-mail at ExportIT@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Information Technologies in the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Trade Administration will conduct a public meeting on Wednesday, November 8, 2000 at 9 a.m., in room 3407, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. The purpose of the meeting is to introduce to U.S. information technology (IT) suppliers a new approach to IT market development overseas and explore ways to collaborate in this effort. There will be a demonstration and discussion of the IT Management Planning Tool, which was created to serve as a market stimulator for U.S. suppliers to generate demand for their IT products and services overseas. The IT Tool is a software application which helps management of businesses and government agencies assess their current IT usage and plan for future IT investments that can improve their operations. Because the IT Tool is intended for overseas audiences, the contents of the Tool will be localized and translated into several languages, including Spanish, Portuguese, Russian, Simplified Chinese, and Traditional Chinese. U.S. information technology suppliers and service providers interested in partnering with the U.S. Department of Commerce in this unique overseas market development effort should attend the meeting.

The meeting is open to the public, however, seating in room 3407 is

limited and is available on a first come, first served basis. Those planning on attending the meeting should inform the Office of Information Technologies by October 27, 2000. To request further information concerning the meeting or to request a copy of the Information Technology Planning Tool, contact Tu-Trang Phan or Raymond Cho in the Office of Information Technologies at 202-482-0571 by phone, 202-482-3002 by fax, or by e-mail at ExportIT@ita.doc.gov.

Dated: October 12, 2000.

John E. McPhee,

Director, Office of Information Technologies.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091400A]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of photography permit no. 986-1592-00.

SUMMARY: Pandion Enterprises, P.O. Box 545, Summerland, California 93067, [Permit Holder: Bruce Reitherman], has been issued a permit to take by Level B harassment one species, elephant seal (*Mirounga angustirostris*), of non-threatened, non-endangered marine mammals for purposes of commercial photography.

ADDRESSES: The permit 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); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Long Beach, California 90802-4213, (562/980-4000).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 9, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 48679) that the above-named applicant had submitted a request for a permit to take one species of marine mammals by Level B harassment during the course of commercial photographic activities in Piedras Blancas and Ano Nuevo, California. The requested permit has been issued, under the authority of §104(c)(6) of the Marine Mammal

Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*).

Dated: October 5, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

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Request for Comments on Preliminary Draft Convention on Jurisdiction and Foreign Judgments in Civil and Commercial Matters

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Hague Conference on Private International Law is negotiating a convention designed to create common jurisdiction rules for international civil and commercial cases and to provide for international recognition and enforcement of judgments issued under these rules. A Diplomatic Conference to conclude these negotiations is scheduled to begin in June 2001, with a final session sometime in early 2002. The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) is seeking views of the public on this effort and the consequent potential changes to United States law and practice.

DATES: Comments should be submitted on or before December 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to offer written comments should address those comments to Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231, marked to the attention of Elizabeth Shaw. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-7575 or by electronic mail through the Internet to elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov. All comments will be maintained for public inspection in Room 902 of Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Lucas by telephone at (703) 305-9300; by facsimile at (703) 305-8885; by electronic mail to jennifer.lucas@uspto.gov; or by mail marked to the attention of Jennifer Lucas, Attorney-Advisor, addressed to Director of the United States Patent and