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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China; Recruitment Reopened for Additional Applications

**AGENCY:** International Trade  
Administration, Department of  
Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

The recruitment has reopened and the deadline for additional applications is extended to September 29, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all additional applications after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Companies who have already applied do not need to reapply.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Implementing Recovery Actions for Hawaiian Monk Seals

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to prepare a  
Programmatic Environmental Impact  
Statement; announcement of public  
scoping period; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine  
Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces its  
intent to prepare a Programmatic  
Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)  
to analyze the environmental impacts of  
implementing specific management  
actions and administering the associated  
research and enhancement program for  
Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus  
schauinslandi*) in the Northwestern and  
Main Hawaiian Islands. Publication of  
this notice begins the official public  
scoping process that will help identify  
alternatives and determine the scope of  
environmental issues to be considered  
in the PEIS.

**ADDRESSES:** Written statements and  
questions regarding the public scoping  
process must be postmarked by  
November 15, 2010. To be included on  
a mailing list and receive newsletters  
and copies of the Draft and Final PEIS,  
please send mailing address and/or  
email address to Jeff Walters, Hawaiian  
Monk Seal Recovery Coordinator,  
Protected Resources Division, NOAA  
NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office,  
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110,  
Honolulu, HI 96814. Comments on this  
notice and the scoping process for this  
action may be submitted by:

- Mail: 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite  
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.
- Scoping Meetings: Oral and written  
comments will be accepted during the  
upcoming scoping meetings. See  
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, SCOPING  
MEETINGS** (below) for dates and  
locations of public scoping meetings for  
this issue.
- Email: [monkseal@noaa.gov](mailto:monkseal@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff  
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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS is  
the Federal agency responsible for

management of Hawaiian monk seals,  
under the Endangered Species Act  
(ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the  
Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA;  
16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). NMFS funds and  
conducts research and enhancement  
activities on Hawaiian monk seals in the  
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)  
and Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI). In  
1976, NMFS listed Hawaiian monk seals  
as “endangered” under the ESA and  
“depleted” under the MMPA. As  
required under section 4 of the ESA,  
NMFS published a Recovery Plan for  
the species in 1983, which was revised  
in 2007. The funds administered by  
NMFS to implement recovery actions,  
including research and enhancement,  
have been designated by Congress and  
allocated within NMFS’ annual budgets  
for the purpose of promoting Hawaiian  
monk seal recovery. The intent of this  
PEIS is to evaluate, in compliance with  
the National Environmental Policy Act  
(NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the  
potential direct, indirect, and  
cumulative impacts on the human  
environment of the alternative  
approaches to implementing recovery  
actions, including research and  
enhancement activities, under the  
Hawaiian monk seal recovery program.

#### Background

The Hawaiian monk seals’ population  
has experienced a prolonged decline  
and currently only approximately 1,200  
monk seals remain. Numerous threats to  
the survival of Hawaiian monk seals are  
identified in the Hawaiian monk seal  
Recovery Plan. In the NWHI, young  
seals are starving, pups are being killed  
by sharks, seals are getting entangled in  
marine debris, and sea level rise  
threatens terrestrial habitats. Low  
juvenile survival over the past two  
decades is the primary cause of the  
population’s decline. There is  
insufficient recruitment into the  
breeding population, and the population  
decline will likely continue without  
intervention. Enhancement activities,  
including but not limited to  
translocating seals from areas of lower  
to higher survival probability, are being  
considered to improve juvenile survival  
and the overall health of the population.

The purpose of implementing  
recovery activities for Hawaiian monk  
seals is to promote the recovery of the  
species population to levels at which  
ESA protection is no longer needed.  
Research, enhancement, and  
management activities on Hawaiian  
monk seals considered in this PEIS are  
funded, undertaken, and permitted by  
NMFS, which are federal actions  
requiring NEPA compliance. The need  
for this action is rooted in fundamental