

research in Central California. At that time, NMFS determined that conducting the seabird research would not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment and issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) and, therefore, it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement for the issuance of an IHA to PRBO for this activity. In 2008, NMFS prepared a supplemental EA (SEA) titled "Supplemental Environmental Assessment For The Issuance Of An Incidental Harassment Authorization To Take Marine Mammals By Harassment Incidental To Conducting Seabird And Pinniped Research In Central California And Environmental Assessment For The Continuation Of Scientific Research On Pinnipeds In California Under Scientific Research Permit 373-1868-00," to address new available information regarding the effects of PRBO's seabird and pinniped research activities that may have cumulative impacts to the physical and biological environment. At that time, NMFS concluded that issuance of an IHA for the December 2008 through 2009 season would not significantly affect the quality of the human environment and issued a FONSI for the 2008 SEA regarding PRBO's activities. In conjunction with this year's application, NMFS has again reviewed the 2007 EA and the 2008 SEA and determined that there are no new direct, indirect or cumulative impacts to the human and natural environment associated with the IHA requiring evaluation in a supplemental EA and NMFS, therefore, reaffirms the 2008 FONSI. A copy of the EA, SEA, and the NMFS FONSI for this activity is available upon request (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authorization

As a result of these determinations, NMFS has issued an IHA to PRBO to conduct seabird and pinniped research on Southeast Farallon Island, West End Island, Año Nuevo Island, and Point Reyes National Seashore in central California from February 19, 2010 through February 18, 2011, provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are incorporated.

Dated: February 19, 2010.

James H. Lecky,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission).

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, March 25, 2010, commencing at 9 a.m. and ending at 3 p.m.

PLACE: Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, Lobby Level Hearing Room (Room 1000).

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Public meeting to examine the trading of futures and options in the precious and base metals markets, and to consider Federal position limits in the precious and base metals markets and related hedge exemptions on regulated futures exchanges, derivatives transaction execution facilities and electronic trading facilities.

CONTACT PERSONS AND ADDRESSES:

Written materials should be mailed to the Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC, 20581, attention Office of the Secretariat; transmitted by facsimile at 202-418-5521; or transmitted electronically to metalshearing@cftc.gov.

Reference should be made to "metals position limits." For questions, please contact Sauntia Warfield, 202-418-5084.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission is undertaking a review of issues related to the trading of futures and options in the precious and base metals markets, and to consider Federal position limits in the precious and base metals markets and related hedge exemptions on regulated futures exchanges, derivatives transaction execution facilities and electronic trading facilities. In furtherance of that review, the Commission hereby announces that it will hold a public meeting on Thursday, March 25, 2010 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Commission headquarters in Washington, DC. At this meeting the Commission will have oral presentations by panels of experts representing all segments of futures market participants and experts.

This meeting will generally focus on precious and base metals markets issues, including: the application of speculative position limits to address the burdens of excessive speculation in the precious and base metals markets; how such limits should be structured; how such limits should be set; the aggregation of positions across different

markets; and the types of exemptions, if any, that should be permitted. The focus will be on gold, silver and copper markets.

A transcript of the meeting will be made and entered into the Commission's public comment files, which will remain open for the receipt of written comments until April 30, 2010.

Advanced Registration Requested: Advanced registration for attending the metals meeting is requested. Please transmit full name and organization represented to metalsmeetingregistration@cftc.gov, no later than March 18, 2010. Upon arrival on March 25, 2010, all attendees will be required to show valid, government-issued identification before being granted admittance. Unregistered attendees arriving on the day of the meeting will be seated on a space available basis. Overflow seating will be available for additional public viewing via live videocast. Registrants will be notified if attendance capacity has been met.

Issued in Washington, DC, on February 22, 2010 by the Commission.

David Stawick,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces Proposed Rules Changes

ACTION: Notice of proposed changes to the Rules of Practice and Procedure of the United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the following proposed changes to Rules 21(b) and 21(b)(5)(G), and proposed new Rule 21A of the Rules of Practice and Procedure, United States Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces for public notice and comment.

DATES: Comments on the proposed changes must be received within 30 days of the date of this notice.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon,