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Cannon Instrument Company of State College, Pennsylvania has served as the U.S. DI for viscosity measurements since 2003. After considering the criteria listed above, NIST has designated Cannon Instrument Company as the U.S. DI for viscosity until January 1, 2013.

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Charles H. Romine,

Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA486

International Whaling Commission; 63rd Annual Meeting; Nominations

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

ACTION: Notice; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: This notice is a call for nominees for the U.S. Delegation to the July 2011 International Whaling Commission (IWC) annual meeting. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations. Generally, only one non-governmental position is selected for the U.S. Delegation.

DATES: The IWC is holding its 63rd annual meeting July 11-15, 2011, in Jersey, United Kingdom. All written nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting must be received by June 24th, 2011.

ADDRESSES: All nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the IWC annual meeting should be addressed to Ms. Monica Medina, U.S. Commissioner to the IWC, and sent via post to: Ryan Wulff, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of International Affairs, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3 Room 12620, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Wulff, 202-482-3689.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. IWC Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies. The non-federal representative(s) selected as a result of this nomination process is(are) responsible for providing input and recommendations to the U.S. IWC Commissioner representing the positions of non-governmental organizations. Generally, only one non-governmental position is selected for the U.S. Delegation.

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Christopher Rogers,

Acting Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops.

SUMMARY: Free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in July, August, and September of 2011. Certain fishermen and shark dealers are required to attend a workshop to meet regulatory requirements and maintain valid permits. Specifically, the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop is mandatory for all federally permitted Atlantic shark dealers. The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop is mandatory for vessel owners and operators who use bottom longline, pelagic longline, or gillnet gear, and who have also been issued shark or swordfish limited access

permits. Additional free workshops will be conducted during 2011.

DATES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held July 14, July 21, August 11, September 8, and September 22, 2011.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held on July 13, July 20, August 17, August 24, September 14, and September 21, 2011.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details.

ADDRESSES: The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops will be held in Wilmington, NC; Port Orange, FL; Dania Beach, FL; Panama City, FL; and Port Orange, FL.

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops will be held in Manahawkin, NJ; Gulfport, MS; Myrtle Beach, SC; Daytona Beach, FL; Panama City, FL; and Warwick, RI.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for further details on workshop locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard A. Pearson by phone: (727) 824-5399, or by fax: (727) 824-5398.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The workshop schedules, registration information, and a list of frequently asked questions regarding these workshops are posted on the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/workshops/>.

Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2008, Atlantic shark dealers have been prohibited from receiving, purchasing, trading, or bartering for Atlantic sharks unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate is on the premises of each business listed under the shark dealer permit which first receives Atlantic sharks (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). Dealers who attend and successfully complete a workshop are issued a certificate for each place of business that is permitted to receive sharks. These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. Approximately 60 free Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops have been conducted since January 2007.

Currently permitted dealers may send a proxy to an Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop. However, if a dealer opts to send a proxy, the dealer must designate a proxy for each place of business covered by the dealer's permit which first receives Atlantic sharks. Only one certificate will be issued to each proxy. A proxy must be a person who is currently employed by a place of business covered by the dealer's permit; is a primary participant in the

identification, weighing, and/or first receipt of fish as they are offloaded from a vessel; and who fills out dealer reports. Atlantic shark dealers are prohibited from renewing a Federal shark dealer permit unless a valid Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate for each business location which first receives Atlantic sharks has been submitted with the permit renewal application. Additionally, trucks or other conveyances which are extensions of a dealer's place of business must possess a copy of a valid dealer or proxy Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop certificate.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. July 14, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Comfort Inn University, 151 South College Road, Wilmington, NC 28403.
2. July 21, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., LaQuinta Inn & Suites, 1791 Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127.
3. August 11, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Nova Southeastern Oceanographic Center, Modular Classroom 1, 8000 North Ocean Drive, Dania Beach, FL 33004.
4. September 8, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., National Marine Fisheries Service Laboratory, 3500 Delwood Beach Road, Panama City, FL 32408.
5. September 22, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., La Quinta Inn & Suites, 1791 Dunlawton Avenue, Port Orange, FL 32127.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop, please contact Eric Sander at esander@peoplepc.com or at (386) 852–8588.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items to the workshop:

- Atlantic shark dealer permit holders must bring proof that the attendee is an owner or agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable permit, and proof of identification.
- Atlantic shark dealer proxies must bring documentation from the permitted dealer acknowledging that the proxy is attending the workshop on behalf of the permitted Atlantic shark dealer for a specific business location, a copy of the appropriate valid permit, and proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops are designed to reduce the number of unknown and improperly

identified sharks reported in the dealer reporting form and increase the accuracy of species-specific dealer-reported information. Reducing the number of unknown and improperly identified sharks will improve quota monitoring and the data used in stock assessments. These workshops will train shark dealer permit holders or their proxies to properly identify Atlantic shark carcasses.

Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops

Since January 1, 2007, shark limited-access and swordfish limited-access permit holders who fish with longline or gillnet gear have been required to submit a copy of their Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop certificate in order to renew either permit (71 FR 58057; October 2, 2006). These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel owners who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel owners whose certificate(s) will expire prior to the next permit renewal, must attend a workshop to fish with, or renew, their swordfish and shark limited-access permits. Additionally, new shark and swordfish limited-access permit applicants who intend to fish with longline or gillnet gear must attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and submit a copy of their workshop certificate before either of the permits will be issued. Approximately 112 free Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops have been conducted since 2006.

In addition to certifying vessel owners, at least one operator on board vessels issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit that uses longline or gillnet gear is required to attend a Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop and receive a certificate. Vessels that have been issued a limited-access swordfish or shark permit and that use longline or gillnet gear may not fish unless both the vessel owner and operator have valid workshop certificates onboard at all times. These certificate(s) are valid for 3 years. As such, vessel operators who have not already attended a workshop and received a NMFS certificate, or vessel operators whose certificate(s) will expire prior to their next fishing trip, must attend a workshop to operate a vessel with swordfish and shark limited-access permits that uses with longline or gillnet gear.

Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations

1. July 13, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 151 Route 72 East, Manahawkin, NJ 08050.
2. July 20, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 9515 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503.
3. August 17, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Embassy Suites, 9800 Queensway Boulevard, Myrtle Beach, SC 29572.
4. August 24, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn, 137 Automall Circle, Daytona Beach, FL 32124.
5. September 14, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Holiday Inn Select, 2001 Cove Boulevard, Panama City, FL 32405.
6. September 21, 2011, 9 a.m.–5 p.m., Hilton Garden Inn, 1 Thurber Street, Warwick, RI 02886.

Registration

To register for a scheduled Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshop, please contact Angler Conservation Education at (386) 682–0158.

Registration Materials

To ensure that workshop certificates are linked to the correct permits, participants will need to bring specific items with them to the workshop:

- Individual vessel owners must bring a copy of the appropriate swordfish and/or shark permit(s), a copy of the vessel registration or documentation, and proof of identification.
- Representatives of a business owned or co-owned vessel must bring proof that the individual is an agent of the business (such as articles of incorporation), a copy of the applicable swordfish and/or shark permit(s), and proof of identification.
- Vessel operators must bring proof of identification.

Workshop Objectives

The Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops are designed to teach longline and gillnet fishermen the required techniques for the safe handling and release of entangled and/or hooked protected species, such as sea turtles, marine mammals, and smalltooth sawfish. In an effort to improve reporting, the proper identification of protected species will also be taught at these workshops. Additionally, individuals attending these workshops will gain a better understanding of the requirements for participating in these fisheries. The overall goal of these workshops is to provide participants with the skills needed to reduce the mortality of protected species, which

may prevent additional regulations on these fisheries in the future.

Dated: June 8, 2011.

Margo Schulze-Haugen,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers

Intent To Prepare a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Kennecott Utah Copper LLC Tailings Expansion Project, Near Magna, Salt Lake County, UT, Permit Application Number SPK-2009-1213

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of Intent.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District (Corps), will prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Kennecott Utah Copper Tailings Expansion Project, an expansion of an active commercial mining operation near Magna, Salt Lake County, UT. Kennecott Utah Copper LLC (KUC) has applied for a Department of the Army (DA) permit to fill approximately 721 acres of waters of the United States, including wetlands, to construct the project. The basic project purpose is surface mining. The overall project purpose is to increase tailings storage capacity for future mine life extensions.

ADDRESSES: Please send written comments to John Urbanic, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 533 West 2600 South, Suite 150, Bountiful, UT 84010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposed action and EIS can be answered by John Urbanic, (801) 295-8380, extension 11; e-mail: john.e.urbanic@usace.army.mil. Please refer to identification number SPK-2009-01213.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: KUC has applied for a DA permit under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act to expand their existing tailings impoundment and to construct an additional tailings storage facility (TSF) and related infrastructure on a 1992-acre parcel approximately ten miles west of Salt Lake City near the community of Magna, UT. The proposed action involves two phases that, according to the applicant, would provide the necessary tailings storage capacity to extend the life of the

Bingham Canyon Mine (Mine) through 2039. In Phase 1 KUC would continue using the existing North TSF while increasing the height of the North TSF impoundment beyond the currently permitted design. KUC would also construct and begin using a new impoundment, the Northeast TSF, on adjacent KUC property to the east. In Phase 2 KUC would extend tailings deposition from the North TSF onto a portion of the existing South TSF. Ancillary work that would occur includes: the relocation of existing utilities (power, fiber optic, etc.), ditches, secondary or tertiary roads, and a 4-mile long segment of a railroad line; preparation of the foundation and placement of drainage blanket material under the embankment footprint for the Northeast TSF; construction of engineered structures (prior to placing tailings on the South TSF), dikes and ditches for the facilities; and modification of the tailings distribution and return water systems.

Approximately 774 acres of waters of the United States (waters), including wetlands, have been identified on the proposed project site. The area of impacted wetlands includes 488 acres of vegetated saline playa and 76.9 acres of emergent wetlands. Impacted non-wetland waters include 139.8 acres of unvegetated (< 5% vegetative cover) saline playa and 16.1 acres of other jurisdictional waters and drainages. In total, the applicant has applied for a DA permit to fill 565 acres of wetlands and 156 acres of non-wetland waters. In addition, the Corps will be evaluating supplemental delineation information characterizing approximately 200 additional acres of potential waters that may be impacted by ancillary work.

The EIS will include an evaluation of a reasonable range of alternatives. Currently, the following alternatives are expected to be analyzed in detail: (1) The no action alternative (no permit issued) and (2) the applicant's preferred project (proposed action). The no action alternative assumes limited development would occur on the site with all waters of the United States avoided. In addition to the proposed action, the Corps anticipates evaluating additional on-site and off-site alternatives for potential detailed analysis.

The Corps' scoping process for the EIS includes a public involvement program with several opportunities to provide oral and written comments. In addition to public meetings and notifications in the **Federal Register**, the Corps will issue public notices when the draft and final EISs are available. Affected federal, state, and local agencies, Native

American tribes, and other interested private organizations and parties are invited to participate.

Potentially significant issues to be analyzed in the EIS include, but are not limited to impacts to waters, hydrology, water supply, water quality, cultural resources, biological resources, traffic and transportation, and air quality.

The Corps is the lead federal agency for preparation of the EIS under the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Corps may invite other Federal, State, local agencies, and tribes to be cooperating agencies.

Other environmental review and consultation requirements for the proposed action include the need for the applicant to obtain water quality certification under Section 401 of the Clean Water Act from the Utah Division of Water Quality. The proposed project will not affect any federally listed threatened or endangered species; however, it may affect state-listed special status species. Once a habitat assessment of the areas has been completed, the Corps will consult with state and Federal wildlife agencies. In addition, the Corps will also be consulting with the State Historic Preservation Officer under Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act concerning properties listed, or potentially eligible for listing, on the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested parties may register for the Corps' public notice e-mail notification lists at: <http://www.spk.usace.army.mil/regulatory/pnlist.html>.

Public Scoping Meetings. The Corps will hold four public scoping meetings in several communities with proximity to the mining operation. The first meeting will be held on June 21, 2011, from 6-8:30 p.m. at the Webster Community Center, 8952 West 2700 South, Magna, Utah. The second meeting will be held on June 22, 2011, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Malouf Hall, Room 201, Westminster College, 1840 South 1300 East, Salt Lake City, Utah. The third meeting will be held on June 29, 2011, from 6-8:30 p.m. Hampton Inn and Suites, 3923 West Center Park Drive, West Jordan, Utah. The fourth meeting will be held on June 30, 2011, from 6-8:30 p.m. at Stansbury Park High School, 5300 North Aberdeen, Stansbury Park, Utah. Interested parties can provide oral and written comments at the meetings. Interested parties may also submit written comments on this notice. Scoping comments may be submitted at any time prior to publication of the Draft EIS.