including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements (CRDAs) with qualified
parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment and
facilities—but no funds—to the
cooperative research program.
Contributions from other participants
may include funding, personnel,
facilities and equipment. This is not a
grant program. This program is covered
by 15 CFR part 26, Nonprocurement
Debarment and Suspension.

DATES: Interested parties should
respond in writing at the address shown
below no later than February 24, 1991.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Francis J. Schima,
National Institute of Standards and
Technology, Radiations Physics Building
Rm C114, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Dr. Francis J. Schima, (301) 975-5537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: (1) NIST
has the following equipment available
for the effort:
—RF power supply with control system
—Main acceleration cavity
—RF power supply with control system
computer
—Beam insertion system with control
system computer
—Injector power supplies
—Pre-accelerator
—Associated vacuum systems with
control computer
(2) NIST has no funding or personnel
left to contribute to the effort.
(3) While NIST finds it difficult to
quantify the size of the contribution
required of the collaborator, completion
of the facility alone—even before it
begins operation—will be a major effort
requiring a multiyear commitment of
qualified personnel and substantial
resources.
(4) Because of the nature of the
facility, NIST will be able to work with
only one collaborator or group of
collaborators.
(5) NIST will select its collaborator or
group of collaborators from among the
respondents to its notice based on
NIST's evaluation of the probability of
success in completing and operating the
RTM.
(6) Responses from interested parties
should address the resources and
qualified personnel the party will have
available and any other information that
will permit NIST to assess the
probability of success.
(7) Interested parties may request an
RTM Fact Sheet and a tour of the facility
from the above contact.

This notice does not contain a
collection of information for purposes of
the Paperwork Reduction Act.


John W. Lyons,
Director; National Institute of Standards and
Technology.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

Subsistence Taking of Northern Fur Seals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of the 1991 subsistence
for seal harvest outcome.

SUMMARY: This notice briefly
summarizes the outcome of the 1991
subsistence fur seal harvest on the
Pribilof Islands, Alaska.

DATES: Comments are invited through

ADDRESSES: Comments should be
addressed to Dr. Aleta Hohn or Lynne
Harris, NMFS Office of Protected
Resources [F/NR1], 1335 East-West
Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Lynne Harris or Dr. Aleta Hohn (301)
427-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On
August 1, 1991, NMFS issued a final
notice of harvest estimates for the
annual subsistence fur seal harvest in the
Pribilof Islands, Alaska. (56 FR
30735). Actual harvesting of fur seals
began on June 30 pursuant to the Fur
Seal Act regulations governing the
subsistence taking of fur seals by native
Alaskans, found at 50 CFR
215.31 et seq. On Saturday, July 27, each
island reached the lower end of the specified
harvest estimates (161 seals on St.
George Island, 1145 seals on St. Paul). The
regulations require the harvest to be
suspended if the lower bound of the
harvest estimate is reached, to allow for
re-evaluation of subsistence need as
provided by 50 CFR 215.32 (c). This
suspension is to last no more than 48
hours, during which time the Assistant
Administrator for Fisheries is to review
the harvest data and determine whether
the subsistence needs of the Pribilovians
have been met by attaining the lower end
of the harvest estimate. If the
subsistence needs of the Pribilovians
have not been met, the Assistant
Administrator must estimate the number
of additional seals necessary to meet the
remaining needs.

On Friday, July 26, NMFS received
word from the chief observer on St. Paul
that the Pribilovians on both islands
would very likely reach the lower end of
the subsistence harvest estimates for
each island soon. In response, NMFS
sent a letter to the Pribilovians outlining
the type of information NMFS would
require to make a determination of
remaining subsistence need if the
Pribilovians intended to request
additional animals.

On Saturday, July 27, both St. Paul
and St. George reached the lower end of
their respective harvest estimates. The
observers present stopped each harvest
at that point. The Assistant
Administrator was notified of these
events on July 29, and later that same
day NMFS received formal requests for
additional seals from both St. Paul and
St. George. On July 30, NMFS requested
additional information from the
Pribilovians to substantiate their
requests. This information was received
later that same day. After considering
the information presented by the
Pribilovians, the information provided
by NMFS harvest observers and all
harvest data collected during the first 4
weeks of the harvest, the Assistant
Administrator authorized the harvesting
of up to 100 additional animals on St.
George and up to 500 additional animals
on St. Paul. This decision was effective
on July 31.

Late in the afternoon on July 31,
NMFS received notice from the Humane
Society of the United States of their
intention to file a motion for a
Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) to
halt the additional harvesting authorized
on St. George and St. Paul. Two hearings
were held in the United States District
Court for the District of Columbia on
August 1. During the first of these
hearings, the Court requested that NMFS
suspend any further harvesting activity
in the Pribilof's pending the Court's final
decision. The Assistant Administrator
immediately announced this suspension
to the Pribilovians.

After the hearings and the submission
of briefs by both sides, the Court
entered an order denying the plaintiff's
motion for a TRO. The order was
entered at 5:24 p.m. Eastern Daylight
Time on August 2. The Pribilovians
were immediately notified of the outcome
of the proceedings and the harvest was
allowed to resume. The harvest
concluded on August 6.

The total number of fur seals taken
during the 1991 subsistence harvest in the
Pribilof Islands is as follows: St.
George—281, St. Paul—1645.

NMFS has announced its intent to re­
evaluate the current methods used to
determine subsistence need and
measure waste as they relate to the
subsistence fur seal harvest of the
Pribilof Islands.