Committee Act, it has been determined that this HSAC meeting concerns matters that “disclose investigative techniques and procedures” under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(7)(E) and are “likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action” within the meaning of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Discussion of ongoing investigations with Department of Homeland Security enforcement Components and outside law enforcement partners fall within the meaning of 5 U.S.C 552b(7)(E) insofar as they will “disclose investigative techniques and procedures.” Additionally, release of information presented during the briefings and the nature of the discussion could lead to premature disclosure of information on Department of Homeland Security actions that would be “likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.”

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Issuance of Permits
AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.
ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits for endangered species.

SUMMARY: The following permits were issued.

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Dated: December 5, 2008.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Fish and Wildlife Service
Marine Mammal Protection Act; Stock Assessment Report

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of availability of final 2008 revised marine mammal stock assessment report for the southern sea otter (Enhydra lutris nereis) stock in California State, including incorporation of public comments. We now make our complete final 2008 revised SAR available to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the methods, data, and results of the stock assessment, contact Lilian Carswell by phone at (805) 612–2793 or by e-mail at Lilian_Carswell@fws.gov.

ADDRESSES: Send requests for printed copies of the SAR to: Field Supervisor, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Ventura Fish and Wildlife Office, 2493 Portola Road, Suite B, Ventura, CA 93003. You may also view or download it at http://www.fws.gov/ventura/speciesinfo/so_sea_otter/.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) and its implementing regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations at 50 CFR part 18, we regulate the taking, possession, transportation, purchasing, selling, offering for sale, exporting, and importing of marine mammals. One of the goals of the MMPA is to ensure that stocks of marine mammals occurring in waters under the jurisdiction of the United States do not experience a level of human-caused mortality and serious injury that is likely to cause the stock to be reduced below its optimum sustainable population level (OSP). OSP is defined as “the number of animals which will result in the maximum productivity of the population or the species, keeping in mind the carrying capacity of the habitat and the health of the ecosystem of which they form a constituent element.”

To help accomplish the goal of maintaining marine mammal stocks at their OSPs, section 117 of the MMPA...