

limit for completion of the final results to not later than January 15, 2000, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("the Act"). See September 20, 1999, Memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Robert LaRussa on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, B-099 of the Department.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Overseas Trade Missions; Invitation to U.S. Companies

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the following overseas trade missions that they also explain at the following website: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>. For a comprehensive description of the trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the project officer listed below. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daly on March 3, 1997.

The Conference on Southeast Europe: Commercial Opportunity and Partnership: Sofia, Bulgaria, November 1-2, 1999

*For Further Information Contact:* Sam Kozloff at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number 202-482-1599 or FAX 202-482-3159.

Defense Trade Mission 2000, The Hague, Netherlands and Brussels, Belgium, February 1-3, 2000

*For Further Information Contact:* Sam Kozloff at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number: 202-482-1599 or FAX number: 202-482-3159.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** April Stockfleet at the U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202-482-1599 or FAX 202-482-3159.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

**John Klingelhut,**

*Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 091799F]

#### Nominations for Recovery Science Review Panel To Guide Recovery Planning Process for Pacific Anadromous Salmonid Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is ready to begin formal recovery planning for Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of Pacific anadromous salmonid species listed as threatened or endangered species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). The scope of this recovery planning effort will encompass listed ESUs in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California. This notice is a solicitation for nominations to a Recovery Science Review Panel to guide the technical and scientific aspects of the recovery planning process and ensure its consistency and scientific credibility.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before December 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 ATTN: Salmonid Recovery Panel.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** M. Elizabeth Clarke, Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, (301)713-2363.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS will soon begin formal recovery planning for over 20 ESUs of Pacific anadromous salmonid species listed under the ESA over the past several years. Formal ESA recovery efforts that are already underway for listed Snake River and Sacramento River populations may eventually be integrated into this process. NMFS will establish Technical Recovery Teams for discrete geographic areas, or domains. The Technical Recovery Teams will be responsible for establishing delisting criteria and recovery goals for listed anadromous salmonid species within their domain.

To facilitate this complex recovery planning process and ensure its consistency and scientific credibility, NMFS intends to establish a single Recovery Science Review Panel (the Panel) which will advise the Northwest and Southwest Region's Science Directors.

While the Technical Recovery Teams will work independently, the Panel will provide scientific guidance and review the Teams' processes and products. The Panel will consist of 3-5 highly qualified and independent scientists and will perform the following functions:

1. Review the credentials of candidates nominated for Technical Recovery Teams to determine if they meet established criteria for technical expertise. NMFS will select the teams from the qualified candidates;
2. Review core principles and elements of the recovery planning process being developed by the NMFS;
3. Ensure that well-accepted and consistent ecological and evolutionary principles form the basis for all recovery efforts;
4. Review processes and products of all Technical Recovery Teams for scientific credibility and to ensure consistent application of core principles across ESUs and recovery domains;
5. Oversee peer review for all recovery plans and appropriate substantial intermediate products.

Candidates for this Panel should:

1. Be scientists of international reputation who have a distinguished record of scientific accomplishment in the fields of ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, fisheries biology, or salmon biology.
2. Have held positions of scientific leadership during their career.
3. Have demonstrated fairness and cooperation during their career.
4. Meet National Research Council standards for independence and conflict of interest.

Initial terms shall be 3 years for the Recovery Science Review Panel. Before completion of the final year, and after considering workloads, other commitments, and future needs for recovery planning, members' terms will be reviewed and adjusted (as appropriate) to provide for a staggering of termination dates. We anticipate that fulfilling the responsibilities of the Panel will require approximately a 10-15 percent time commitment (2-3 days per month) from Panel members. Panel members will be compensated for their time and expenses.

Due to the Panel's role in NMFS' development of recovery plans, NMFS considers the Panel to be a "recovery

team" under ESA 4(f)(2), 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f)(2).

NMFS is seeking the most highly qualified individuals to serve on this Panel, which will be charged with providing scientific guidance to the most ambitious application of conservation biology principles to a real-world natural resource problem. We encourage submissions from all interested parties, including scientific societies, academic institutions, existing regional scientific panels, tribes, states, and other salmon co-managers and stakeholders, environmental groups, and federal agencies.

Each submission should include the submitting person or organizations's name and affiliation, a detailed Curriculum Vitae of nominee, and supporting letter(s) describing the qualifications of the nominee to serve on this Panel. Self nominations are acceptable.

Nominations should be sent to (see ADDRESSES) and nominations must be received by (see DATES).

Dated: October 13, 1999.

**William W. Fox Jr.,**

*Director, Office of Science and Technology,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101499C]

#### Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of emergency public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Groundfish Management Team (GMT) will hold an emergency working meeting which is open to the public.

**DATES:** The GMT working meeting will begin Monday, October 25, 1999, at noon and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the NMFS Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Room 2079, Building 4, Seattle, WA 98115, telephone: 206-526-4250.

**Council address:** Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: 503-326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is to complete unfinished business from the recent meeting that was held in Portland, OR. Specifically, the GMT will complete the analysis of potential management measures for the year 2000 groundfish fisheries and prepare technical advice for the upcoming Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at 503-326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

#### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 092799D]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 930-1486

**AGENCIES:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the U.S. Geological Survey, Biological Resources Division, Western Ecological Research Center, 6924 Tremont Road, Dixon, CA 95620, has been issued an

amended permit to take sea otters for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Management Authority, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203 (1-800-358-2104).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On March 29, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 14886) that a request for a scientific research permit to take various species of marine mammals, including sea otters, had been submitted by the above-named organization. The original permit did not authorize the take of sea otters, but has been amended to include sea otters. The requested permit, as amended, has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 8, 1999.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.*

Dated: October 5, 1999.

**Kristen Nelson,**

*Acting Chief, Branch of Permits, Office of  
Management Authority, U.S. Fish and  
Wildlife Service.*

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