

company must not be owned or controlled, indirectly or directly by a foreign government.

Consistency of the company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein.

Past, present and prospective business in Turkey.

Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process.

#### Other Trip Objectives and Events

In addition to the mission scenario described above, Secretary Daley will also support the inaugural meeting in Ankara of the U.S.-Turkey Business Development Council in order to establish an improved bilateral business and government cooperation for expanding commercial, trade and investment relations. The Secretary will seek to accomplish several commercial policy objectives in bilateral government to government meetings with Turkish officials in Ankara and with the press and private sector in Istanbul. Our bilateral policy agenda includes addressing IPR issues, investment barriers to U.S. companies, insuring compliance with international arbitration agreements, regulatory issues related to the privatization of telecommunications companies, Caspian pipeline construction and supply issues, and investment policies related to "Build-Operate" and "Build, Operate Transfer."

Dated: December 12, 1997.

**Catherine Vial,**

*Acting Director, Energy Division/OEIM/BI/TD.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Notice of Opportunity to Apply to Serve on the Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Opportunity to Apply to Serve on the Board of the United States-India Commercial Alliance.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is currently seeking applications for three individuals to serve on the U.S. section of the Board of the United States-India Commercial Alliance (USICA). On January 16, 1995, Ronald

H. Brown, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and Pranab Mukherjee, India's Minister of Commerce, signed terms of reference creating USICA. On October 17, 1996, Michael Kantor, U.S. Secretary of Commerce, and B.B. Ramaiah, India's Minister of Commerce, signed an agreement extending USICA for two years, until January 15, 1999. The purpose of USICA is to facilitate the further development of commercial relations, trade, and investment between U.S. and Indian private sector businesses. USICA is administered and its activities are coordinated by a Board composed of an equal number of private sector representatives from the United States and India. U.S. and Indian Board members are selected by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and Indian Minister of Commerce, respectively. The work of the USICA, which includes trade missions, conferences, and roundtables bringing together business persons from the United States and India, currently is focused on four economic sectors: information technology, transportation and infrastructure, food processing and packaging ("agribusiness"), and power. Individual Board members generally concentrate their efforts on one of these sectors.

**Further Information:** Private sector representatives will be appointed to the Board for a two year term, or until January 15, 1999, if USICA is not extended beyond its current expiration date. Applications are now being sought for private sector members to serve for a term beginning February 9, 1998. Private sector members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. They are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for USICA and in implementing its work program. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for the USICA Board will attend at least 75% of USICA meetings which will be held in the U.S. and India.

Private sector Board members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in USICA. The private sector Board members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate; private sector Board members are not special government employees.

USICA works on issues of common interest to encourage bilateral trade and investment, including, but not limited to, the following:

—Implementing trade/business development and promotion programs including trade missions, conferences,

exhibits, seminars and other events, and

—Adopting sectoral or project oriented approaches to expand business opportunities and discussing concerns relating to expanding commercial opportunities

**Selection:** There are ten positions on the U.S. side of the USICA Board, of which three are currently vacant. This notice is seeking applications for those three positions.

**Eligibility requirements.** Applicants must be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a permanent United States resident;
- A CEO or other top management level employee of a U.S. company or organization involved in commercial activities between the United States and India;
- A member of a leading business association; and
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA).

In reviewing eligible applicants, the Commerce Department will consider:

- The applicant's expertise in one of the following business sectors in which USICA is active: transportation and infrastructure, and food processing and packaging (agribusiness);
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for USICA activities in the business sectors in which USICA is active;
- Ability to contribute in light of overall Board composition (for example, to ensure balance in representation of industry sectors);
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics or additional under-representation in business.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of the individual requesting consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's product or service line; size of the company; export experience and major markets; a brief statement of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the USICA Board; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; a personal resume; and a statement that the applicant is not a registered foreign agent under FARA.

**Deadline:** In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than: January 20, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Please send your requests for consideration to Richard D. Harding, Director, Office of South Asia and Oceania, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2308, 14th St. and Constitution

Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, fax (202) 482-5330.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Richard D. Harding, Director, Office of South Asia and Oceania, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2308, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-2955, fax (202) 482-5330.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512.

**Dated:** December 12, 1997.

**Peter Hale,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Revision of Species on Candidate Species List Under the Endangered Species Act

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

**ACTION:** Notice of modification to list of candidate species.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS revises its candidate species list in regard to Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and reliable documentation concerning this revision should be sent to the Chief of Endangered Species, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, F/PR3, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Nancy Chu or Terri Jordan at (301) 713-1401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In a notice published today, NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) renamed the Seven Rivers Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Atlantic Salmon the Gulf of Maine DPS in order to allow future inclusion in the DPS those extant populations from the Kennebec River north to, but not including, the St. Croix River. NMFS believes that the populations previously identified in Togus Stream, a tributary to the Kennebec River, and Cove Brook, a tributary to the Penobscot River, and other extant river populations warrant further investigation and may warrant future inclusion in the Gulf of Maine DPS.

NMFS previously identified populations of Atlantic Salmon in the Kennebec River, Penobscot River, Tunk Stream, and St. Croix River as candidate species and included them in the July 14, 1997, candidate notice of review (62 FR 37560). With this notice, NMFS revises its List of Candidate Species to include the Gulf of Maine DPS of Atlantic salmon, which includes some of the populations previously identified as candidate species. In addition, NMFS notes that the proposed rule to list the Seven Rivers DPS as threatened under the ESA (60 FR 50530) was withdrawn in a notice published today.

**Dated:** December 15, 1997.

**Hilda Diaz-Soltero,**

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

TABLE 1.—Revised List of Candidate Species

Common name	Scientific name	Family	Area of concern
Atlantic salmon*.	Salmo salar.	Salmonidae.	Gulf of Maine DPS.

\*This is a revision of the listing for "Atlantic Salmon" found in the table at 62 FR 37562, July 14, 1997.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120497A]

#### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1016 (P167H)

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 1016 submitted by Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109, has been granted.

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

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On October 28, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 55787) that an amendment of permit no. 1016, issued October 16, 1996 (61 FR 53901) had been requested by the above-name organization. The requested amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permittee currently has authorization to harass several species of stranded rehabilitated and permanently captive pinnipeds and small cetaceans in order to measure their interaction with fishing gear and to determine the effect of introducing an auditory stimulus (i.e., pinger) on responses. The research is authorized to be conducted over a five year period. The permit has been amended to authorize: the addition of 2 pinger trials and 2 net trials with 14 of the 18 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently authorized to be involved in motivational state trials; and an increase in the number of California sea lions to be used in the naive trials from 30 to 40.

**Dated:** December 12, 1997.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Soliciting Applications for Membership on Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office is seeking five members for the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs. Member terms would begin on January 1, 1998. A member must be an organization that is representative of the intellectual property community, e.g., a bar group, a business organization or an academic institution. Organizations interested in membership should send a letter expressing that interest and containing the information set out in the