

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).

Dated: January 7, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of revocation of Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 88-00002.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to Olde South Traders, Inc. Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Secretary is revoking the certificate. This notice summarizes the notification letter sent to Olde South Traders, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202/482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (Pub. L. 97-290, 15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1997). Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on May 23, 1988 to Olde South Traders, Inc.

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, § 325.14(a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (§ 325.14(b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(b)). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (§ 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a)(3) and 325.14(c)).

On May 13, 1997, the Department of Commerce sent to Olde South Traders, Inc. a letter containing annual report

questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on July 7, 1997. Additional reminders were sent on August 7, 1997 and on September 12, 1997. The Department has received no written response from Olde South Traders, Inc. to any of these letters.

On November 20, 1997, and in accordance with § 325.10(c)(1) of the Regulations, (15 CFR 325.10(c)(1)), the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify Olde South Traders, Inc. that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing Olde South Traders, Inc. thirty days to respond was published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 1997 at 62 FR 63074. Pursuant to 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department considers the failure of Olde South Traders, Inc. to respond to be an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to Olde South Traders, Inc. for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated January 8, 1998, to notify Olde South Traders, Inc. of its determination. The revocation is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register** (325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 324.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11).

Dated: January 8, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of revocation of Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 91-00003.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to Fabiano & Associates, Inc. Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Secretary is revoking the

certificate. This notice summarizes the notification letter sent to Fabiano & Associates, Inc.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202/482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 ("the Act") (Pub. L. 97-290, 15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1997). Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on May 29, 1991 to Fabiano & Associates, Inc.

A certificate holder is required by law to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018, § 325.14(a) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(a)). The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (§ 325.14(b) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.14(b)). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation (Sections 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(a)(3) and 325.14(c)).

On May 20, 1997, the Department of Commerce sent to Fabiano & Associates, Inc. a letter containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on July 14, 1997. Additional reminders were sent on August 7, 1997 and on September 12, 1997. The Department has received no written response from Fabiano & Associates, Inc. to any of these letters.

On November 20, 1997, and in accordance with § 325.10(c)(1) of the Regulations, (15 CFR 325.10(c)(1)), the Department of Commerce sent a letter by certified mail to notify Fabiano & Associates, Inc. that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate for failure to file an annual report. In addition, a summary of this letter allowing Fabiano & Associates, Inc. thirty days to respond was published in the **Federal Register** on November 26, 1997 at 62 FR 63074. Pursuant to 325.10(c)(2) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.10(c)(2)), the Department considers the failure of Fabiano & Associates, Inc. to respond to be an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter.

The Department has determined to revoke the certificate issued to Fabiano

& Associates, Inc. for its failure to file an annual report. The Department has sent a letter, dated January 8, 1998, to notify Fabiano & Associates, Inc. of its determination. The revocation is effective thirty (30) days from the date of publication of this notice. Any person aggrieved by this decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register** (325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 324.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the Regulations, 15 CFR 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11).

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Morton Schnabel,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Seismic Hazards Investigations in Puget Sound

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to collecting deep-crustal marine seismic data in the Puget Sound/Straits of Juan de Fuca region of Washington State has been issued to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS).

DATES: This authorization is effective from January 1, 1998, through March 31, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The application and monitoring plan, authorization, and environmental assessment (EA) are available by writing to the Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of

Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, or Brent Norberg, Northwest Regional Office, NMFS, (206) 526-6733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses, and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the Marine Mammal Protection Act established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. The MMPA now defines "harassment" as: "...any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (a) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (b) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

Summary of Request

On July 2, 1997, NMFS received an application from the USGS, on behalf of

the Seismic Hazards Investigations in Puget Sound (SHIPS) project, requesting an authorization for the possible harassment of small numbers of several species of marine mammals incidental to conducting marine seismic surveys in Puget Sound, WA. The survey is to collect data on the earthquake hazards of the Puget Sound area. Geological features around the Puget Sound that might produce earthquakes lie obscured beneath water, city, forest, and thick glacial deposits. As a result, investigators must use sound waves that are produced by an array of airguns to indirectly view these features. Because seismic noise from the proposed survey's airguns could potentially affect marine mammals due to disturbance by sound (i.e., acoustic harassment), an incidental harassment authorization under the MMPA is warranted.

The main goals of the SHIPS project concern understanding earthquake processes and mitigating a potential disaster, not earthquake prediction. Geologists have clear evidence for past earthquakes, but basic geological information about earthquake processes is lacking. To close this critical information gap, the SHIPS consortium will collect seismic reflection and seismic refraction data in and near Puget Sound. Seismic reflection data will help locate potential earthquake faults, and seismic refraction data will show the speed of sound waves in deep rocks. These data together will reveal the structure and physical properties of rocks where earthquakes are likely to occur. Information from onshore seismometers will reveal where deep rocks could focus earthquake waves at the surface and where surface sediment is weak.

In places where these conditions of focusing and sediment weakness overlap, buildings and other infrastructure are at elevated risk of damage or destruction during a major earthquake. SHIPS will provide information needed to make maps, for city planners, to show areas of potentially strong ground motion so that scarce funds for seismic retrofitting can be allocated on a rational basis. Prime candidates for retrofitting are schools and hospitals. Additionally, freeway interchanges and major bridges, as well as structures housing police and firefighters, must withstand earthquakes so that survivors receive prompt assistance.

Dependent upon ship scheduling, the seismic survey is expected to take approximately 2 weeks sometime during late February and March 1998. A detailed description of the work planned is contained in the application