

controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities.

Secondary selection criteria will ensure that the committee has a balanced representation of the auto parts industry in terms of point of view, demographics, geography and company size. APAC members are selected on the basis of their experience and knowledge of conditions and problems in automotive parts markets. Members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary.

Private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular automotive sector in which they operate. Private sector members are not special government employees, and will receive no compensation for their participation in APAC activities. Members participating in APAC meetings and events will be responsible for their travel, living and other personal expenses. Meetings are held approximately four times a year, usually in Washington, DC. The next APAC meeting date has not yet been determined.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of the individual requesting consideration; a letter of recommendation containing a brief statement of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the APAC that includes the individual's export experience, along with a personal resume; a statement that the applicant is not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended; the company's product or service line and major markets; and the size and ownership of the company. All APAC members must obtain a U.S. Government security clearance.

Dated: December 15, 1998.

Henry P. Misisco,

Director, Office of Automotive Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On November 20, 1998, Cello Products, Inc. and Bow Metallics Inc. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the Rescission of Finding Made on October 18, 1993 in Inquiry No. NQ-93-001 determination made by the Canadian International Trade Tribunal, respecting Certain Solder Joint Pressure Pipe Fittings and Solder Joint Drainage, Waste and Vent Pipe Fittings, Made of Cast Copper Alloy, Wrought Copper Alloy or Wrought Copper, Originating in or Exported from the United States of America and Produced by or on Behalf of Elkhart Products Corporation, Elkhart, Indiana, NIBCO Inc., Elkhart, Indiana, and Mueller Industries, Inc., Wichita, Kansas, Their Successors and Assigns. This determination was published in the *Canada Gazette* Part I, Volume 132, No. 43, page 2932, dated October 24, 1998. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number CDA-USA-98-1904-03 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on November 20, 1998, requesting panel review of the final rescission of finding described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is December 21, 1998);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is January 4, 1999); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: December 9, 1998.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121798B]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad-Hoc Allocation Committee will hold a meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Thursday, January 21, 1999 at 8 a.m. and will continue through Friday, January 22 as necessary.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Downtown, 310 SW Lincoln Avenue, Portland, OR.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Walker, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting is to develop options for allocation of lingcod and

bocaccio rockfish between the recreational and commercial fisheries and between gear sectors of the limited entry fleet. The Committee will also discuss strategies for allocation of other rockfish species among commercial gear sectors. In addition, the Committee may discuss permit stacking and species endorsements. The Committee will begin work on a report to present to the Council at its April meeting. The Committee will also develop a process by which the Council may undertake long-term strategic planning relating to its research and data needs.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

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: December 21, 1998.

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

[I.D. 121798A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 12, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Laboratory, 2570 Dole Street, Room 112, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-983-5300.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164

Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Precious Corals Plan Team will discuss possible adjustments in established management measures, including modifying the harvest quota for gold coral, implementing a minimum size limit for black coral, restricting the areas where the use of non-selective gear is allowed, designating the newly discovered bed near French Frigate Shoals as a Conditional Bed, revising the boundaries of Makapu'u bed and Brooks Banks bed and adjusting the harvest quotas for those two beds and revising data reporting requirements.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this team for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: December 21, 1998.

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

[I.D. 112098A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF# 587-1472-00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of Permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Dan R. Salden, Box 1772, Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville, Edwardsville, IL 62026-1772, has been issued a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera*

novaeangliae), bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

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

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682-2396 (808/973-2987); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7235).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 5, 1998, notice was published in the Federal Register (63 FR 53352) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the above-references species had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit 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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 217-227).

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: December 18, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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