

recently renewed on September 30, 1993, by Executive Order 12689.

**DATES:** May 17, 1995, from 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** White House Conference Center, Lincoln Room, 726 Jackson Place, Washington D.C. 20503. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Linda Breslau, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington D.C. 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Breslau, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: May 5, 1995.

**Jane Siegel,**

*Staff Director and Executive Secretary,  
President's Export Council.*

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**President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a Partially Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Export Council (PEC) will hold a Full Council meeting to discuss topics related to export expansion. The meeting must be closed to the public due to the discussion of classified material including issues regarding relations with our trading partners, export controls and other sensitive matters properly classified under Executive Order 12356. Topics will include the changing relationship between trade and monetary policy, the changes in the dollar vis-a-vis the Japanese yen, Mexican peso, and other currencies, and U.S. commercial engagement with areas of the world experiencing economic instability. The portion of the meeting that will be open to the public will address the progress of the Council's five subcommittees, export expansion, Congressional views of U.S. export practices, and trade in the global economy.

The President's Export Council was established on December 20, 1973, and reconstituted May 4, 1979, to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. export trade. It was most recently renewed on September 30, 1993, by Executive Order 12689. A Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Council to

the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 5522b (c) (1) has been approved in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the notice is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6204, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-4115.

**Dates:** May 18, 1995.

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 1:05 p.m. Closed Meeting; 1:15 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Open Meeting.

**Place:** Atrium Ballroom.

**Address:** The Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jane Siegel or Rebecca Collins, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington D.C. 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

**For Further Information Contact:** Jane Siegel or Rebecca Collins at (202) 482-1124, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: May 8, 1995.

**Jane Siegel,**

*Staff Director and Executive Secretary,  
President's Export Council.*

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**President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a Closed Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The President's Export Council (Council) is holding an Executive Committee meeting. The meeting must be closed to the public due to the discussion of classified material including issues regarding relations with our trading partners, export controls and other sensitive matters properly classified under Executive Order 12356. The Executive Committee will discuss the work of its five subcommittees, its communications task force and the progress made toward the goals agreed to at the inaugural meeting of the Council on February 13. The President's Export Council was established on December 20, 1973, and reconstituted May 4, 1979 to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. export trade. It was most recently renewed on September 30, 1993, by Executive Order 12689.

A Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Council to the public on the basis of 5 U.S.C. 5522b (c) (1) has been approved

in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act. A copy of the notice is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6204, U.S. Department of Commerce, 202-482-4115.

**Dates:** May 18, 1995.

**Time:** 8:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

**Place:** The Montpeller Room.

**Address:** The Washington Court Hotel, 525 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

**For Further Information Contact:** Jane Siegel or Rebecca Collins at (202) 482-1124, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, D.C. 20230.

Dated: May 5, 1995.

**Jane Siegel,**

*Staff Director and Executive Secretary,  
President's Export Council.*

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[Docket No. 950428122-5122-01; I.D. 042195D]

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**Listing of Endangered and Threatened Species; Petition To Delist the Snake River Sockeye Salmon**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of finding.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received a petition to delist Snake River sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*) from the endangered species list. NMFS has determined the petition does not contain any new, substantial scientific or commercial information, not previously considered by NMFS in the original listing process, indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted.

**DATES:** The finding made in this document was made on May 4, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Garth Griffin, Environmental and Technical Services Division, 503-231-2005, or Gregory Miller, Endangered Species Division, 301-713-1401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 10, 1995, NMFS received a petition from Mr. Delbert L. Lathim to delist Snake River sockeye salmon from the endangered species list. Section 4(b)(3)(A) of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) requires NMFS to make a finding on whether a petition to list, delist, or

reclassify a species presents substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted. To the maximum extent practicable, this finding is to be made within 90 days of the receipt of the petition, and the finding is to be published promptly in the **Federal Register**. If the finding is positive, NMFS is required to commence a status review of the involved species. The criteria considered in determining whether or not a petition is substantial are outlined in 50 CFR 424.14(b)(2).

The petitioner argued that Snake River sockeye salmon no longer exist, and therefore, no longer need protection. However, the petitioner presented data from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Department of Defense, that indicated that 11 adult sockeye salmon were counted at three Snake River Dams (Lower Monumental Dam, Little Goose Dam, and Lower Granite Dam, ID) in 1994. This information is neither new nor substantial; NMFS records show that large sockeye salmon (approximately 18 inches (45.7 cm) in length or greater) were counted at these dams on the dates indicated in the petition. During the past 3 years, these dam counts, coupled with the actual return of 10 adult sockeye salmon to Redfish Lake, ID, provide evidence that Snake River sockeye salmon are, in fact, not extinct.

Because the petition to delist Snake River sockeye salmon does not contain any new, substantial scientific or commercial information indicating that the petitioned action may be warranted, NMFS is not initiating a status review.

Dated: May 4, 1995.

**Gary Matlock,**

*Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### **Northeast Fishing Industry Grants (FIG) Program; Amendment and Clarification**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of funding authorization amendment and clarification of project evaluation criteria.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS amends the funding authorization for projects to be considered under the Northeast Fishing

Industry Grants (FIG) Program. Clarification is also provided to specify project evaluation criteria associated with the tendering of multispecies harvesting privileges.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 11, 1995.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Bruce Morehead (301) 713-2358 or Harold Mears (508) 281-9243.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Background**

The FIG Program was described in the following notice: Notice of availability of Federal assistance (60 FR 12199, March 6, 1995).

#### **II. Change to the FIG Funding Authorization**

The previous description of funding authority for the second round of FIG project applications, through which \$4.5 million will be provided, indicated that the total funding source was accommodated by Public Law 103-211, the Emergency Supplemental Appropriations Act of 1994. This notice clarifies that only \$2.5 million for the FIG second round is funded through Public Law 103-211, whereas the remaining \$2.0 million is supported by the Northwest Atlantic Ocean Fisheries Reinvestment Program (NAOFRP), as authorized by Public Law 102-567. This change is being made so that \$2.0 million available under Public Law 103-211 can be used to fund a fishing capacity reduction demonstration program in the Northeast. Information concerning this program will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date. The total amount of funds available for the FIG Program (i.e., \$4.5 million) is not changed. However, no NAOFRP funds will be used to support projects under FIG Program Priority C; "Develop methods for eliminating or reducing the inadvertent take, capture, or destruction of nontargeted, protected, or prohibited species (e.g., juvenile or sublegal-sized fish and shellfish) in fishing operations through the technical development, demonstration, or evaluation of fishing gear or harvesting strategies.", as such activities are not authorized for the NAOFRP under Public Law 102-567. This change in funding source does not otherwise affect the FIG Federal assistance program.

#### **III. Clarification of Project Evaluation Criteria**

Several public inquiries have arisen that show the need for clarification of the provisions for tendering of multispecies harvesting privileges and the relevance of these provisions to the technical evaluation of proposals.

Accordingly, this notice clarifies that 10 points will be added to the technical scores of applications involving participation by individuals who own vessels that have been issued a multispecies limited access permit, and who agree to tender their privilege to fish for, possess, or land regulated multispecies finfish for the duration of the project or longer. This provision applies to limited access multispecies permit holders only, because the intent of providing this bonus is to encourage the reduction of effort in the multispecies fishery to the maximum extent possible. Applications requesting this consideration must include information, attached to the Project Summary (NOAA Form 88-204), which explains how effort would be reduced during the project period, as compared to recent fishing years. This description may include details, such as the number of days at sea (DAS) directed on regulated multispecies that would be foregone during the permit year(s) in which the harvesting privilege is tendered, to substantiate the associated impact.

The tendering of the privilege to fish for, possess, or land regulated multispecies finfish during the duration of the project, if applicable, will be formally incorporated as a Special Award Condition in approved grants. However, this tendering of the privilege to fish for, possess, or land regulated multispecies finfish during the duration of the project period does not relieve the permit holder from fulfilling other requirements for limited access multispecies permit holders, such as filing monthly reports under the mandatory reporting provisions of the multispecies regulations.

Finally, several questions have been raised relative to the potential impact of tendering the privilege to fish for, possess, or land regulated multispecies for the duration of the project, or longer, upon resource allocation decisions associated with future regulatory requirements of the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Since future FMP regulations are uncertain, this impact is unknown, and the tendering of the privilege to fish for, possess, or land regulated multispecies must be assumed as a risk of the involved vessel owners.

Potential applicants for financial assistance under the FIG solicitation are reminded that the tendering provision is a voluntary one, and not a prerequisite for an application to be considered for funding.