

Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Robert C. Ziobro,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041097B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a research permit (P45Z).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Jorgen E. Skjeveland of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P45Z) has applied in due form for a scientific research permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before May 16, 1997.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250).

Written comments, or requests for a public hearing on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Jorgen E. Skjeveland, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (P45Z), requests a research permit under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

The applicant requests a five year permit to take listed shortnose sturgeon to determine the status of the species in Maryland waters of the Chesapeake Bay with emphasis on the waters around the Aberdeen Proving Grounds (APG). The

sturgeon will be tagged, measured, tissue sampled and released to collect range, migration and genetic information, and to identify dredged material disposal sites that will have minimal environmental impact to sturgeon species.

Those individuals requesting a hearing should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: April 10, 1997

Robert C. Ziobro,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

TIME AND DATE: Friday, April 25, 1997 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 97-12]

Section 36(b)(1) Arms Sale Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Assistance Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/FPD, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 97-12, with attached transmittal, policy justification, and sensitivity of technology pages.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

In reply refer to: I-04140/97.

April 8, 1997.

Honorable Newt Gingrich,
Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 97-12, concerning the Department of the Army's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Israel for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$200 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Rhame,
Lieutenant General, USA, Director.

Attachments

Same ltr to:

House Committee on International Relations

Senate Committee on Appropriations

Senate Committee on Foreign Relations

House Committee on National Security

Senate Committee on Armed Services

House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 97-12

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

(i) *Prospective Purchaser:* Israel.

(ii) *Total Estimated Value:*

Major Defense Equipment* ..	\$175 million.
Other	25 million.
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Total	200 million.

* As defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

(iii) *Description of Articles or Services Offered:* Fifteen UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters, 30 GE turbine engines, four spare GE turbine engines with containers, external rescue hoist provisions, rotor brake system, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support.

(iv) *Military Department:* Army (YPR).

(v) *Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid:* None.

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:* See Annex attached.

(vii) *Date Report Delivered to Congress:* April 8, 1997.

Policy Justification

Israel—UH-60L BLACKHAWK Helicopters

The Government of Israel has requested the purchase of 15 UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopters, 30 GE turbine engines, four spare GE turbine engines with containers, external rescue hoist provisions, rotor brake system, spare and repair parts, tools and support equipment, publications and technical data, personnel training and training equipment, U.S. Government Quality Assurance Team (QAT), contractor engineering and technical support services and other related elements of logistics support. The estimated cost is \$200 million.

This sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Israel, which already has Blackhawk helicopters in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing the additional helicopters.

The sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

The prime contractors participating in the program will be United Technologies, Sikorsky Aircraft, Stratford, Connecticut and General Electric, Lynn, Massachusetts. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

A United States Government Quality Assurance Team will be required in-country for a minimum of one week during the delivery and initial operation of the helicopters. A U.S. contractor field service representative will also be required in-country for approximately six months to support the new helicopters.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this sale.

Annex Item No. vi

(vi) *Sensitivity of Technology:*

1. The UH-60L BLACKHAWK helicopter is Unclassified. The highest level of classified information required to be released for training, operation and maintenance of the BLACKHAWK is Confidential. The highest level which could be revealed through reverse engineering or testing of the end item is Confidential. This information includes Confidential reports and test data, as well as performance and capability data, classified Confidential/Secret.

2. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the specific hardware in this sale, the information could be used to develop countermeasures which might reduce weapon system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

3. A determination has been made that the recipient country can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Advanced Modeling and Simulation for Analyzing Combat Concepts in the 21st Century

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Advanced Modeling and Simulation for Analyzing Combat Concepts in the 21st Century will meet in open session on April 28-29, 1997 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Suite 175, Alexandria, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense.

Persons interested in further information should call Mr. Ted Stump or Mr. Dave Bicksler at (703) 527-5410.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Innovative Support Structure, Phase II

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Innovative Support Structure, Phase II will meet in closed session on May 13, 1997 at Strategic Analysis, Inc., Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will participate in an advisory capacity to the Infrastructure Panel Chairman, Quadrennial Defense Review, and provide appropriate analysis and inputs to the Infrastructure Panel deliberations.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, P.L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. § 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 10, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board Task Force on Deep Attack Weapons Mix Study (DAWMS), Phase II

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Deep Attack Weapons Mix Study (DAWMS), Phase II will meet in closed session on April 24, 1997 at the Pentagon, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will develop an independent assessment of the analytic