

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Showcase Exhibit of U.S. Exports

AGENCY: DOC, International Trade Administration.

DATES: March 18, 1999.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration ("ITA") of the Department of Commerce announces an exhibition of exported U.S. environmental technology products and services. The exhibition will showcase U.S. environmental exports by displaying successfully exported products and services at ITA headquarters in Washington, DC, to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of these exports on the U.S. economy. Companies and trade associations are encouraged to express interest in providing exhibit material. The exhibition will be coordinated through the Office of Environmental Technologies Exports.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Marc Lemmond, Office of Environmental Technologies Exports; U.S. Department of Commerce/ITA; Room 1003; Washington, DC 20230; Telephone (202) 482-3889; fax (202) 482-5665; e-mail: "marc_lemmond@ita.doc.gov"

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background: ITA is showcasing U.S. exports by exhibiting successfully exported products and services at its headquarters in Washington, DC, to highlight the benefits of exporting and the impact of exports on the U.S. economy. The exhibit, which represents a series of industries and a variety of companies, is located in the Office of the Under Secretary for International Trade. The exhibit is rotated approximately every four months.

The next sector to be displayed is the environmental technologies sector. Companies and trade associations in this sector are encouraged to express interest in showcasing their exports of goods and/or services by contacting ITA through the individual listed above. Displayed items may include illustrations, miniaturized or actual models of overseas projects incorporating substantial U.S. environmental products or services, in addition to samples of actual U.S. products that are being successfully exported.

Extensive shelf-, wall- and floor-space are available in this executive-style office.

Selection Process:

Items will be selected for exhibition on the basis of the following factors:

(1) Items must be produced in, or representative of services exported from, the United States and have at least a 51% U.S. content, including materials, equipment and labor (in the case of large development projects, the applicant should identify substantial U.S. products or services into the completed project). To highlight the impact of exports on small businesses, items will also be considered that are produced by U.S. companies that do not directly export but rather whose goods or services are incorporated into another company's for export.

(2) The items must relate to the industry selected by ITA and be suitable for exhibition in a limited space.

(3) The company must not be owned or controlled, indirectly or directly, by a foreign government.

(4) Items chosen should reflect diversity of company size, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.

Other conditions: Displayed items will be considered loans to the Department. Companies will be responsible for shipment of the item to and from the Commerce Department, for obtaining appropriate insurance, and for all related costs.

Time Frame for Applications: Expressions of interest from the environmental technologies sector should be received by April 5, 1999. Expressions of interest should be sent to the ITA official identified above.

A **Federal Register** notice will be published subsequently to announce the next sector to be highlighted.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

Ambassador David L. Aaron,
Under Secretary for International Trade.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021799B]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Robin Baird, Biology Department, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Nova

Scotia, B3H 4J1 Canada, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 926.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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, Northwest Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115, (206/526-6150);

Regional Administrator, Alaska Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 709 West 9th Street, Federal Building, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907/586-72212); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Regional Office, NMFS, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 23, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 56913) that an amendment of permit No. 926, issued June 6, 1994 (59 FR 31217), had been requested by the above-named individual. 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.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) 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 part 222).

The Permit be amended to: (1) expand the geographic research area to include Hawaii waters; (2) include suction-cup TDR/VHF tagging, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of several additional species of marine mammals found in Hawaii waters (*i.e.*, spotted dolphins (*Stenella attenuata*), spinner dolphins (*Stenella longirostris*), rough-toothed dolphins (*Steno bredanensis*), pygmy killer whales (*Feresa attenuata*), melon headed whales (*Peponocephala electra*), Blainville's or dense beaked whales (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), and humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*)); and (3) collect photo-identification and behavioral information on odontocetes in Hawaii waters (*i.e.*, those odontocete species listed above as well as bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and those species which are currently covered in the existing permit that are found in