

limit for completion of the final results to not later than January 15, 2000, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("the Act"). See September 20, 1999, Memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Robert LaRussa on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, B-099 of the Department.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Overseas Trade Missions; Invitation to U.S. Companies

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the following overseas trade missions that they also explain at the following website: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>. For a comprehensive description of the trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the project officer listed below. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daly on March 3, 1997.

The Conference on Southeast Europe: Commercial Opportunity and Partnership: Sofia, Bulgaria, November 1-2, 1999

*For Further Information Contact:* Sam Kozloff at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number 202-482-1599 or FAX 202-482-3159.

Defense Trade Mission 2000, The Hague, Netherlands and Brussels, Belgium, February 1-3, 2000

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** April Stockfleet at the U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202-482-1599 or FAX 202-482-3159.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

**John Klingelhut,**

*Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Nominations for Recovery Science Review Panel To Guide Recovery Planning Process for Pacific Anadromous Salmonid Species

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

**ACTION:** Notice of request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is ready to begin formal recovery planning for Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of Pacific anadromous salmonid species listed as threatened or endangered species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). The scope of this recovery planning effort will encompass listed ESUs in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California. This notice is a solicitation for nominations to a Recovery Science Review Panel to guide the technical and scientific aspects of the recovery planning process and ensure its consistency and scientific credibility.

**DATES:** Nominations must be received on or before December 3, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 ATTN: Salmonid Recovery Panel.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** M. Elizabeth Clarke, Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, (301)713-2363.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS will soon begin formal recovery planning for over 20 ESUs of Pacific anadromous salmonid species listed under the ESA over the past several years. Formal ESA recovery efforts that are already underway for listed Snake River and Sacramento River populations may eventually be integrated into this process. NMFS will establish Technical Recovery Teams for discrete geographic areas, or domains. The Technical Recovery Teams will be responsible for establishing delisting criteria and recovery goals for listed anadromous salmonid species within their domain.

To facilitate this complex recovery planning process and ensure its consistency and scientific credibility, NMFS intends to establish a single Recovery Science Review Panel (the Panel) which will advise the Northwest and Southwest Region's Science Directors.

While the Technical Recovery Teams will work independently, the Panel will provide scientific guidance and review the Teams' processes and products. The Panel will consist of 3-5 highly qualified and independent scientists and will perform the following functions:

1. Review the credentials of candidates nominated for Technical Recovery Teams to determine if they meet established criteria for technical expertise. NMFS will select the teams from the qualified candidates;
2. Review core principles and elements of the recovery planning process being developed by the NMFS;
3. Ensure that well-accepted and consistent ecological and evolutionary principles form the basis for all recovery efforts;
4. Review processes and products of all Technical Recovery Teams for scientific credibility and to ensure consistent application of core principles across ESUs and recovery domains;
5. Oversee peer review for all recovery plans and appropriate substantial intermediate products.

Candidates for this Panel should:

1. Be scientists of international reputation who have a distinguished record of scientific accomplishment in the fields of ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, fisheries biology, or salmon biology.
2. Have held positions of scientific leadership during their career.
3. Have demonstrated fairness and cooperation during their career.
4. Meet National Research Council standards for independence and conflict of interest.

Initial terms shall be 3 years for the Recovery Science Review Panel. Before completion of the final year, and after considering workloads, other commitments, and future needs for recovery planning, members' terms will be reviewed and adjusted (as appropriate) to provide for a staggering of termination dates. We anticipate that fulfilling the responsibilities of the Panel will require approximately a 10-15 percent time commitment (2-3 days per month) from Panel members. Panel members will be compensated for their time and expenses.

Due to the Panel's role in NMFS' development of recovery plans, NMFS considers the Panel to be a "recovery