

profit organizations) with credit available elsewhere: 4.875%.

*For Economic Injury:*

Businesses and Small Agricultural Cooperatives Without Credit Available Elsewhere: 3.061%.

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is 356111. For economic injury the number is 9Y4000 for Virginia; 9Y4100 for West Virginia; and 9Y4200 for Kentucky.

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**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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## **SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

### **[Declaration of Disaster #3558]**

#### **State of West Virginia (Amendment #4)**

In accordance with a notice received from the Department of Homeland Security—Federal Emergency Management Agency, effective December 9, 2003, the above numbered declaration is hereby amended to include Braxton, Lewis, Logan, and Taylor Counties as disaster areas due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding and landslides occurring on November 11, 2003, and continuing through November 30, 2003.

All other counties contiguous to the above named primary counties have been previously declared. All other information remains the same, *i.e.*, the deadline for filing applications for physical damage is January 20, 2004, and for economic injury the deadline is August 23, 2004.

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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **[Public Notice No. 4527]**

#### **Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Request for Nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission**

**SUMMARY:** The Department of State is seeking applications and nominations for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee of the General Advisory Committee to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC). The purpose of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is to provide public input and advice to the United States Section to the IATTC in the formulation of U.S. policy and positions at meetings of the IATTC and its subsidiary bodies. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee shall also function as the National Scientific Advisory Committee (NATSAC) provided for in the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (AIDCP). The United States Section to the IATTC is composed of the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, appointed by the President, and the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries or his or her designated representative. Authority to establish the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee is provided by the Tuna Conventions Act of 1950, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA) of 1997.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted on or before February 17, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be submitted to David Balton, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Oceans and Fisheries, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Room 7831, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818; or by fax to 202-736-7350.

#### **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Hogan, Office of Marine Conservation, Department of State: 202-647-2335.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Scientific Advisory Subcommittee**

The Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 953, Section 4) provides that the Secretary of State, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, shall appoint a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (the Subcommittee) of the General Advisory Committee. The Subcommittee is composed of not fewer than 5 and not more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation

from the public and private sectors, including non-governmental conservation organizations. The Subcommittee advises the Committee and the U.S. Section on matters including: the conservation of ecosystems; the sustainable uses of living marine resources related to the tuna fishery in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean; and the long-term conservation and management of stocks of living marine resources in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean.

In addition, at the request of the Committee, the U.S. Commissioners, or the Secretary of State, the Subcommittee performs such functions and provides such assistance as may be required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the eastern Pacific tuna fishery, including the AIDCP. The functions may include: the review of data from the International Dolphin Conservation Program (IDCP), including data received from the IATTC staff; recommendations on research needs and the coordination and facilitation of such research; recommendations on scientific reviews and assessments required under the IDCP; recommendations with respect to measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties to the AIDCP and each nation's NATSAC (or its equivalent); and consulting with other experts as needed. The Subcommittee is invited to have representatives attend all non-executive meetings of the U.S. Section and the General Advisory Committee and is given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of scientific investigation, scientific reports, and scientific recommendations of the Commission. Representatives of the Subcommittee may attend meetings of the IATTC and the AIDCP as members of the U.S. delegation or otherwise in accordance with the rules of those bodies governing such participation. Participation as a member of the U.S. delegation is subject to such limits as may be placed on the size of the delegation.

#### **National Scientific Advisory Committee**

The Subcommittee also functions as the NATSAC established pursuant to Article XI of the AIDCP. In this regard, the Subcommittee performs the functions of the NATSAC as specified in Annex VI of the AIDCP including, but not limited to: receiving and reviewing relevant data, including data provided to the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) by the IATTC Staff; advising and recommending to the U.S. Government measures and actions that should be undertaken to conserve and