and future workforce. The job skills it will need are dispersed throughout its nine bureaus and include, among others, making visitors welcome to various facilities, such as parks and refuges, processing permits for a wide variety of uses of the public lands, collecting royalties for minerals extracted from the public lands, rounding-up and adopting-out wild horses and burros found in the west, protecting archeological and cultural resources of the public lands, and enforcing criminal laws of the United States. As a result of this broad spectrum of duties and services, the DOI touches the lives of most Americans.

The people who deal with the DOI bring with them a wide variety of backgrounds, cultures, and experiences. A diverse workforce enables the DOI to provide a measure of understanding to its customers by relating to the diverse background of those customers. By including employees of all backgrounds, all DOI employees gain a measure of knowledge, background, experience, and comfort in serving all of the DOI’s customers.

In order to determine if there are barriers in our recruitment and selection processes, DOI must track the demographic groups that apply for its jobs. The most effective and statistically valid method to make these determinations is information directly from applicants. The data collected is not provided to selecting officials and is not used in the merit staffing or the selection processes. The data collected is deemed to have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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All written comments will be available for public inspection in the Main Interior Building, 1849 C Street NW, Washington, DC during normal business hours, excluding legal holidays. For an appointment to inspect comments, please contact Ophelia Anderson by telephone on (202) 219–0805, or by email at Ophelia.Anderson@ios.doi.gov. A valid picture identification is required for entry into the Department of the Interior.

Dated: April 5, 2012.

Sharon Eller,
Director, Office of Civil Rights, Office of the Secretary.

III. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

If you wish to comment, you may submit your comments by one of the following methods:
- You may submit written comments and materials to Jeff Powell, at the above address.
- You may hand-deliver written comments to our Alabama Field Office, at the above address, or fax them to (251) 441–6222.
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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Alabama sturgeon (Scaphirhynchus suttkusi) was listed as
an endangered species under the Act (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) on May 5, 2000 (65 FR 26438). Its historic range encompassed all major rivers in the Mobile Basin, including the Alabama, Tombigbee, and Cahaba River systems, below the fall lines for each river. (Fall lines are changes in elevation (i.e., falls) that block navigation upstream by fish.) Recent collections of Alabama sturgeon have been restricted to the lower Alabama River, from below R.F. Henry Lock and Dam to the confluence of the Tombigbee River, and the lower Cahaba River near its confluence with the Alabama River; however, records are extremely rare. The last capture of an Alabama sturgeon was on April 3, 2007, by biologists at the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources (ADCNR). Critical habitat was designated for the species on June 2, 2009 (74 FR 26488). The Alabama sturgeon is one of the rarest fish in the nation and may be close to extinction.

Restoring an endangered or threatened animal or plant to the point where it is again a secure, self-sustaining member of its ecosystem is a primary goal of our endangered species program. To help guide the recovery effort, we prepare recovery plans for most listed species. Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for conservation of the species, establish criteria for downlisting or delisting, and estimate time and cost for implementing recovery measures.

The Act requires the development of recovery plans for listed species, unless such a plan would not promote the conservation of a particular species. Section 4(f) of the Act requires us to provide a public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment during recovery plan development. We will consider all information we receive during a public comment period prior to approval of each new or revised recovery plan. We and other Federal agencies will take these comments into account in the course of implementing approved recovery plans.

Recovery Plan Components

The objective of this plan is to provide a framework for the recovery of the Alabama sturgeon, so that protection under the Act is no longer necessary. Delisting is not currently foreseeable, due to extreme curtailment of range and extensive modification to the riverine habitats. Therefore, if finalized, this draft recovery plan would establish downlisting criteria for the Alabama sturgeon so that it may be reclassified as threatened.

Downlisting of the Alabama sturgeon from endangered to threatened will be considered when: (1) A population consisting of approximately 500 sexually mature Alabama sturgeon is shown to be surviving and naturally reproducing in the Alabama/Cahaba Rivers; (2) population studies show that the Alabama sturgeon population is naturally recruiting (consisting of multiple age classes) and sustainable over a period of 20 years (2–3 generations), and no longer requires hatchery augmentation; and (3) an agreement is in place that ensures adequate flows are being delivered down the Alabama River to allow for successful development of sturgeon larvae, and that fish are able to move successfully both upstream and downstream at dams on the Alabama River.

Request for Public Comments

We request written comments on the draft recovery plan. We will consider all comments we receive by the date specified in DATES prior to final approval of the plan.

Public Availability of Comments

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

Authority

The authority for this action is section 4(f) of the Endangered Species Act, 16 U.S.C. 1533 (f).

Dated: February 1, 2012.

Mark J. Musaus,
Acting Regional Director, Southeast Region.


Ronald L. Dunton,
Acting State Director.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 337–TA–807]

Certain Digital Photo Frames and Image Display Devices and Components Thereof; Notice of Request for Written Submissions on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding With Respect to Defaulting Respondent Aiptek International Inc.


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission is requesting briefing on remedy, the public interest, and bonding with respect to relief against respondent Aiptek International Inc. (“Aiptek”) of Hsinchu, Taiwan, which was previously found in default in the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Clint Gerdine, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 708–2310. Copies of non-confidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone (202) 205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at http://www.usitc.gov.