

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 11/22/96–01/10/97—Continued

Firm Name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Gulf Valve Company	6511 Winfree, Houston, TX 77087	12/04/96	Check Valves.
Manhattan Lace, Inc	471 Victoria Terrace Ridgefield, NJ 07657.	12/06/96	Venice Lace and Schiffli Embroidery.
Howard Creations, Inc	36–31 33rd Street, Long Island, NY 11106.	12/09/96	Cummerbunds, bow ties and vests.
SYNCO Chemical Corporation	24 Davinci Drive, Bohemia, NY 11716	12/09/96	Synthetic Lubricant.
Submersible Pumps, Inc	1800 South Little, Cushing, OK 74023	12/10/96	Submersible centrifugal pumps.
Unliens Corporation, Inc	10431 72nd Street, North Largo, FL 34647.	12/11/96	Contact lenses.
Talema Electronic, Inc	# 3 Industrial Park Drive, St. James, MO 65559.	12/13/96	Transformers.
Bohning Company, Ltd	7361 North 7 Mile Road, Lake City, MI 49651.	12/23/96	Adhesives, paints and archery supplies and miscellaneous injection molded products.
Sewline Products, Inc	30 South Railroad Street, New London, OH 44851.	12/18/96	Infant/child car seats, pads, cushions and hoods and other custom items.
Innovative Headware, Inc	507 Spitj G Street, Lake Worth, FL 33460	12/26/96	Hats.
Advanced Machining Techniques	164 Martinvale Lane, San Jose, CA 9519	12/26/96	Parts for automotive and medical industries and adp disk drives.
ALPHA Sintered Metals, Inc	Rt. 1, Box 43D, Montmorenci Road, Ridgeway, PA 15853.	12/30/96	Parts for automobiles, lawn and garden equipment and power tools and equipment.
Brum-Do Magnetics Corporation	150 Binfield Street, Elkhorn, NE 68022 ...	12/30/96	Glide/burnished heads used in the quality testing of hard disks refurbished arms and headstacks.
W.R. Western, Inc	7712 Melrose Lane, Oklahoma City, OK 73127.	1/03/97	Tack and livery equipment.
Sher Woven Label Co., Inc	62 West 38th Street, New York, NY 10018.	01/07/97	Woven labels for apparel identification.
Hathaway Shirt Co., Inc	10 Water Street, Waterville, ME 04901 ...	01/08/97	Men's dress and casual shirts.
Atlas Container Corporation	8140 Telegraph Road, Odenton, MD 21113.	01/10/97	Corrugated cardboard packaging materials.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 7023, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

Lewis R. Podolske,
Director, Trade Adjustment Assistance Division.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce, and are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: Marcia Salkeld, National

Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301–869–2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

NIST Docket Number: 95–024.

Abstract: The device allows the utilization of existing chromatography equipment for electrochromatography.

NIST Docket Number: 95–025.

Abstract: The invention describes a process to purify nucleic acids and viruses using the application of an electrical field to a porous media. Nucleic acids and viruses can be concentrated from solution and purified from other components in mixtures. The invention also describes methods to separate individual nucleic acid molecules based on their mass and physical form. The variables of the separation include: flow rate, electrical

field strength, electrical field polarity, and the chemical and physical nature of the porous media. These variables can be changed to give selective separations.

NIST Docket Number: 95-031.

Abstract: This acoustic microscope analyzes the properties of a solid using an ultrasonic transducer having a curved piezoelectric element, mounted in a curved insulating material, that generates and receives coherent, short-duration ultrasonic pulses through its coupling fluid. The received echo waveforms are recorded and compared with reference samples or known theory and computer simulations.

Dated: January 16, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,
Director, Program Office.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Salmon Fisheries off the Coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and in the Columbia River Basin

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; scoping meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intention to prepare an environmental impact statement (EIS) on ocean and in-river fisheries that may result in the incidental take of Pacific salmonids either currently listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA).

NMFS will also prepare four environmental assessments (EAs) for the 1997 salmon fisheries.

NMFS will hold scoping meetings to provide for public input into the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts that the EIS should consider. In addition to holding the scoping meetings, NMFS is accepting written comments on the range of actions, alternatives, and impacts it should be considering for this EIS and on the scope of the EAs.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted through February 28, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting times and special accommodations.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be included on a mailing list of persons interested in the EIS should be sent to Joseph R. Blum, Office of Protected Resources, Endangered

Species Division (PR3), National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for meeting locations and special accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph R. Blum (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Since 1989 Sacramento River winter run chinook salmon; since 1991 Snake River sockeye salmon; since 1992 Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon and Snake River fall chinook salmon; and since 1996 Umpqua River cutthroat trout (*Oncorhynchus clarki clarki*) and central California coastal coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*) have been listed as either threatened or endangered under the ESA. The several populations of chinook salmon are all distinct population segments of *Oncorhynchus tshawytscha* and the Snake River sockeye salmon is a distinct population segment of *Oncorhynchus nerka*. Annually the Pacific Fisheries Management Council and the North Pacific Fisheries Management Council have recommended, and NMFS has approved, salmon fisheries for the West Coast and Alaska. As a part of that process, NMFS has prepared biological opinions and issued incidental take statements for these fisheries, in compliance with section 7 of the ESA.

NMFS is proposing to list 2 additional Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of West Coast coho (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), the central Oregon ESU and the Southern Oregon/Northern California ESU and 10 ESUs of West Coast steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). The salmon fisheries EIS will include discussions of impacts of each alternative for each of those ESUs.

The listed salmon and salmon proposed to be listed are born in the tributaries of the Sacramento and Snake Rivers as well as the coastal rivers of central and northern California and southern and central Oregon. They travel down river to the Pacific Ocean before returning 2 to 6 years later to their natal streams to spawn.

During their journey down and up these rivers and through the ocean they travel along thousands of miles of waterways, around or over numerous hydroelectric and agricultural diversion dams, past thousands of acres of private and public lands and across at least two international boundaries and up to five state boundaries and come under a vast array of agencies and legal regimes. The following is a partial list of agencies, bodies and governments that manage Pacific salmon: U.S. Department of Commerce; States of California, Oregon,

Washington, Idaho and Alaska; over thirty Native American tribal jurisdictions; Pacific Fisheries Management Council; North Pacific Fisheries Management Council; and the Pacific Salmon Commission.

In September of 1996 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in *Ramsey v. Kantor* that certain Federal actions in managing or ruling on some Columbia River and Alaskan salmon fisheries constitute major Federal action for purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The Court concluded that under NEPA, NMFS was required to prepare an EA and possibly an EIS.

As a result of this ruling, and because of the complex management regimes governing Pacific salmon fisheries, NMFS has determined that an EIS that covers all the salmon fisheries affecting both the listed and proposed salmonids is the most appropriate means to provide full analysis and consideration of the environmental effects of these fisheries. Since the EIS is not expected to be completed by the time the 1997 fisheries are conducted, NMFS will prepare EAs on the 1997 Columbia River and Alaska salmon fisheries. Because of the timing of the Columbia River fisheries and the urgency to prepare an EA, the Columbia River salmon fisheries will be treated in two EAs, based on season of fishing and listed species affected. The West Coast salmon fisheries are managed under a fishery management plan that was adopted in 1984, in consideration of an EIS. A West Coast salmon fisheries EA will be prepared in 1997 in the normal course of Pacific Fisheries Management Council management.

Given the complex but interwoven nature of West Coast, Alaskan and Columbia River salmon management, NMFS will develop an EIS with each major geographic fishery constituting a part of the EIS. There will be separate West Coast, Alaskan and Columbia River parts in which the full range of appropriate management alternatives will be discussed. In addition to the mandated No Action Alternative (no fishery authorized, no ESA consultation conducted, or no ESA incidental take permit issued) each part will include at least the following alternatives: Selective fisheries using contemporary methods, in which listed species will be avoided; selective fisheries using historic methods and means, such as fish traps or fish wheels; and current line and/or net fisheries. NMFS is seeking suggested additional alternatives from the public through the scoping process and written responses to this notice.