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Peter Hale,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120897A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Revision of Species on Candidate Species List Under the Endangered Species Act

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

ACTION: Notice of modification to list of candidate species.

SUMMARY: NMFS revises its candidate species list in regard to Atlantic salmon (*Salmo salar*).

ADDRESSES: Comments and reliable documentation concerning this revision should be sent to the Chief of Endangered Species, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East-West Highway, F/PR3, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Chu or Terri Jordan at (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In a notice published today, NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) renamed the Seven Rivers Distinct Population Segment (DPS) of Atlantic Salmon the Gulf of Maine DPS in order to allow future inclusion in the DPS those extant populations from the Kennebec River north to, but not including, the St. Croix River. NMFS believes that the populations previously identified in Togus Stream, a tributary to the Kennebec River, and Cove Brook, a tributary to the Penobscot River, and other extant river populations warrant further investigation and may warrant future inclusion in the Gulf of Maine DPS.

NMFS previously identified populations of Atlantic Salmon in the Kennebec River, Penobscot River, Tunk Stream, and St. Croix River as candidate species and included them in the July 14, 1997, candidate notice of review (62 FR 37560). With this notice, NMFS revises its List of Candidate Species to include the Gulf of Maine DPS of Atlantic salmon, which includes some of the populations previously identified as candidate species. In addition, NMFS notes that the proposed rule to list the Seven Rivers DPS as threatened under the ESA (60 FR 50530) was withdrawn in a notice published today.

Dated: December 15, 1997.

Hilda Diaz-Soltero,

Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

TABLE 1.—Revised List of Candidate Species

Common name	Scientific name	Family	Area of concern
Atlantic salmon*.	Salmo salar.	Salmonidae.	Gulf of Maine DPS.

*This is a revision of the listing for "Atlantic Salmon" found in the table at 62 FR 37562, July 14, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120497A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit No. 1016 (P167H)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 1016 submitted by Hubbs-Sea World Research Institute, 2595 Ingraham Street, San Diego, CA 92109, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 28, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 55787) that an amendment of permit no. 1016, issued October 16, 1996 (61 FR 53901) had been requested by the above-name organization. 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.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permittee currently has authorization to harass several species of stranded rehabilitated and permanently captive pinnipeds and small cetaceans in order to measure their interaction with fishing gear and to determine the effect of introducing an auditory stimulus (i.e., pinger) on responses. The research is authorized to be conducted over a five year period. The permit has been amended to authorize: the addition of 2 pinger trials and 2 net trials with 14 of the 18 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently authorized to be involved in motivational state trials; and an increase in the number of California sea lions to be used in the naive trials from 30 to 40.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Soliciting Applications for Membership on Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office is seeking five members for the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs. Member terms would begin on January 1, 1998. A member must be an organization that is representative of the intellectual property community, e.g., a bar group, a business organization or an academic institution. Organizations interested in membership should send a letter expressing that interest and containing the information set out in the

Supplementary information to the Patent and Trademark Office.

DATES: Submit applications on or before January 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Mail letters of request to participate in the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs to The Honorable Bruce A. Lehman, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David E. Bucher, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Trademark Policy and Projects, at (703) 308-9100, ext. 20.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This Committee is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463). Its purpose has been, and continues to be, that of advising the Patent and Trademark Office (Office) on ways to increase the Office's efficiency and effectiveness and to provide a continuing flow of insights and perceptions from the private sector to the Office in the area of international and domestic trademark law.

The Office amended the charter of the Committee in 1996 to make the Committee more diverse and more representative of trademark owners, trademark practitioners and the Intellectual Property community as a whole. Accordingly, the Commissioner will select five representative organizations from among intellectual property organizations, bar groups, business-related organizations and academia. The five organizations whose members' terms will expire on December 31, 1997, are not precluded from responding to this notice. However, no member may serve more than two consecutive terms.

Each organization's letter to the Commissioner should explain the nature, size and characteristics of the organization and why this particular group is deserving of membership on this committee.

Selection of the organizations will be based on the following criteria: (1) members' familiarity with the operations of the Patent and Trademark Office relating to trademarks and trademark rules, trademark practices, and the administration of the trademark operations; (2) members' experience practicing before the Patent and Trademark Office in trademark matters; and (3) an indication of the organization's interest in trademark practices by programs such as established committees designed to improve trademark operations, or legal

education activities regarding trademark practices.

Dated: December 12, 1997.

Bruce A. Lehman,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps*VISTA America Reads Projects—Nationwide

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter "the Corporation") announces the availability of funds for fiscal year 1998 for new AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program grants focusing on the America Reads initiative in all fifty States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. The program grants are authorized under Title I, Part A of the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-113). Project applications will be written to cover a 24-month period although grants will be awarded for a 12-month period with a renewal option. As part of this effort, the Corporation is soliciting applicants which are public or private non-profit organizations, including current AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsors. Approximately 35-40 grants are expected to be awarded in April 1998 with AmeriCorps*VISTA members beginning service prior to the start of the 1998-99 school year.

DATES: Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, January 28, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Application instructions and kits are available from AmeriCorps*VISTA, Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20525, (202) 606-5000, ext. 249, TDD (202) 565-2799, or TTY via the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Applications should be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Mailstop 9207, Washington, DC 20525, Attn: Kathleen Dennis. The Corporation will not accept applications that are submitted via facsimile or e-mail transmission.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact Kathleen Dennis at (202) 606-5000, Ext. 249.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

AmeriCorps*VISTA is authorized under the Domestic Volunteer Service Act of 1973, as amended (Pub. L. 93-113). The statutory mandate of AmeriCorps*VISTA is "to eliminate and alleviate poverty and poverty-related problems in the United States by encouraging and enabling persons from all walks of life, all geographical areas, and all age groups . . . (to) assist in the solution of (such) problems, and . . . to generate the commitment of private sector resources, to encourage volunteer service at the local level, and to strengthen local agencies and organizations to carry out the purpose (of the program)." (42 U.S.C. 4951)

AmeriCorps*VISTA carries out its legislative mandate by assigning individuals 18 years and older, on a full-time, year-long basis, to public and private non-profit organizations whose goals are in accord with AmeriCorps*VISTA's legislative mission. Each AmeriCorps*VISTA project must focus on the mobilization of community resources, the transference of skills to community residents, and the expansion of the capacity of community-based organizations to solve local problems. Programming should encourage permanent, long-term solutions to problems confronting low-income communities rather than short-term approaches for handling emergency needs.

AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsors must actively elicit the support and/or participation of local public and private sector elements in order to enhance the chances of a project's success as well as to make the activities undertaken by AmeriCorps*VISTA members self-sustaining when the Corporation no longer provides resources.

B. Purpose of This Announcement

The goal of the America Reads initiative is to mobilize Americans from all walks of life to ensure that all children can read well and independently by the end of third grade. The America Reads initiative is a comprehensive, nationwide effort to create in-school, after-school, weekend, and summer tutoring programs in reading. Working to support the efforts of teachers and parents, this initiative calls on Americans in all fields—schools, libraries, religious organizations, universities, community