

Deputy Minister of Revenue Canada concerning bacteriological culture media originating in or exported from the United States of America. The Canadian Section assigned Secretariat File No. CDA-96-1904-01 to this request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") established a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on June 6, 1996, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is July 8, 1996);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is July 22, 1996); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel

review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: June 18, 1996.  
James R. Holbein,  
*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*  
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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization Annual Meeting; Public Information and Preparatory Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold a public meeting to review issues expected to come before the 18th Annual Meeting of the Northwest Atlantic Fisheries Organization (NAFO), which will occur September 9-13, 1996, in St. Petersburg, Russia, and to receive comments from members of the interested public. Any member of the public is welcome to attend. To accommodate people unable to attend a hearing or wishing to provide additional comments, NMFS also solicits written comments.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held Monday, July 22, 1996, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The public meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, East Boston, MA (phone 617-569-5159). Written comments should be sent by August 9, 1996, to Will Martin, U.S. Commissioner to NAFO, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 5809, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230, with a copy to Dean Swanson, National Marine Fisheries Service, Room 14141, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dean Swanson at 301-713-2276; Allen E. Peterson, Jr., at 508-548-5123, Ext. 367.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA will host an informal meeting to review the United States accession to NAFO. Officials from NOAA and the U.S. Department of State will discuss steps that have been initiated to join NAFO and preparations for participation in the

18th Annual Meeting of NAFO, which will occur September 9-13, 1996, in St. Petersburg, Russia.

All interested parties are invited to attend this informational meeting and provide comment. For those unable to attend, written comments may be submitted through August 9 (see **ADDRESSES**).

The agenda for the public meeting is as follows:

10:00 Registration (no charge)  
10:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks  
10:30 What is NAFO?  
10:45 U.S. Implementing Legislation  
11:00 Current Status of Appointments  
11:15 Schedule of Events  
11:30 U.S. Activities and Position  
12:30 Break  
1:30 Review of Morning Issues/  
Comments  
2:00 Comments/Discussion of  
possible U.S. Position  
3:40 Actions/Assignments  
4:00 Adjournment

Dated: June 25, 1996.  
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*Program Management Officer, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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#### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 837 (P771#67)

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit modification.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 837 submitted by the National Marine Mammal Laboratory has been granted.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification 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, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21688, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 6, 1996, notice was published in the Federal Register (61 FR 20244) that a modification of permit no. 837, issued