

Services' concerns regarding the species. NMFS will retain Atlantic sturgeon on its list of candidate species in order to continue to monitor the species' status.

The candidate species list serves to notify the public that NMFS has concerns regarding these species/vertebrate populations that may warrant listing it as a threatened or endangered species in the future, and it facilitates voluntary conservation efforts. NMFS believes it is important to highlight candidate species so that Federal and state agencies, Native American tribes, and the private sector are aware of which species could benefit from proactive conservation efforts and to take these species into account in project planning.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

Patricia A. Montanio,
Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081998D]

Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that LGL Limited, environmental research associates, 22 Fisher Street, P.O. Box

280, King City, Ontario, Canada L7B 1A6, has been issued a permit to take bowhead whales (*Balaena mysticetus*), ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*), bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) and beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802 (907/586-7012).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 17, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 38557) that a request for a scientific research permit to take bowhead whales, ringed seals, bearded seals, and beluga whales had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR Part 216), the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the

endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 98-52]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Defense Security Assistance Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of P.L. 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSAA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 98-52, with attached transmittal and policy justification.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEFENSE SECURITY ASSISTANCE AGENCY

WASHINGTON, DC 20301-2800

9 SEP 1998

In reply refer to:

I-71147/98

Honorable Newt Gingrich
Speaker of the House of
Representatives
Washington, D.C. 20515-6501

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to the reporting requirements of Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act, we are forwarding herewith Transmittal No. 98-52, concerning the Department of the Air Force's proposed Letter(s) of Offer and Acceptance (LOA) to Egypt for defense articles and services estimated to cost \$200 million. Soon after this letter is delivered to your office, we plan to notify the news media.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "MS Davison", is positioned above the typed name.

MICHAEL S. DAVISON, JR.
LIEUTENANT GENERAL, USA
DIRECTOR

Attachments

Same ltr to: House Committee on International Relations
Senate Committee on Appropriations
Senate Committee on Foreign Relations
House Committee on National Security
Senate Committee on Armed Services
House Committee on Appropriations

Transmittal No. 98-52

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer
Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1)
of the Arms Export Control Act

- (i) Prospective Purchaser: Egypt
- (ii) Total Estimated Value:
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| Major Defense Equipment* | \$ 0 million |
| Other | \$ 200 million |
| TOTAL | \$ 200 million |
- (iii) Description of Articles or Services Offered:
F-16 Depot Level Maintenance Program including depot level repair capability for landing gear, hydraulics, pneumatics, fuel, electrical; instrument and environmental/oxygen components; construction; training and training equipment; support equipment; publications and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor representatives; spare and repair parts; and other related elements of program support.
- (iv) Military Department: Air Force (QDL, Amendment 2)
- (v) Sales Commission, Fee, etc., Paid, Offered, or Agreed to be Paid: none
- (vi) Sensitivity of Technology Contained in the Defense Article or Defense Services Proposed to be Sold:
none
- (vii) Date Report Delivered to Congress: 9 SEP 1998

* as defined in Section 47(6) of the Arms Export Control Act.

POLICY JUSTIFICATION**Egypt - Depot Level Maintenance Program**

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale for F-16 Depot Level Maintenance Program including depot level repair capability for landing gear, hydraulics, pneumatics, fuel, electrical; instrument and environmental/oxygen components; construction; training and training equipment; support equipment; publications and technical data; U.S. Government and contractor representatives; spare and repair parts; and other related elements of program support. The estimated cost is \$200 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

This proposed sale will provide the Egyptian Air Force an initial F-16 depot level maintenance capability and will allow them to be self-sufficient in performing their own maintenance.

This proposed sale of this program will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

Several individual contractors will be involved with small portions of the program after source selection. There are no offset agreements proposed to be entered into in connection with this potential sale.

The number of U.S. Government personnel and contractor representatives required in-country to support the program for up to five years will be determined as the program proceeds.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education**

AGENCY: Office of the Secretary, Department of Defense Education Activity (DoDEA).

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a forthcoming semiannual public meeting of the Advisory Council on Dependents' Education (ACDE).

DATES: October 8-9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be preceded by visits to DoD overseas schools in Germany, from October 5-7. The formal meeting will be held October 8, at the Wings Hotel in Raunheim, Germany.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Polly Purser, Department of Defense Education Activity, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia, 22203-1635. Ms. Purser can be reached at 703-696-4235, extension 1911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Council on Dependents' Education is established under title XIV, section 1411, of Pub. L. 95-561, Defense Dependents' Education Act of 1978, as amended (20 U.S.C. section 929). The

purpose of the council is to recommend to the Director, Department of Defense Dependents Schools (DoDDS), general policies for the operation of the DoDDS; to provide the Director, DoDDS, with information about effective educational programs and practices that should be considered by DoDDS; and to perform other tasks as may be required by the Secretary of Defense.

Dated: September 15, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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