

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 United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on October 18, 2006, requesting panel review of the Notice of Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review 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 November 17, 2006);

(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 December 4, 2006); 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: October 19, 2006.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 00724218-6267-11]

#### Cancellation of the Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC) and Extension of NABEC Program Period

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) publishes this notice to: (1) Announce that it is canceling the Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Enterprise Center (NABEC)

(formerly Native American Business Development Center (NABDC)) Program as published on September 6, 2006, and (2) Amend the August 29, 2003 **Federal Register** notice solicitation to extend the total project award period for cooperative agreements under the NABEC program from three (3) years to four (4) years. MBDA is taking both actions in order to permit MBDA to solicit input from all stakeholders on any proposed Program changes. This notice also identifies certain NABECs currently funded through December 31, 2006, that will be eligible for an additional year of funding beyond the three (3) years normally allowed between competitions.

**DATES:** The additional year of funding, if approved by the Grants Officer, will commence January 1, 2007 and continue through December 31, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Efrain Gonzalez, Program Manager at (202) 482-1940.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under Executive order 11625, the NABEC Program was established to provide standardized business assistance services to the Native American business public directly, develop a network of strategic partnerships and provide strategic business consulting within the geographic services area. These mission goals generate increased results with respect to financing and contracts awarded to Native American and minority-owned firms and thus, are a key component of the Program.

MBDA is announcing the cancellation of the Solicitation of Applications for the NABEC Program, as published on September 6, 2006 (71 FR 52529), to allow for the solicitation of input from all stakeholders on any proposed Program changes. In addition, MBDA is extending the total project award period from three years to four years for awards under the NABEC Program. MBDA's prior **Federal Register** notice of August 29, 2003 (68 FR 51981), as amended on September 30, 2003 (68 FR 56267), February 11, 2004 (69 FR 6644), and February 19, 2004 (69 FR 7726) is hereby amended to allow for the extension of the total project award period of cooperative agreements under the NABEC Program to four (4) years.

NABECs that will be completing the third year of operation on December 31, 2006 will be eligible for an additional year of funding, on a non-competitive basis. Such additional funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA, using the evaluation criteria and process used to determine the continuation of funding during the original award period (Years 1-3).

In making its determination, MBDA will consider (1) the NABEC's performance rating, (2) the availability of funds, and (3) the agency's priorities. In determining the NABEC's performance rating, MBDA will review the overall project performance as evaluated through the standardized performance reports and assessments required by the NABEC Program. MBDA will consider only those NABEC's that have achieved a performance rating of "Satisfactory," "Good," "Commendable," or "Outstanding."

The following NABECs are affected by this notice and will be eligible for an additional year (January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007) of funding on a non-competitive basis: Arizona Statewide NABEC (The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development), California Statewide NABEC (The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development), Minnesota/Iowa Statewide NABEC (Minnesota Chippewa Tribe), New Mexico Statewide NABEC (The Native American Resource Center, Inc.), North Carolina/Cherokee/Ashville NABEC (Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians), North/South Dakota Statewide NABEC (United Tribes Technical College), Northwest NABEC (The National Center for American Indian Enterprise Development), and Oklahoma Statewide NABEC (The Native American Resource Center, Inc.).

The existing NABECs will continue to concentrate on serving Native American and minority-owned firms located in their originally designated geographic service area. The NABEC Program shall continue to leverage telecommunications technology, including the Internet, and a variety of online computer-based resources to dramatically increase the level of service that the NABEC can provide to Native American and minority-owned firms, including micro-enterprises.

Entrepreneurs eligible for assistance under the NABEC Program are Native Americans, Eskimos, African Americans, Puerto Ricans, Spanish-speaking Americans, Aleuts, Asian Pacific Americans, Asian Indians, and Hasidic Jews.

#### Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this notice.

**Executive Order 12866**

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

**Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)**

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

**Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act**

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis is not required and has not been prepared.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512 and Executive Order 11625.

Dated: October 20, 2006.

**Ronald Marin,**

*Financial Management Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101706D]

**Marine Mammals; File No. 1097-1859**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Coral World (V.I.), Inc., 6450 Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands 00802 [Gertrude J. Prior, Responsible Party] has been issued a permit to import four South American (Patagonian) sea lions (*Otaria flavescens*) for public display.

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)427-2521; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Swails or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 10, 2006 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (71 FR 45778) that a request for a public display permit to import four male sea lions from International Sea Lion Search and Rescue, Koh Samui, Thailand to Coral World Ocean Park had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a determination was made that the permitted activity is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: October 20, 2006.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101806G]

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for renewal and modification of scientific research/enhancement permit and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application to renew and modify a permit from the Eel River Salmon Restoration Project, Miranda, CA (Permit 1075). This permit would affect Southern Oregon/Northern California Coast (SONCC) coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), California Coastal (CC) Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and Northern California (NC) Steelhead

(*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

**DATES:** Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Daylight Savings Time on November 24, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on this renewal and modification request should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment: For Permit 1075 : Steve Liebhardt, Protected Species Division, NOAA Fisheries, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521 (ph: 707-825-5186, fax: 707-825-4840).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Liebhardt by telephone at (707-825B5186), or e-mail: [steve.liebhardt@noaa.gov](mailto:steve.liebhardt@noaa.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NOAA Fisheries regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.