

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review**

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On July 2, 2002, Sun Land Beef Company filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping duty determination made by the Secretaria de Economia, Unidad de Practicas Comerciales Internacionales, Direccion, General Adjunta Tecnica Juridica, Direccion de Procedimientos y Consultas, respecting Bovine Carcasses and Half Carcasses, Fresh or Chilled, Originating in the United States of America. This determination was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion del*, on June 4, 2002. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number MEX-USA-2002-1904-01 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, 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") establishes 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 Mexican Section of the

NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on July 2, 2002, 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 August 1, 2002);

(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 August 16, 2002); 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: July 29, 2002.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 080102C]

Advisory Committee and Species Working Group Technical Advisor Appointments

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

ACTION: Nominations.

SUMMARY: NMFS is soliciting nominations to the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) as established by the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA). NMFS is also soliciting nominations for technical advisors to the Advisory Committee's species working groups.

DATES: Nominations are due by September 16, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Nominations to the Advisory Committee or as technical

advisor to a species working group should be sent to Dr. William T. Hogarth, Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20912. A copy should also be sent to Erika Carlsen, International Fisheries Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, Room 13137, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Erika Carlsen, 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 971b of the ATCA (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) requires that an advisory committee be established that shall be composed of (1) not less than 5 nor more than 20 individuals appointed by the U.S. Commissioners to ICCAT who shall select such individuals from the various groups concerned with the fisheries covered by the ICCAT Convention; and (2) the chairs (or their designees) of the New England, Mid-Atlantic, South Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf Fishery Management Councils. Each member of the Advisory Committee appointed under item (1) shall serve for a term of 2 years and shall be eligible for reappointment. Members of the Advisory Committee may attend all public meetings of the ICCAT Commission, Council, or any Panel and any other meetings to which they are invited by the ICCAT Commission, Council, or any Panel. The Advisory Committee shall be invited to attend all nonexecutive meetings of the U.S. Commissioners to ICCAT and, at such meetings, shall be given the opportunity to examine and be heard on all proposed programs of investigation, reports, recommendations, and regulations of the ICCAT Commission. Members of the Advisory Committee shall receive no compensation for such services. The Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of State may pay the necessary travel expenses of members of the Advisory Committee.

There are currently 20 appointed Advisory Committee members. The terms of these members expire on December 31, 2002. New appointments will be made as soon as possible, but will not take effect until January 1, 2003.

Section 971b-1 of the ACTA specifies that the U.S. Commissioners may establish species working groups for the purpose of providing advice and recommendations to the U.S. Commissioners and to the Advisory Committee on matters relating to the conservation and management of any highly migratory species covered by the ICCAT Convention. Any species

working group shall consist of no more than seven members of the Advisory Committee and no more than four scientific or technical personnel, as considered necessary by the Commissioners. Currently, there are four species working groups advising the Committee and the U.S. Commissioners. Specifically, there is a Bluefin Tuna Working Group, a Swordfish Working Group, a Billfish Working Group, and a BAYS (Bigeye, Albacore, Yellowfin, and Skipjack) Tunas Working Group. Technical Advisors to the species working groups serve at the pleasure of the U.S. Commissioners; therefore, the Commissioners can choose to alter appointments at any time.

Nominations to the Advisory Committee or to a species working group should include a letter of interest and a resume or curriculum vitae. Letters of recommendation are useful but not required. Self-nominations are acceptable. When making a nomination, please clearly specify which appointment (Advisory Committee member or technical advisor to a species working group) is being sought. Requesting consideration for placement on both the Advisory Committee and a species working group is acceptable. Those interested in a species working group technical advisor appointment should indicate which of the four working groups is preferred. Placement on the requested species working group, however, is not guaranteed.

Dated: August 8, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080502C]

ICCAT Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT), in conjunction with the International Fisheries Division of NMFS, announces the schedule of

regional public meetings to be held this fall.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled for September 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of the meetings.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in New Jersey, Massachusetts, South Carolina, and Florida. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific addresses of the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erika Carlsen at 301-713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The regional public meetings are scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, September 3, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Atlantic Cape Community College, 5100 Black Horse Pike, Mays Landing, NJ;

Wednesday, September 4, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Holiday Inn Boston Logan Airport, 225 McClellan Highway, Boston, MA;

Tuesday, September 17, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Town and Country Inn, 2008 Savannah Highway, Charleston, SC;

Wednesday, September 18, 2002, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. - Sheraton Biscayne Bay Hotel, 495 Brickell Avenue, Miami, FL.

The following topics may be presented to the public for discussion at the regional meetings:

- (1) Background on ICCAT
- (2) Information on the Advisory Committee and Commissioners
- (3) Status of Highly Migratory Species Managed by ICCAT
- (4) Topics for the 2002 ICCAT Annual Meeting

Representatives from the Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT and NMFS will be in attendance at the regional meetings. There will be an opportunity for public comment on each of these international issues. The length of the meetings may be adjusted based on the progress of the discussions.

Additionally, the annual fall meeting of the Advisory Committee will be held on October 14 - 16, 2002, at the Hilton Hotel Silver Spring, 8727 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, MD. There will be opportunity for public comment on international issues on Monday, October 14. The time for public comment period will be announced in a future notice. Domestic issues will not be discussed. An agenda for the annual fall Advisory Committee meeting will be available at a later date.

Please be reminded that NMFS expects members of the public to conduct themselves appropriately for the duration of the meeting. At the beginning of the public comment

session, an explanation of the ground rules will be provided (e.g., alcohol in the meeting room is prohibited, speakers will be called to give their comments in the order in which they registered to speak, each speaker will have an equal amount of time to speak, and speakers should not interrupt one another). The session will be structured so that all attending members of the public are able to comment, if they so choose, regardless of the degree of controversy of the subject(s). Those not respecting the ground rules will be asked to leave the meeting.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Erika Carlsen at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 8, 2002.

Virginia M. Fay,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080902B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Improved Retention/Improved Utilization (IR/IU) Technical Committee will meet in Seattle, Washington.

DATES: The Committee meeting is scheduled for August 28-29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg. 4, Room 2079, Seattle, Washington 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council Staff: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will meet from 9-5 p.m. The agenda consists of: A review of June 2002 Council motion, NMFS