

On the basis of the factual record before the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), he found that the respondent failed to file an answer to BIS's charging letter within the time required by the Regulations. Indeed, service of the notice of issuance of a charging letter on the respondent was properly effected on July 22, 2003, a response to the charging letter was due no later than August 21, 2003, and the record does not include any such response from Arian. The ALJ therefore held Arian in default.

Under the default procedures set forth in § 766.7(a) of the Regulations, "[f]ailure of the respondent to file an answer within the time provided constitutes a waiver of the respondent's right to appear," and "on BIS's motion and without further notice to the respondent, [the ALJ] shall find the facts to be as alleged in the charging letter." Accordingly, on April 8, 2004, the ALJ issued a Recommended Decision and Order, in which he found that the facts alleged in the charging letter constitute the findings of fact in this matter and, thereby, establish that Arian committed one violation of § 764.2(a) and one violation of § 764.2(e) of the Regulations. The ALJ also recommended a penalty of a ten-year denial of Arian's export privileges.

Pursuant to § 766.22 of the Regulations, the ALJ's Recommended Decision and Order has been referred to me for final action. Based on my review of the entire record, I find that the record supports the ALJ's findings of fact and conclusions of law regarding each of the above-referenced charges. I also find that the penalty recommended by the ALJ is appropriate, given the knowing nature of the violations and the importance of preventing future unauthorized exports to Iran, an embargoed country. I therefore affirm the findings of fact and conclusions of law in the ALJ's Recommended Decision and Order.

It is hereby ordered,

First, that, for a period of 10 years from the date on which this Order takes effect, Arian Transportvermittlung GmbH ("Arian"), Morsestrasse 1, D-50769 Cologne, Germany, and all of its successors or assigns, and, when acting for or on behalf of Arian, its officers, representatives, agents, and employees (individually referred to as "a Denied Person"), may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software, or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity

subject to the Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in an other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefiting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in connection with any other activity subject to the Regulations.

Second, that no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of a Denied Person any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by a Denied Person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby a Denied person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession, or control;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from a Denied person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from a Denied Person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and that is owned, possessed, or controlled by a Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed, or controlled by a Denied Person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, "servicing" means installation, maintenance, repair, modification, or testing.

Third, that after notice and opportunity for comment as provided § 766.23 of the Regulations, any person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to a Denied Person by affiliation, ownership, control, or

position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order.

Fourth, that this Order shall be served on the Denied Persons and on BIS, and shall be published in the **Federal Register**. In addition, the ALJ's Recommended Decision and Order, except for the section with the heading "Recommended Order," shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: May 12, 2004.

Kenneth I. Juster,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051004E]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a joint public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Non-Target Species Committee and Ad Hoc Working Group will meet June 3-4, 2004, in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, June 3 through Friday, June 4, 2004, from 9 a.m. until 4:30 p.m..

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way North East, Building 4, Room 2143, Seattle, WA 98115.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, Council staff; telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The committee will review a discussion paper that summarizes the status of recommendations proposed by the Council, committee, and working group for management of non-target groundfish species in the North Pacific. The committee and working group will jointly address a series of decision points outlined in the discussion paper.

Policy decisions include: terms of reference for the committee; problem statement; approaches for the analysis; timeline for Council action; and identification of fishery management units, component species, and management objectives. Additional policy questions include: the role of target and non-target species in the ecosystem; potential losses and gains from the proposed system; process for monitoring and identifying species of conservation concern to ensure their protection; criteria for determining the extent to which it is practicable to decrease the bycatch of non-target species; acceptability of non-target species falling into an overfished status; criteria for establishing retention limits or time area closures; ensuring sustainability if criteria can not be defined; indicators triggering an action; defining non-target complexes; assessing appropriate bycatch level as a minimum measure; managing the remaining species; revising the overfishing level tier system to eliminate tier 6 for target species; defining the threshold between target and non-target; and defining the role of the groundfish plan teams.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least seven working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 13, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Management Team (HMSMT) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be Tuesday, June 1, 2004, from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. and Wednesday, June 2, 2004, from 9 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Large Conference Room, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, Room D-203, La Jolla, CA 92037; telephone: (858) 546-7000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The main purpose of this work session is for the HMSMT to continue work on development of initial recommendations for a limited entry program for the high seas longline fishery and other matters that could be included in an amendment to the fishery management plan (FMP) for Pacific Coast HMS fisheries. Specifically, in line with Council direction from the April 2004 Council meeting, the HMSMT is developing estimates of acceptable thresholds of species specific sea turtle takes under the HMS FMP. This information might be used to develop a regulatory package for restructuring fisheries under the HMS FMP. In addition, information from the Council-managed drift gillnet (DGN) fishery will be added to the fleet profile database developed by the HMSMT; including information on current DGN permit holders and active fishery participants, and landings history for the period 1997 through the present. This additional information might provide a means to consider restructuring the DGN fishery in concert with the high seas longline fishery. The

rationale for expanding the database to include DGN fishery information is that the DGN fishery and high seas longline fishery, if both fisheries were allowed to operate, could require restructuring in order to ensure sea turtle takes are kept at levels that will not result in jeopardy to any Endangered Species Act-listed species. The HMSMT will report to the Council at the September 2004 Council meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 13, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051004J]

Endangered Species; File No. 1462

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Inwater Research Group, Inc., 4160 NE Hyline Dr., Jensen Beach, FL, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before June 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review