

Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether a Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7021-H, Washington, DC 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 07-00006." A summary of the application follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Glokle, Inc. ("GINC"), P.O. Box 52081, Tulsa, Oklahoma 74152.

Contact: Alan M. Greenfield, President & CEO, Telephone: (918) 629-7432.

Application No.: 07-00006.

Date Deemed Submitted: November 21, 2007.

Members (in addition to applicant): None.

GINC seeks a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets, and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations.

Export Trade:

1. Products.

All Products.

2. Services.

All Services.

3. Technology Rights.

Technology rights, including, but not limited to, patents, trademarks, copyrights, and trade secrets that relate to Products and Services.

4. Export Trade Facilitation Services (as they Relate to the Export of Products, Services and Technology Rights).

Export Trade Facilitation Services, including, but not limited to, professional services and assistance relating to: Government relations; state and federal export programs; foreign trade and business protocol; consulting; market research and analysis; collection of information on trade opportunities; marketing; negotiations; joint ventures; shipping and export management; export licensing; advertising; documentation and services related to compliance with customs requirements; insurance and financing; trade show exhibitions; organizational development; management and labor strategies; transfer of technology; transportation services; and the formation of shippers' associations.

Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. With respect to the sale of Products and Services, licensing of Technology Rights and provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services, GINC may:

a. Provide and/or arrange for the provisions of Export Trade Facilitation Services;

b. Engage in promotional and marketing activities and collect information on trade opportunities in the Export Markets and distribute such information to clients;

c. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive licensing and/or sales agreements with Suppliers for the export of Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights to Export Markets;

d. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive arrangements with

distributors and/or sales representatives in Export Markets;

e. Allocate export sales or divide Export Markets among Suppliers for the sale and/or licensing of Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights;

f. Allocate export orders among Suppliers;

g. Establish the price of Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights for sales and/or licensing in Export Markets;

h. Negotiate, enter into, and/or manage licensing agreements for the export of Technology Rights; and

i. Enter into contracts for shipping.

2. GINC and its individual Suppliers may regularly exchange information on a one-on-one basis regarding that Supplier's inventories and near-term production schedules so that GINC may determine the availability of Products for export and effectively coordinate with its distributors in Export Markets.

Dated: November 27, 2007.

Jeffrey Anspacher,

Director, Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE02

Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of a Status Review for Shortnose Sturgeon

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

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, announce the initiation of a status review for shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*), and we solicit information on the status of, and factors and threats affecting, the species. The status review is intended to compile and analyze the best available information on the status of and threats to the species and also consider if shortnose sturgeon should be identified and assessed as Distinct Population Segments.

DATES: Written information regarding the status of, and factors and threats affecting, shortnose sturgeon must be received by January 29, 2008.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by "RIN 0648-XE02," by any one of the following methods:

•Electronic submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the

Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>.

• Fax: 978–281–9394, Attention: Dana Hartley.

• Mail: Information on paper, disk or CD-ROM should be addressed to the Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, NMFS Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments. Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dana Hartley, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office (978) 281–9300 ext. 6514; Stephania Bolden, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office (727) 824–5312; or Marta Nammack, NMFS, Office of Protected Resources, (301) 713–1410.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NMFS has Endangered Species Act (ESA) jurisdiction of species listed at 50 CFR 223.102 and 224.101. The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) adds species under NMFS jurisdiction to its official list (List), published at 50 CFR 17.11 (for animals) and 17.12 (for plants). Shortnose sturgeon was listed as an “endangered species threatened with extinction” under the Endangered Species Preservation Act on March 11, 1967. Shortnose sturgeon as a species remained on the endangered species list with the enactment of the ESA. We are conducting a status review to update the biological information on the status of the species. The status review will not only compile and analyze the best available information on the status of and threats to the species, it will also consider if shortnose sturgeon should be identified and assessed as Distinct Population Segments (61 FR 4722; February 1, 1996). Listing or reclassifying distinct vertebrate population segments may allow us to protect and conserve species and the ecosystems upon which they depend before large-scale decline occurs; it may also allow for more timely and less costly protection and recovery on a smaller scale. Any change in the List

would require a separate rulemaking process. The regulations at 50 CFR 424.21 state that we will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing those species under active review. At this time we announce commencement of a status review for shortnose sturgeon, and request information regarding the status of, and factors and threats affecting, the species.

Request for Information

To support this status review, we are soliciting information relevant to the status of, and factors and threats affecting, the species, including, but not limited to, information on the following topics: (1) river-specific historical and current abundance and distribution of the species throughout its range; (2) potential factors affecting the species’ current status and past or ongoing decline throughout its range by river; (3) rates of capture and release of the species from both recreational and commercial fisheries; (4) life history information (size/age at maturity, growth rates, fecundity, reproductive rate/success, preferred prey, etc.); (5) molecular information to assist in determining within-species genetic structure and distinctiveness; (6) factors and threats affecting the species’ status, particularly: (a) present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of habitat or range; (b) over-utilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (c) disease or predation; (d) inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (e) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence; and (7) any ongoing conservation efforts for the species.

If you wish to provide information for this review, see **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** for guidance on and deadlines for submitting information.

If we determine that a change to the way shortnose sturgeon is entered on the List is appropriate, we will consider the critical habitat provisions of the ESA, such as Section 3 (defining critical habitat) and Section 4 (outlining the procedural and substantive considerations regarding critical habitat) and make the necessary determinations required by those provisions. If you would like to provide information regarding the physical or biological features of shortnose sturgeon habitat, the role they play in the conservation of shortnose sturgeon, and whether any natural or human-induced factors may negatively affect those features, we will accept it at this time. Please note, however, that this notice and request for information should not be construed as an indication that we have made any

statutory determinations regarding shortnose sturgeon, including whether to change the List or whether the designation of critical habitat for any newly listed entity is prudent or determinable.

Dated: November 26, 2007.

Helen Golde

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XD60

Taking of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; An On-ice Marine Geophysical and Seismic Programs in the U.S. Beaufort Sea

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of three applications and proposed incidental take authorizations; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received applications from CGGVeritas (Veritas) and Shell Offshore, Inc. (SOI) for Incidental Harassment Authorizations (IHAs) to take marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting an on-ice marine geophysical and seismic programs in the U.S. Beaufort Sea from February to May, 2008. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue two authorizations to Veritas and one authorization to SOI to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of three species of pinnipeds.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than December 31, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the applications should be addressed to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here. The mailbox address for providing email comments is PR1.0648-XD60@noaa.gov. Comments sent via e-mail, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size. A copy of the applications and other supporting