

contracts may be made through me so long as such water has not been contracted to other users. Since it is the purpose of this decision to enable the Central Arizona Water Conservation District to proceed expeditiously to enter into contracts for such water for terms of up to 50 years, the tribes should express their interests to me on a timely basis.

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Office of the Secretary  
ROBERT L. HUFMAN

Statement of Changes in Financial Interests

In accordance with the requirements of section 710(b) (6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 10647 of November 28, 1955, the following changes have taken place in my financial interests during the past six months:

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) No change.

This statement is made as of February 21, 1975.

Dated: February 21, 1975.

R. L. HUFMAN.

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HERBERT H. HUNT, JR.

Statement of Changes in Financial Interests

In accordance with the requirements of section 710(b) (6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 10647 of November 28, 1955, the following changes have taken place in my financial interests during the past six months:

- (1) No Change.
- (2) Solid-Fidelity Mortgage Investors, 100 shares, 12/30/74; Add-Atlas, Syntex—small amount in Investment Club.
- (3) No Change.
- (4) No Change.

This statement is made as of March 26, 1975.

Dated: March 26, 1975.

HERBERT H. HUNT.

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MODESTO IRIARTE, JR.

Statement of Changes in Financial Interests

In accordance with the requirements of section 710(b) (6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 10647 of November 28, 1955, the following changes have taken place in my financial interests during the past six months:

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) No change.

This statement is made as of March 10, 1975.

Dated: March 10, 1975.

MODESTO IRIARTE, JR.

[FR Doc.75-10190 Filed 4-17-75;8:45 am]

JOHN H. KLINE

Statement of Changes in Financial Interests

In accordance with the requirements of section 710(b) (6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 10647 of November 28, 1955, the following changes have taken place in my financial interests during the past six months:

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) No change.

This statement is made as of February 27, 1975.

Dated: February 27, 1975.

JOHN H. KLINE.

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CLIFTON F. ROGERS

Statement of Changes in Financial Interests

In accordance with the requirements of section 710(b) (6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 10647 of November 28, 1955, the following changes have taken place in my financial interests during the past six months:

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) No change.

This statement is made as of March 3, 1975.

Dated: March 3, 1975.

CLIFTON F. ROGERS.

[FR Doc.75-10192 Filed 4-17-75;8:45 am]

STANLEY M. SWANSON

Statement of Changes in Financial Interests

In accordance with the requirements of section 710(b) (6) of the Defense Production Act of 1950, as amended, and Executive Order 10647 of November 28, 1955, the following changes have taken place in my financial interests during the past six months:

- (1) No change.
- (2) No change.
- (3) No change.
- (4) No change.

This statement is made as of March 10, 1975.

Dated: March 10, 1975.

S. M. SWANSON.

[FR Doc.75-10193 Filed 4-17-75;8:45 am]

[ORDER NO. 2973]

MARIANA ISLANDS DISTRICT  
Plebiscite

Whereas, the United States as administering authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has undertaken an obligation under the trusteeship agreement and under Article 76 of the United Nations Charter to give the peoples of the trust territory the right to choose freely their own political future; and

Whereas, the people of the Mariana Islands District repeatedly have requested that the United States negotiate an arrangement whereby the Northern Mariana Islands would become a part of the United States upon termination of the trusteeship agreement between the United States and the United Nations; and

Whereas, a covenant to establish a commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America, has now been negotiated and signed by the duly authorized representatives of the Marianas District and the United States and received the unanimous approval of the Mariana Islands District Legislature on February 20, 1975;

Now, therefore, pursuant to Executive Order No. 11021 of July 1, 1962, and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State it is hereby ordered as follows:

Sec. 1. *Purpose.* The purpose of this order is to establish the authority and the administrative responsibility for the holding of a plebiscite on June 17, 1975, in the Mariana Islands District as an exercise by the people of that district of their right of self-determination.

Sec. 2 *The Plebiscite Commissioner.* A plebiscite commissioner designated by the President of the United States shall be responsible for the planning, the preparations for and the holding of the plebiscite in the Northern Mariana Islands. The Commissioner shall:

(1) Ensure that an impartial Plebiscite Education Program is conducted throughout the Northern Mariana Islands;

(2) Appoint a Plebiscite Voter Registration Board, designate its chairman and establish procedures for the registration of voters;

(3) Establish an official plebiscite register on the basis of the final voter registration list as certified by the Voter Registration Board, to include qualified absentee voters;

(4) Oversee the administrative plans for and supervise the holding of the plebiscite; and

(5) Appoint an Executive Director who shall be responsible to him for the execution and coordination of all activities in support of the plebiscite.

Sec. 3 *Responsibilities of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Administration.* (a) The High Commissioner shall provide the Plebiscite Commissioner administrative support and shall assure the implementation of policies and programs related to the plebiscite

in the manner prescribed by the Plebiscite Commissioner.

(b) The trust territory headquarters and the Mariana Islands District Administrator and staff shall assist the Executive Director in the execution of his duties.

**Sec. 4 Northern Mariana Islands Plebiscite Advisory Committee.** (a) There is hereby established a Northern Mariana Islands Plebiscite Advisory Committee to be appointed by the Plebiscite Commissioner. The Committee shall consist of representatives of the principal sectors of the Northern Mariana Islands community including but not limited to a representative from each of the following:

- (1) Marianas District Legislature.
- (2) Marianas Political Status Commission.
- (3) District Administration.
- (4) Saipan Municipal Council.
- (5) Rota Municipal Council.
- (6) Tinian Municipal Council.
- (7) United Carolinian Association.
- (8) Popular Party.
- (9) Territorial Party.
- (10) Chamber of Commerce.

(b) The Committee shall consult on a continuing basis with the Plebiscite Commissioner for the principal purpose of providing advice for his consideration on all aspects of the plebiscite with particular emphasis on the Plebiscite Education Program.

**Sec. 5. Function of the Plebiscite Education Program.** Under the direction of the Plebiscite Commissioner, the program will be operated impartially and objectively, making available to all voters the relevant facts including alternative choices. The program will provide equitable access to such information through distribution of materials, media usage and other facilities for public information. The program will include objective information on the provisions of the covenant and the choices offered on the ballot.

**Sec. 6. Plebiscite Voter Registration Board.** (a) There is hereby created a Plebiscite Voter Registration Board consisting of eleven members, eight of whom shall be appointed at large by the Plebiscite Commissioner and three of whom shall be appointed by the Plebiscite Commissioner from the Municipal Councils of Saipan, Rota and Tinian to serve on the Board only when it acts as a body or sits en banc on matters involving their respective municipalities.

(b) Voters shall be registered in the voting districts in which they reside. The Plebiscite Commissioner may, however, issue special regulations relating to the central registration of voters and shall establish special procedures for the registration of voting of absentee voters. The voter registration shall be carried out in the voting districts by panels of the Voter Registration Board consisting of not less than two members; they shall be joined ex officio by the Village Commissioner of that district, or in the absence of such Village Commissioner by its Mayor. The ex officio members shall have the right

to vote with the panels. Registration shall begin on a date to be set by the Plebiscite Commissioner and shall terminate on May 16, 1975.

(c) The members of the Board shall have all necessary and appropriate authority to carry out the following functions:

(1) In conjunction with the ex officio members, register all voters qualified to vote in the plebiscite;

(2) Sitting en banc as an appellate review board, hear challenges of decisions granting or denying registration to any person; and

(3) Certify the final voter registration list to the Plebiscite Commissioner.

(d) Decisions of the panels denying registration may be challenged by the voter denied registration. Decisions of the panels granting registration may be challenged by any registered voter. Challenges must be made within three working days after the publication of the decision of the panel. Such challenges shall be heard by the Voter Registration Board sitting en banc. The Board shall decide all challenges as expeditiously as possible. Any challenge which has not been decided by the Board by May 23, 1975 shall be deemed to have been rejected. A party aggrieved by a decision of the Voter Registration Board sitting en banc may file an appeal from that decision with the Special Plebiscite Appellate Court provided for in Sec. 8 of this Order. Such appeals shall be taken within three working days after notification.

**Sec. 7. Voter Qualifications.** (a) A person shall be qualified to vote in the plebiscite if he is:

(1) A Trust Territory citizen domiciled in the Mariana Islands District;

(2) 18 years of age or older on the date of the plebiscite;

(3) At the time of registration not serving a sentence or under parole or probation for any felony for which he has been convicted by any court of the Trust Territory;

(4) At the time of registration not under a judgment of mental incompetency or insanity; and

(5) Registered to vote in accordance with the procedures established by the Plebiscite Commissioner.

(b) For purposes of this Order "Domicile" is defined in the same manner as in section 1005(e) of the Covenant: "that place where a person maintains a residence with the intention of continuing such residence for an unlimited or indefinite period, and to which such person has the intention of returning whenever he is absent, even for an extended period". In determining whether a person is domiciled in the Mariana Islands District, the board shall take into account as of the time of registration all relevant factors including but not limited to the following criteria:

(1) Whether he maintains a permanent residence or permanent place of abode in a place outside of the Mariana Islands District; or

(2) Whether his presence in the Mariana Islands District is solely the result

of his own public or private employment or that of a person on whom he is economically dependent; or

(3) Whether he or the person on whom he is economically dependent receives housing or pay differentials for housing or living allowances as a consequence of his employment in the Mariana Islands District; and

(4) Whether he maintains contacts with another district of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands or with the jurisdiction of the United States or another country such as: supporting a spouse and/or family who reside in such place; maintenance of a boat or driver's license issued by such place; holding a postal address at such place; continuing affiliations with the professional, religious or fraternal life in such place; or the payment of taxes in such place imposed because of residence or physical presence in such place; or

(5) Whether he has expressed his intention not to establish domicile in the Mariana Islands District; or

(6) Whether he is registered or qualified to vote in any other district or jurisdiction of the Trust Territory or the United States or any other country during the past year.

**Sec. 8. Special Plebiscite Appellate Court.** The Chief Justice of the High Court of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands shall appoint one or more justices of that court as a special plebiscite appellate court with exclusive jurisdiction over all appeals from en banc rulings of the Voter Registration Board. Appeals shall be heard before a single judge of the Special Plebiscite Appellate Court. The Special Plebiscite Appellate Court shall render its decisions as expeditiously as feasible and no later than the seventh day preceding the plebiscite. The Special Plebiscite Appellate Court shall certify its decisions to the Voter Registration Board and notify the parties thereof. Rulings of the special court shall be final and not subject to further review by any authority of the Trust Territory or of the United States, judicial or otherwise.

**Sec. 9. Proclamation.** Attached as an appendix to this order, is a proclamation which sets a date for and calls a plebiscite in the Mariana Islands District relevant to the Covenant described herein.

**Sec. 10. Termination.** This order shall continue in effect only until the completion of the plebiscite referred to in section 1 and in any case shall terminate before January 1, 1976.

ROGERS C. B. MORTON,  
Secretary of the Interior.

APRIL 10, 1975.

PROCLAMATION

Whereas, the United States as administering authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands has undertaken an obligation under the trusteeship agreement and under Article 76 of the United Nations Charter to give the peoples of the Trust Territory the right to choose freely their own political future; and

Whereas, by act of May 19, 1972, the Marianas District Legislature established the

Marianas Political Status Commission and prescribed its duties to include negotiations with the United States Government on the future political status of the Mariana Islands District; and

Whereas, on February 15, 1975 the Marianas Political Status Commission and the Personal Representative of the President of the United States signed a covenant which if approved by the people of the Mariana Islands District and the Congress of the United States, would, upon termination of the trusteeship agreement between the United States and the United Nations, establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America; and

Whereas, this signing marked the conclusion of negotiations between the two parties after more than twenty years of efforts by the people of the Northern Mariana Islands through public petition and referendum to achieve political union with the United States; and

Whereas, the covenant was unanimously approved on February 20, 1975 by the Mariana District Legislature; and

Whereas, by Resolution No. 126-1975 the Mariana District Legislature on February 28, 1975 formally requested the United States as Administering Authority of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands to set a date for and call a plebiscite in the Mariana Islands District relative to the Covenant;

Now therefore, I, Rogers C. B. Morton, Secretary of the Interior, by virtue of the powers vested in me under Executive Order 11021 of July 1, 1962 and with the concurrence of the Secretary of State, do hereby call for a plebiscite to be held on Tuesday, June 17, 1975 throughout the Mariana Islands District to provide an opportunity for the people of the Northern Mariana Islands to decide, pursuant to their right of self-determination, whether they wish to become a Commonwealth of the United States in accordance with the terms of the Covenant signed on February 15, 1975.

The plebiscite will be held in a fair and impartial manner under the supervision of a Plebiscite Commissioner appointed by the President of the United States.

The ballot to be presented in the plebiscite shall be as follows:

- Yes—I vote for Commonwealth as set forth in the covenant to establish a Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands in political union with the United States of America.
- No—I vote against Commonwealth in political union with the United States as set forth in the covenant recognizing that, if Commonwealth is rejected, the Northern Mariana Islands will remain as a district of the Trust Territory with the right to participate with the other districts in the determination of an alternative future political status.

In recognition of the historic importance of this act of self-determination, I declare that the day of the plebiscite shall be a public holiday in the Mariana Islands District and the High Commissioner shall give administrative leave to all Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands Government employees in said district.

Observers from the United Nations and the Congress of the United States will be welcome to witness the plebiscite as well as the Plebiscite Education Program, the registration of voters, and other pre-plebiscite activities. Such observers will be provided all necessary assistance.

I have today issued Secretarial Order No. 2973 which defines the authority and pro-

cedures for holding the plebiscite for the Mariana Islands District in accordance with the responsibility of the United States as Administering Authority under the Trusteeship Agreement of July 18, 1947 between the United Nations and the United States of America.

ROGERS C. B. MORTON,  
Secretary of the Interior.

April 10, 1975.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration

### ATLANTIC BLUEFIN TUNA AS A THREATENED SPECIES

#### Hearing

Notice is hereby given that an informal public hearing will be held commencing at 10 a.m., local time, on May 16, 1975, at the Gardner Auditorium, State House, Beacon and Bowdoin Streets, Boston, Massachusetts, for the purpose of obtaining comments and views from interested person with respect to (1) the proposed listing of Atlantic bluefin tuna (*Thunnus thynnus thynnus*) as a threatened species under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (the Act), 16 U.S.C. § 1531 et seq., and (2) the proposed protective regulations relating to this species.

Notice of the proposed determination to list Atlantic bluefin tuna as a "threatened" species was published in 40 FR 14767 on April 2, 1975. In connection therewith proposed protective regulations were prepared pursuant to sec. 4(d) of the Act (16 U.S.C. 1533(d)), and notice of proposed rulemaking with respect to such protective regulations was published in 40 FR 14777 on April 2, 1975. A draft Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared on the proposal to list Atlantic bluefin tuna as a "threatened" species.

The hearing will be informal. At the commencement of the hearing the presiding officer will announce the procedures to be followed at the hearing. All interested persons will be afforded the opportunity to present their comments and views at the hearing. The record will remain open until June 2, 1975, for the submission of written comments or views. Written comments or views may be submitted to the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, Washington, D.C. 20235.

In the event interested individuals wish to examine the public record, including the draft Environmental Impact Statement, they may do so between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the office of the Director, National Marine Fisheries Service, 3300 Whitehaven Street NW., Washington, D.C. 20235.

In the notice which appeared in 40 FR 14777 on April 2, 1975, it was stated that comments, views, objections or requests for a public hearing should be submitted no later than May 28, 1975. As a result of

this notice the record will remain open for all comments through June 2, 1975.

Dated: April 16, 1975.

JACK W. GEHRINGER,  
Acting Director, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## Patent and Trademark Office

### PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR TRADEMARK AFFAIRS

#### Open Meeting

In accordance with section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following committee meeting.

The Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs will meet from 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 4, 1975 and from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on June 5, 1975 in the Monroe Room of the Key Bridge Marriott Hotel, 1401 Lee Highway, Arlington, Va. 22207.

The Committee was established in 1970 to advise the Patent and Trademark Office on steps which can be taken in order to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the administration of the Trademark Act and to provide a continuous source of knowledge from the private sector to the government in the field.

The agenda for the meeting is:

- (1) A review of the Trademark Manual of Examining Procedures and a discussion of changes which may be desirable in the procedures and practices set forth therein. (Various sections of the Manual have been assigned Committee members for review before the meeting.)
- (2) A discussion of the revisions of the forms for filing trademark applications and the feasibility of adopting forms for filing amendments to applications.
- (3) Review of general status of the Trademark operation.

The meeting will be open to public observation; approximately 15 seats will be available for the public on a first come first served basis. If time permits, oral comments by the public of 3 minutes on each topic within the above agenda items will be allowed. Any comments or suggestions relating to the agenda items should be submitted in writing before May 21. Further, comments and suggestions will be accepted after the meeting on any of the matters discussed.

Copies of the minutes will be available upon request 60 days after the meeting.

Inquiries may be addressed to the Committee Control Officer, Patricia M. Davis, Office of Trademark Program Control, Room 11017 Crystal Plaza Building 3, Telephone: 703-557-3881.

Dated: April 8, 1975.

C. MARSHALL DANN,  
Commissioner of  
Patents and Trademarks.

Dated: April 11, 1975.

Approved:

BETSY ANCKER-JOHNSON,  
Assistant Secretary for Science  
and Technology.

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