A. PRO POS AL

Deletion of Stenodus leucichthys leucichthys from Appendix II.

B. PRO PONENT

The Swiss Confederation.

## C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

- 1. Taxonomy
  - 11. Class: Pisces
  - 12. Order: Salmoniformes
  - 13. Family: Salmonidae
  - 14. Species: Stenodus leucichthys leucichthys
  - 15. Common Names: English: white salmon French: sténode blanc Spanish: Salmón blanco
  - 16. Code Numbers: 514.020.008.001 (ID Manual)
- 2. Biological Data
  - 21. <u>Distribution</u>: USSR: Northern parts of Caspian Sea, Volga and Kama Rivers. Formerly also in the Ural and Terek Rivers. Main breeding ground is the Ufa River of the Volga drainage system.
  - 22. <u>Population</u>: Rated vulnerable by the Council of Europe, 1980. Total population is indicated as less than 2,000 (adults ?), but it is said that the species is artificially reproduced.

Considered under some degree of threat but not yet distinctly threatened according to Maitland, 1986.

- 23. <u>Habitat:</u> Deteriorating. The natural migration of the salmon, from the Caspian Sea upstream is hampered by the construction of large dams, e.g. near Volgograd. Pollution by sewage of the breeding areas.
- 3. Trade Data
  - 31. National Utilization: Valuable as food.
  - 32. Legal International Trade: Has never been recorded in trade since 1975.
  - 33. Illegal Trade: No evidence.
  - 34. Potential Trade Threats: None

## 4. Protection Status

Protected under national legislation (see below).

CITES history: Listed at Washington, D.C., 1973. The United States of America proposed Appendix I listing. IUCN recommended non-listing unless additional information were provided. USSR then suggested Appendix II listing, saying that the species is strictly protected and artificially reproduced and that the population had increased in several places.

## 5. Information on Similar Species

Subspecies Stenodus leucichthys nelma which is more common.

There is no ID Manual data sheet available.

## 6. Comments from Countries of Origin

Solicited but not received.

8. References

Lelek, A., 1980. Les poissons d'eau douce menacés en Europe. Council of Europe. Collection sauvegarde de la Nature No. 18.

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