

rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1).

DATES: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terre Keaton, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202)482-1280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations refer to 19 CFR part 351 (2001).

Background

On September 15, 1998, the Department published an antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Sweden (63 FR 49329). On September 28, 2001, Fagersta Stainless AB ("Fagersta"), a producer/exporter of the subject merchandise, requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Sweden covering the period of September 1, 2000, through August 31, 2000. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we published the initiation of the review on October 26, 2001 (66 FR 54195). On February 13, 2002, Fagersta, the sole requester of this review, withdrew its request for review.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to our regulations, the Department will rescind an administrative review, "if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review." See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). This section further provides that the Secretary may extend this time limit if the Secretary decides that it is reasonable to do so. See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1). Although the interested party's withdrawal of its request for review was not within the 90-day time limit, there were no objections to the withdrawal from the petitioner, and the Department has no compelling reason to deny the request. (See February 25, 2002, Memorandum to the File.) As a result, we are rescinding this administrative review. The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the Customs Service.

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative

protective order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

March 7, 2002

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-821-816]

Inquiry Into the Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy Country Under the U.S. Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws: Notice of Hearing

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of hearing.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 15, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Becky Erkul or Jim Nunno, Office of Policy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1277 or (202) 482-0783.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is holding a public hearing to solicit views on the issue of the status of the Russian Federation as a non-market economy country under the antidumping and countervailing duty laws. The hearing will be held at 9 a.m. on March 27, 2002, in Room 3407 at the Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Hearing presentations should be limited to no more than ten minutes to allow for possible questions from the Chair and the panel. Additional time for oral presentations may be granted as time and the number of participants permit. Parties wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written notification of their intention, and indicate the amount of time they will

need to make their presentation, no later than 5 p.m., March 22, 2002, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration; Subject: Public Hearings on Inquiry into the Status of the Russian Federation as a Non-Market Economy Country under the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws; Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. The notification should include (1) the name of the person presenting the testimony, their address and telephone number; (2) the organization or company they are representing, if appropriate; and (3) if applicable, any request for an extension of the time limitation on the oral presentation. In addition, please send a copy of this notification via facsimile to Becky Erkul at (202) 482-2308.

Dated: March 11, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 010813205-2043-02]

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NOAA Ocean Exploration Initiative; Correction

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Technical Amendment to the Notice from NOAA's Ocean Exploration Program for FY 2002; Announcement to Solicit Proposals.

SUMMARY: NOAA amends the notice regarding the NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration (OE) proposal solicitation published in the **Federal Register** on September 4, 2001. The amendment will modify the language regarding the number of reviews required for OE's independent peer mail review process. This action is being taken due to the receipt of an insufficient number of responses from pre-selected peer reviewers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Margot Bohan, NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration, Bldg. SSMC3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20901, (301) 713-9444 ext. 155, margot.bohan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration

published a notice on September 4, 2001, describing the Ocean Exploration Program and soliciting proposals in support of its mission (66 FR 46260). The program description, funding guidance, submission procedures, evaluation criteria, selection process, and background are in that notice and are not repeated here. The original notice's independent peer mail review procedure defined a requirement for receipt of 3 mail-in reviews before panel review. This requirement is beyond the agency's control and ability to attain within the time available to commence the 2002 field season. The Office hereby revises the mail-in review requirements (page 46262, column 3, section XII, first sentence) to read as follows: "Proposals will be evaluated by an independent peer mail review, i.e., each proposal will be reviewed, by *at least two* qualified scientific and/or technical peers * * *".

Applications under this solicitation will be subjected to both a mail review and a panel review.

Program authority: 33 U.S.C. 883d; (CFDA No. 11.460)—Special Oceanic and Atmospheric Projects.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031102A]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notification of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the NPFMC will hold a workshop March 25–26, 2002, to discuss effects of fishing on habitat, mitigation tools and fishery descriptions. The NPFMC will hold an essential fish habitat (EFH) committee meeting on March 27, 2002.

DATES: The workshop will be on Monday, March 25, 2002, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26, 2002. The EFH committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 27, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The workshop and committee meeting will be in Seattle,

WA, in Building 9, at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Western Regional Center, 7600 Sand Point Way, N.E.

Questions should be addressed to NMFS, Habitat Conservation Division, ATTN: Cindy Hartmann, 709 West 9th, Suite 801, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cindy Hartmann, NMFS, (907) 586-7585, e-mail: Cindy.Hartmann@noaa.gov; or Cathy Coon, NPFMC, (907) 271-2809, e-mail: Cathy.Coon@noaa.gov. To facilitate security clearance at the NOAA facility the public is requested to contact Cindy by March 22, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The focus of the workshop will be a discussion of the effects of fishing on EFH including the following: (1) A discussion of the criteria on what is a minimal and what is a temporary impact on EFH; (2) Review of the scientific studies on gear impacts pertinent to Alaska fisheries; (3) Discussion of a set of tools for mitigating adverse impacts and to what situations they apply; (4) Description of Alaska fisheries. The discussion of criteria for a minimal and temporary impact, review of scientific studies on gear impacts pertinent to Alaska fisheries and an initial discussion of mitigation tools and to what situations they apply is planned for Monday afternoon. On Tuesday, participants will break into four workgroups to revise fishery descriptions, discuss potential adverse effects of their specific fisheries and discuss mitigation tools and their application to their fisheries.

For further information about the EFH supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS), see the notice of intent to prepare an SEIS published in the Proposed Rules section of the **Federal Register** (66 FR 30396, June 6, 2001). For further information on the preliminary alternative approaches for the designation of EFH and habitat areas of particular concern (HAPC) see 67 FR 1325, January 10, 2002.

On March 27, 2002, the EFH Committee meets to: review fishery descriptions; discuss potential mitigation tools from each subgroup and any other group products; develop committee recommendations for the April NPFMC meeting; and plan for future EFH Committee tasks and meetings.

The NPFMC EFH committee was formally established by the NPFMC's acting executive director in May 2001.

The committee was established in response to the need to prepare an SEIS for the EFH fishery management plan amendments. The function of the committee is to serve as a steering committee in facilitating input to NMFS on the SEIS for EFH submitted by the industry, conservation community, Council, and general public and the involvement of the NPFMC in the SEIS. The Committee will work to provide input as appropriate, and submit periodic updates to the Council on the environmental impact statement for EFH. Further information on the EFH Committee can be found on the NPFMC web site at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/Committees/EFH/efh.htm>.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cindy Hartmann, (907) 586-7235, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 11, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030802A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a research and enhancement permit (1368).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following action regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received an application for a research/enhancement permit from Dr. John Hunter, of the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center of the (SFSC).