

the dredge gear study. All of these takes could result in injury or mortality. Up to 100 loggerheads would be followed by a remotely operated vehicle annually during the behavior study. Up to 10 loggerheads would be captured annually by dip net and have a satellite transmitter or Crittercam attached to their carapace. All animals would be measured, flipper and passive integrated transponder tagged, tissue sampled, cloacal swabbed, nasal swabbed, photographed, weighed, and released. Dead animals could be salvaged for scientific purposes. This is a 5 year permit and research activities would occur in the Atlantic Ocean off the coast of the northeastern United States.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 21, 2009.

**P. Michael Payne,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement; Seismic Surveys in the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas, Alaska

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

**ACTION:** Draft Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (DPEIS); Notice of Withdrawal.

**SUMMARY:** On November 17, 2006, pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), NMFS and the Minerals Management Service (MMS) announced our intent to prepare a DPEIS that would describe and analyze the potential significant environmental impacts related to reasonably foreseeable proposed geophysical exploration using seismic surveys in the waters of the Chukchi and Beaufort seas. A Notice of Availability (NOA) for the DPEIS and a schedule of public hearings was published on April 6, 2007. Since that date, new information has become available that may affect aspects of the

analysis in the DPEIS and potentially the document's scope and range of alternatives. Therefore, NMFS and MMS are withdrawing the 2007 DPEIS and initiating a new NEPA process that will consider and incorporate this new information.

**DATES:** Effective October 28, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For any further information, contact P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or by telephone at (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On April 6, 2007, NMFS and MMS published a NOA for a DPEIS and a schedule of public hearings (72 FR 17117) to assess the impacts of MMS' issuance of permits and authorizations under the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act for the conduct of seismic surveys in the Chukchi and Beaufort seas off Alaska, and NMFS' authorizations under the Marine Mammal Protection Act to incidentally harass marine mammals while conducting those surveys. The proposed scope and effects of the seismic survey activities analyzed in the DPEIS were based on the best available information at the time. Since then, new information (e.g., scientific study results, changes in projections of seismic activity) has become available that may potentially alter the scope, set of alternatives, and analyses in the DPEIS. Also, there has been a renewed interest in exploratory drilling in both the Chukchi and Beaufort Seas. Therefore, NMFS and MMS believe it is appropriate to withdraw the 2007 DPEIS and initiate a new NEPA EIS process that will include this new information. Public comment and participation opportunities will be provided through this new NEPA process. We will be entering into discussions with stakeholders to determine how best to proceed and will publish a Notice of Intent to prepare a new EIS with dates and locations of public meetings on this subject.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of the 2007-2008 Administrative Review

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

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On August 7, 2009, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Japan covering the period July 1, 2007, through June 30, 2008. *See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 39615 (August 7, 2009). The final results for this administrative review are currently due no later than December 7, 2009, the next business day after 120 days from the date of publication of the preliminary results of review.

##### Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the final results of an administrative review within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within that time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the deadline for the final results to a maximum of 180 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published.

The Department requires additional time to complete this review because case and rebuttal briefs will not be received until late November 2009. Thus, it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of this review by 60 days, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The final results