

Background

On December 3, 2024, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the CVD order on melamine from China, covering the period January 1, 2023, through December 31, 2023.¹ Commerce received a timely request for review of the *Order* from Cornerstone Chemical Company (the petitioner), identifying entries from two Chinese exporters and/or producers as subject to the review request: Sichuan Aolaite Chemical Co., Ltd. and Xinji Jiuyuan.²

On January 27, 2025, Commerce published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of an administrative review with respect to these two companies, in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).³ On February 12, 2025, Commerce released a memorandum indicating that there were no reviewable entries of subject merchandise produced and/or exported by either firm listed in the *Initiation Notice* during the POR based on a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) entry data query and notified all interested parties of its intent to rescind the review in full.⁴ Commerce provided parties an opportunity to submit comments on the data query results and intent to rescind.⁵ No party submitted comments to Commerce.

Rescission of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), it is Commerce's practice to rescind an administrative review of an CVD order when there are no entries of subject merchandise during the POR for which liquidation is suspended.⁶ Normally, upon completion of an administrative review, the suspended entries are liquidated at the CVD assessment rate

for the review period.⁷ Therefore, for an administrative review to be conducted, there must be a reviewable, suspended entry that Commerce can instruct CBP to liquidate at the calculated CVD assessment rate for the review period.⁸ As noted above, CBP data showed that there were no entries of subject merchandise from China during the POR for the companies under review, *i.e.*, Sichuan Aolaite Chemical Co., Ltd. and Xinji Jiuyuan. Accordingly, in the absence of reviewable, suspended entries of subject merchandise during the POR, we are rescinding this administrative review, in its entirety, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Cash Deposit Requirements

As Commerce has proceeded to a final rescission of this administrative review, no cash deposit rates will change. Accordingly, the current cash deposit requirements shall remain in effect until further notice.

Assessment Rates

Commerce will instruct CBP to assess countervailing duties on all appropriate entries. Countervailing duties shall be assessed at rates equal to the cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties required to the time of entry, or withdrawal from warehouse, for consumption, in accordance with 18 CFR 351.212(c)(1)(i). Commerce intends to issue assessment instructions to CBP no earlier than 35 days after the date of publication of this rescission notice in the **Federal Register**.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of the APO materials, or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with regulations and terms of an APO is a violation, which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 18, 2025.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XF015]

Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of Incidental Take Permit application and Habitat Conservation Plan; availability of a draft environmental assessment; request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS and United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) received an Incidental Take Permit application for the Pierce County Planning and Public Works (Pierce County or applicant) Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP). The HCP has been submitted pursuant to the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973, as amended. NMFS has also prepared a draft environmental assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) describing the potential effects of NMFS' and USFWS' proposed issuance of the permit associated with the submitted HCP. NMFS is furnishing this notice in order to allow other agencies and the public an opportunity to review and comment on these documents. All comments and other information received will become part of the public record and will be available for review.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received at the appropriate address (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on August 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the submitted HCP and/or the draft EA should be addressed to the NMFS South Coast Washington Branch Supervisor, NOAA Fisheries West Coast Region, 1009 College St. Southeast, Suite 210, Lacey, WA 98503. Comments may also be submitted via email to PierceCountyHCP@noaa.gov with the subject line of the email the following identifier: Comments on Pierce County

¹ See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review and Joint Annual Inquiry Service List*, 89 FR 95737 (December 3, 2024); see also *Melamine from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 80 FR 80751 (December 28, 2015) (*Order*).

² See Petitioner's Letter, "Request for Administrative Review," dated December 31, 2024.

³ See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 90 FR 8187 (January 27, 2025).

⁴ See Memorandum, "Results of U.S. Customs and Border Protection Data Query and Notification of Intent to Rescind," dated February 12, 2025.

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See, e.g., *Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada: Final Results and Final Rescission, in Part, of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 2020, 87 FR 48455 (August 9, 2022); see also *Certain Non-Refillable Steel Cylinders from the People's Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 2020–2021, 87 FR 64008 (October 21, 2022).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

HCP. Please specify whether the comments provided are associated with the HCP or the draft EA. When commenting, please refer to the specific page number and the subject of your comment. The documents are available on the internet at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/pierce-county-and-public-works-flood-risk-reduction-structures-maintenance-and-operations>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irma Lagomarsino, NMFS, telephone (503) 231-6718 or email at Irma.lagomarsino@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Species Covered in the HCP

Species Under NMFS Jurisdiction

Threatened species include Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU) (Puget Sound ESU) and Steelhead (*O. mykiss*) distinct population segment (DPS) (Puget Sound DPS). The unlisted species is Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*) Evolutionary Significant Unit (ESU): (Puget Sound/Strait of Georgia ESU).

Species Under USFWS Jurisdiction

The threatened species is Bull trout (*Salvelinus confluentus*), distinct population segment (DPS) (Coastal Recovery Unit). Unlisted species include Pacific lamprey (*Entosphenus tridentatus*), distinct population segment, River lamprey (*Lampetra ayresii*) distinct population segment, and Western brook lamprey (*L. richardsoni*) distinct population segment.

Hereafter, these seven species are collectively referred to as the “covered species.”

Background

The USFWS and NMFS received incidental take permit (ITP) applications in November 2024 from Pierce County, in accordance with the requirements of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1532 *et seq.*). Pierce County prepared an HCP in support of its applications and are seeking 30-year ITPs for incidental take of seven covered species, three of which fall under NMFS jurisdiction. The ITPs, if issued, would authorize take of the covered species that may occur incidental to the maintenance and operations activities associated with Pierce County owned flood risk reduction structures in and along the Puyallup, White, and Nisqually Rivers in Pierce County, Washington. The HCP addresses potential impacts that will likely result from the taking of covered species and describes the steps the applicant will undertake to avoid, minimize, and mitigate such impacts. The HCP also

describes alternatives considered by the applicant, monitoring protocols, funding assurances, and procedures to account for unforeseen or extraordinary circumstances.

NMFS prepared a draft EA in response to the ITP applications in accordance with the requirements of NEPA (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*). NMFS is the lead agency and USFWS is a cooperating agency for the action. We are making the HCP and EA available for public review and comment.

Authority

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the taking of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue a permit, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA and implementing regulations provide for authorizing incidental take of listed species.

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. Therefore, NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis in the EA, including the range of reasonable alternatives and associated impacts of any alternatives.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 18, 2025.

Jennifer Quan,

*Regional Administrator, West Coast Region,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Agency Information Collection Activities; Submission to the Office of Management and Budget for Review and Approval; Comment Request; Patents External Quality Survey

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) will submit the following information collection request to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, on or after the date of publication of this notice. The USPTO invites comments on the information collection renewal of 0651-0057 (Patents External Quality Survey), which helps the USPTO assess the impact of its information collection requirements and minimize the public's reporting burden. Public comments were previously requested via the **Federal Register** on May 1, 2025 during a 60-day comment period (90 FR 18648). This notice allows for an additional 30 days for public comments.

DATES: To ensure consideration, you must submit comments regarding this information collection on or before August 22, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations for this information collection should be submitted within 30 days of the publication of this notice on the following website, www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Find this particular information collection by selecting “Currently under 30-day Review—Open for Public Comments” or by using the search function and entering either the title of the information collection or the OMB Control Number, 0651-0057. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

- This information collection request may be viewed at www.reginfo.gov/public/do/PRAMain. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce, USPTO information collections currently under review by OMB.

- *Email:* InformationCollection@uspto.gov. Include “0651-0057 information request” in the subject line of the message.