

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action allocates calendar year 2000 duty-exemptions for watch producers located in the Virgin Islands pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465 ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce (the Departments) share responsibility for the allocation of duty exemptions among watch assembly firms in the United States insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 CFR 303(a)), the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for calendar year 2000 is 1,866,000 units for the Virgin Islands (65 FR 8048, February 17, 2000).

The criteria for the calculation of the calendar year 2000 duty-exemption allocations among insular producers are set forth in Section 303.14 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.14).

The Departments have verified and adjusted the data submitted on application form ITA-334P by Virgin Islands producers and inspected their current operations in accordance with Section 303.5 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.5).

In calendar year 1999 the Virgin Islands watch assembly firms shipped 627,703 watches and watch movements into the customs territory of the United States under the Act. The dollar amount of creditable corporate income taxes paid by Virgin Islands producers during calendar year 1999 plus the creditable wages paid by the industry during calendar year 1999 to residents of the territory was \$3,100,676.

There are no producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The calendar year 2000 Virgin Islands annual allocations, based on the data verified by the Departments, are as follows:

Name of firm	Annual allocation
Belair Quartz, Inc	500,000
Hampden Watch Co., Inc	200,000
Progress Watch Co., Inc	300,000
Unitime Industries, Inc	500,000
Tropex, Inc	300,000

The balance of the units allocated to the Virgin Islands is available for new entrants into the program or producers

who request a supplement to their allocation.

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Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 011100D]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; American Fisheries Act Reporting Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of effectiveness of data collection.

SUMMARY: NMFS is announcing that information collection requirements were approved.

DATES: Effective February 16, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kent Lind, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information collection requirements contained in paragraphs 679.5(a)(4)(iv), 679.5(f)(3), 679.5(f)(4), 679.5(i)(1)(iii), 679.5(o), and 679.60(d), which were contained in the emergency interim rule to to implement major provisions of the American Fisheries Act (65 FR 4520, January 28, 2000), were approved by the Office of Management and Budget. These requirements are in effect as of February 16, 2000.

Dated: February 23, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 022200G]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP).

DATES: This meeting will be held on March 15, 2000, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Perdido Beach Resort, 27200 Perdido Beach Boulevard, Orange Beach, AL 36561; telephone: 334-981-9811.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The LEAP will convene to review the Draft Gulf of Mexico Law Enforcement Strategic and Operations Plan, 2000-2005 that has been develop jointly by the LEAP and the Law Enforcement Committee (LEC) of the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission. This document contains a set of goals and objectives that the LEAP/LEC would like to accomplish during this 5-year period. The LEAP will also review the law enforcement data collection, tracking and dissemination procedures by state and federal law enforcement agencies involved with marine fisheries enforcement in the Gulf. The LEAP will also hold a conference-call discussion with law enforcement personnel on the Atlantic coast in pursuit of establishing a National Conservation Crime Information System. Reports on the status of fishery management plans, amendments, and other regulatory actions, as well as state and Federal law enforcement activities will also be received.

The LEAP consists of principal law enforcement officers in each of the Gulf states as well as NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the NOAA General Counsel. A copy of the agenda and related materials can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the LEAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the LEAP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after