

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department shall issue preliminary results in an administrative review of an antidumping duty order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend that 245-day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period.

In light of the complexity of analyzing Stelco's, Dofasco's and Sorevco's cost calculations, and the issues concerning Dofasco's and Sorevco's affiliation, it is not practicable to complete this review by the current deadline of May 2, 2004.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the preliminary results by 120 days, until no later than August 30, 2004. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This notice is issued and published in accordance to sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 21, 2004.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the

activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued that would allow two commercial fishing vessels to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the FMP as follows: The GOM Rolling Closure Areas; the Days-at-Sea (DAS) notification requirements; and the effort-control program (DAS).

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received on or before May 14, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is DA498@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: "Comments on Manomet Rigid-Mesh Panel Gear Study." Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Manomet Rigid-Mesh Panel Gear Study." Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9135.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Hooker, Fishery Management Specialist, phone 978-281-9220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences (Manomet) submitted an application for an EFP on April 2, 2004. Information completing the application was received on April 14, 2004. The proposed project, "Development and Testing of a Novel 'Rigid-Mesh' Bycatch Reduction Device for the Gulf of Maine Groundfish Fisheries," is the second year of the project funded by the Northeast Consortium.

The main purpose of the project is to test a fishing gear net modification that utilizes a panel of rigid mesh inserted between the extension and codend of a conventional otter trawl. The researchers seek to assess the applicability of the rigid mesh panel in

the GOM NE multispecies fishery towards reducing regulatory discard. The proposed panel would be 2 meters (6.5 ft) in length and entirely constructed of elongate meshes 60 mm (2.36 in) by 200 mm (7.87 in) long and would be inserted along the net between the extension and a conventional 16.5-cm (6.5-inch) diamond mesh codend. The panel would extend around the entire circumference of the net. The net would be filmed inside and outside to verify proper construction and document fish behavior. The experimental design for the project calls for towing the experimental net and the conventional net in alternate tows (A-B-B-A pattern). No more than a total of 40 tows would be performed during the fishing trials.

The main species that would be expected to be caught under this EFP are: 45.40 kg (100 lb) of yellowtail flounder; 9 kg (20 lb) of winter flounder; 45.40 kg (100 lb) of summer flounder; 45.40 kg (100 lb) of American plaice; 138 kg (305 lb) of cod; 11 kg (25 lb) of haddock; 490 kg (1,080 lb) of skates; 166 kg (365 lb) of spiny dogfish; and 1,601 kg (3,530 lb) of monkfish. These estimates are based, in part, upon two days of testing which occurred in 2003. There will be no retention of undersized fish onboard the vessels. The project would take place between June 1-July 31, 2004. The study would occur in two areas: Area 1 is off the Maine coast in 30-minute squares 138, 139, 140, 146, and 147; and Area 2 is off of Cape Cod in 30-minute squares 123 and 124. At no time is fishing to occur inside year-round closure areas. Exemption from 10 DAS, 5 per vessel, is requested to conduct the experiment. DAS exemptions are requested as a commercial DAS level of effort would not likely be realized and profit from the sale of fish would be used to offset research costs associated with data analysis, report production, travel, and leasing the vessels.

This EFP would allow for exemptions from the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) as follows: The GOM Rolling Closure Areas specified at 50 CFR 648.81(g)(1)(i)-(v); the Days-at-Sea (DAS) notification requirements specified at § 648.10; and the effort-control program (DAS) as specified at § 648.82(a).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 23, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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

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Marine Mammals; File No. 350-1739

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Brendan Kelly, Ph.D., University of Alaska Southeast, 11120 Glacier Highway, Juneau, Alaska 99801 has been issued a permit to conduct research on ringed seals (*Phoca hispida*) in Alaska.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 17, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 12643) that a request for a scientific research permit to take ringed seals had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The purpose of the permitted research is to study the site fidelity, behavior, and ecological significance of home ranges of ringed seals in Alaska through monitoring, capturing, tagging, using video-mounted cameras, and genetics sampling of seals primarily in the Prudhoe Bay, Alaska region of the Beaufort Sea, and also along the coasts of the Bering, Chukchi, and other areas of the Beaufort Sea in Alaska.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: April 23, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Meeting of the Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee**

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Defense Policy Board Advisory Committee will meet in closed session at the Pentagon on May 19, 2004, from 0930 to 2000 and May 20, 2004 from 0830 to 1500.

The purpose of the meeting is to provide the Secretary of Defense, Deputy Secretary of Defense and Under Secretary of Defense for Policy with independent, informed advice on major matters of defense policy. The Board will hold classified discussions on national security matters.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended [5 U.S.C. App II (1982)], it has been determined that this meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B (c)(1)(1982), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 23, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Office of the Secretary****Defense Science Board**

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Strategic Strike Skills will meet in closed session on May 14, 2004, in Arlington, VA. The Task Force will assess the future strategic strike force skills needs of the Department of Defense (DoD).

The mission of the DSB is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and

technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. Last summer the DSB assessed DoD needs for future strategic strike forces. Assessed was the application of technology for non-nuclear weapons systems, communications, planning systems, and intelligence as well as the integration of strategic strike with active defenses as part of the new triad. This "skills" study will complement the previous strategic forces study by focusing on the people and the skills necessary to develop, maintain, plan, and successfully execute future strategic strike forces. At this meeting, the Task Force will: assess current skills available, both nuclear and non-nuclear of current long-range strike forces; identify, assess and recommend new/modified/enhanced skill sets necessary for successful future strike force development, planning, and operations; and recommend a strategy for the successful evolution of the current skills to those required by future strike forces.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: April 23, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**Defense Contract Audit Agency****Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records**

AGENCY: Defense Contract Audit Agency.

ACTION: Notice to amend and delete records systems.

SUMMARY: The Defense Contract Audit Agency is amending a notice in its inventory of record systems subject to the Privacy Act of 1974 (5 U.S.C. 552a), as amended.

DATES: The actions will be effective on June 1, 2004 unless comments are received that would result in a contrary determination.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Senior Advisor, Defense Contract Audit Agency, Information and Privacy, CM, 8725 John J. Kingman Road, Suite 2135, Fort Belvoir, VA 22060-6219.