

the scope of the order (*see* Notice of Scope Rulings, 57 FR 19602 (May 7, 1992)), (2) a destack sheet feeder designed to be used with a mechanical transfer press is an accessory and, therefore, is not within the scope of the order (*see* Notice of Scope Rulings, 57 FR 32973 (July 24, 1992)), (3) the FMX cold forging press is within the scope of the order (*see* Notice of Scope Rulings, 59 FR 8910 (February 24, 1994)), and (5) certain mechanical transfer press parts exported from Japan are outside the scope of the order (*see* Notice of Scope Rulings, 62 FR 9176 (February 28, 1997)).

This merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") item numbers 8462.99.0035 and 8466.94.5040. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the antidumping duty order on mechanical transfer presses from Japan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on mechanical transfer presses from Japan. The Department will instruct the Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of this order will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than May 2005.

Dated: June 14, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Interactions with Steller Sea Lions

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces two public meetings to review evidence for competitive interactions between Steller sea lions and the Pacific cod fisheries in the Bering Sea/Aleutian Island region and Gulf of Alaska, suggest additional analyses of such interaction, and suggest fishery management alternatives to avoid competition and its potential detrimental impact on the endangered western population of Steller sea lions and its critical habitat.

DATES: The meeting dates are:

1. June 27, 2000, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Alaska local time, Kodiak, Alaska.
2. June 29, 2000, 9:00 a.m. to 5 p.m., Seattle, Washington.

ADDRESSES: The meeting locations are:

1. Kodiak—Kodiak Fisheries Research Center (second building on Near Island), large conference room, 301 Research Court, Kodiak, Alaska.
2. Seattle—Alaska Fisheries Science Center, Building 4, Room 2039, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, Washington.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS' Office of Sustainable Fisheries (OSF), is responsible for management of the groundfish fisheries in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska, including fisheries for Pacific cod. As such, OSF is required by the Endangered Species Act (ESA) to insure that these fisheries do not jeopardize the continued existence of listed species nor destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. Section 7 of the ESA requires that OSF consult with NMFS' Office of Protected Resources (OPR) to evaluate the potential effects of the fisheries. During a previous consultation completed December 23, 1999, OPR identified information indicating a potential for competition between the Pacific cod fisheries and Steller sea lions. Steller sea lions are considered to be food-limited, may use the same Pacific cod resources as are taken by the fisheries, and may be disadvantaged if fishery

removals reduce the availability of cod to foraging sea lions. The information is not conclusive, but indicates that such competition may occur to the detriment of sea lions.

Two meetings will be held to allow the public to review the existing scientific and commercial data pertinent to the issue of competition between Steller sea lions and the Pacific cod fisheries, suggest additional analyses that may shed light on this issue, and suggest possible management measures to avoid competition and adverse modification of critical habitat.

OSF and OPR are currently involved in an additional section 7 consultation under the ESA. This consultation is focused on the overall effects of the groundfish fisheries off Alaska as implemented under the Fishery Management Plan for the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands Groundfish and the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska. The potential effect of the Pacific cod fisheries on the western population of Steller sea lions and its critical habitat is one of many issues that will be addressed in this comprehensive consultation. Input from the public meetings announced here, and any resulting changes to Pacific cod fishery management measures, will be reflected in the portion of the comprehensive consultation dealing with this particular issue.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shane Capron (*see* **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: June 15, 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

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.