

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

[I.D. 061500B]

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:

Shane Capron, 907/586-7312.

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

[I.D. 061500F]

Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Highly Migratory Species Plan Development Team (HMS PDT) will hold a work session which is open to the public.

DATES: The work session will be Monday, July 17, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tuesday, July 18, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, July 19, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Thursday, July 20, 2000, from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The work session will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8604 La Jolla Shores Drive, Room D-203, La Jolla, CA; (619) 546-7100.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Pacific Fishery Management Council; (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the work session is to review draft sections of the fishery management plan (FMP) for highly migratory species (HMS) and related documents and activities for HMS fisheries off the West Coast. Specific topics may include species in the management unit, regulations, bycatch and protected species, essential fish habitat descriptions, data issues, and the plan development schedule.

Management measures that may be adopted in the FMP for HMS fisheries off the West Coast include permit and reporting requirements for commercial and recreational harvest of HMS resources, time and/or area closures to minimize gear conflicts or bycatch, adoption or confirmation of state regulations for HMS fisheries, and allocations of some species to noncommercial use. The FMP is likely to include a framework management process to add future new measures, including the potential for collaborative management efforts with other regional fishery management councils with interest in HMS resources. It would also include essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern, including fishing and nonfishing threats, as well as other components of FMPs required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

The proposed FMP and its associated regulatory analyses would be the Council's fourth FMP for the exclusive economic zone off the West Coast. Development of the FMP is timely, considering the new mandates under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, efforts by the United Nations to promote conservation and management of HMS

resources through domestic and international programs, and the increased scope of activity of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission in HMS fisheries in the eastern Pacific Ocean.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in the HMS PDT meeting agenda may come before the HMS PDT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal HMS PDT action during these meetings. HMS PDT action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the HMS PDT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dr. Don McIsaac at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 16, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.061500C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of application to modify permit (1144).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a request to modify permit (1144) from Mr. Michael J. Bresette.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5:00pm eastern standard time on July 21, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification

requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

For application 1144M2, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 Ph.: 301-713-1401.

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).