Countervailing Duty Proceedings.

BELGIUM: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils.

C–423–809 ................................................................. 1/1/06 - 12/31/06

Ugine & ALZ Belgium2.

Suspension Agreements.

None.

Deferral of Initiation of Administrative Review.

THE PEOPLE’S REPUBLIC OF CHINA: Pure Magnesium.

A–570–832 ................................................................. 5/1/06 - 4/30/07

Tianjin Magnesium International Corp., Ltd..

2Ugine & ALZ Belgium claims to be the successor-in-interest to ALZ N.V.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XB05

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received updated Fishery Management and Evaluation Plans (FMEPs) from the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) pursuant to the protective regulations promulgated for Middle Columbia River (MCR) steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) under the Endangered Species Act. The FMEPs, together with an FMEP submitted previously by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW), specify the future management of inland recreational fisheries potentially affecting MCR steelhead. Notice is also hereby given that a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) for tributary fisheries affecting MCR steelhead in Oregon and Washington has been drafted by NMFS.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).


Susan H. Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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During any administrative review covering all or part of a period falling between the first and second or third and fourth anniversary of the publication of an antidumping duty order under 19 CFR 351.211 or a determination under 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4) to continue an order or suspended investigation (after sunset review), the Secretary, if requested by a domestic interested party within 30 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the review, will determine, consistent with FAG Italia v. United States, 291 F.3d 806 (Fed. Cir. 2002), as appropriate, whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to the review if the subject merchandise is sold in the United States through an importer that is affiliated with such exporter or producer. The request must include the name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.
approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the application and draft EA must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight time on July 30, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the application should be sent to Rich Turner, National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to: steelheadFMEP.nwr@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifying information: Comments on the Middle Columbia steelhead FMEPs. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (503) 872–2737. Requests for copies of the permit application should be directed to the National Marine Fisheries Services, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 N.E. Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at www.nwr.noaa.gov. Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (503) 230–5418.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rich Turner at (503) 736–4737 or e-mail: rich.turner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following species and distinct population segments (DPSs):

Steelhead (Oncorhynchus mykiss): threatened, Middle Columbia River.

Background

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term “take” is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422), as updated in 71 FR 834, January 5, 2006, NMFS may approve an FMEP if it meets criteria set forth in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(4)(i)(A) through (I), thereby limiting the application of take prohibitions to actions described in that FMEP. Prior to final approval of an FMEP, NMFS must publish notification announcing its availability for public review and comment.

The ODFW had previously submitted FMEPs to NMFS for fisheries in the Middle Columbia region, and those FMEPs were made available for public review on May 4, 2001 (66 FR 22532). Due to comments received regarding a proposed consumptive fishery on natural-origin steelhead in the John Day River basin and concerns with the critical and viable abundance thresholds proposed within the ODFW FMEPs, the FMEPs were not approved by NMFS. To address these concerns, the FMEPs were updated and resubmitted to NMFS for approval in 2005. The FMEPs submitted to NMFS by the ODFW include plans addressing recreational fisheries in the Deschutes River basin, the Umatilla River basin, the John Day River basin, and the Walla Walla River basin in Oregon. These FMEPs include fisheries occurring in all Oregon tributaries to the Middle Columbia River from Chetco Creek upstream to and including the Oregon portion of the Walla Walla River. The WDFW submitted an FMEP to NMFS in 2003 that was made available for public comment on July 1, 2003 (68 FR 39066). This FMEP covers steelhead, trout, and warmwater fisheries in Washington tributaries to the Middle Columbia River from the Klickitat River upstream to the Yakima and Walla Walla rivers, excluding the Snake River.

The objective of the fisheries described in the five FMEPs is to harvest known hatchery-origin summer steelhead and other fish species in a manner that does not appreciably reduce the survival and recovery of the listed MCR steelhead DPS. All fisheries included in these FMEPs will be managed such that only hatchery-origin steelhead that are adipose fin clipped may be retained. Impact levels on listed MCR steelhead are specified in all five FMEPs. Population viability analysis and risk assessments in the FMEPs indicate that the extinction risk for listed steelhead would not increase appreciably as a result of the proposed fishery impact levels. A variety of monitoring and evaluation tasks are specified in the FMEPs to assess the abundance of steelhead, determine fishery effort and catch of steelhead, and monitor angler compliance. A review of compliance with the provisions of the FMEPs will be conducted by the state fisheries agencies annually and a comprehensive review to evaluate the effectiveness of the FMEPs will occur at a minimum every 5 years.

As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422) as updated on January 5, 2006 (71 FR 834), NMFS may approve an FMEP if it meets criteria set forth in 50 CFR 223.203(b)(4)(i)(A) through (I). Prior to final approval of an FMEP, NMFS must publish notification announcing its availability for public review and comment.

The draft EA analyzes impacts of NMFS’ approval or disapproval of the four FMEPs re-submitted by ODFW listed above, and the FMEP for the Middle Columbia region submitted to NMFS by the WDFW.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires that Federal agencies conduct and environmental analysis of their actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. Accordingly, NMFS has prepared a draft EA that analyzes the impacts of the approval or disapproval of the six FMEPs, and is making it available for public review and comment. The draft EA analyzes two alternatives: (1) No Action (NMFS does not approve the FMEPs as qualifying for limitation on take prohibitions under the ESA 4(d) rule); and (2) the Proposed Action Alternative (NMFS’s approval of the FMEPs pursuant to Limit 4 of the ESA 4(d) rule).

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. NMFS expects to take action on the five submittals from the ODFW and WDFW. Therefore, NMFS is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis, including the range of reasonable alternatives and associated impacts of any alternatives.

This notice is provided pursuant to the NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6). The final NEPA determination will not be completed until after the end of the 30–day comment period and after NMFS has fully considered all comments received during the public comment period.

Authority

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000, as updated in 71 FR 834, January 5, 2006) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and sets out the criteria for such activities.

The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to activities associated with fishery harvest provided that an FMEP has been approved by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule.

NEPA authorization: 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

ACTION: Notice of two public meetings.

SUMMARY: Two Groundfish Stock Assessment Review (STAR) Panels will hold work sessions which are open to the public. The first STAR Panel will review new assessments for arrowtooth flounder and cowcod. The second STAR Panel will review new assessments for canary rockfish and arrowtooth flounder.

DATES: The arrowtooth flounder and cowcod STAR Panel will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m., Monday, July 16, 2007. The meeting will continue on Tuesday, July 17, 2007 through Friday, July 20, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

The canary rockfish and arrowtooth flounder STAR Panel will be held beginning at 12:30 p.m. on Monday, July 30, 2007. The meeting will continue on Tuesday, July 31, 2007 through Friday, August 3, 2007, beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meetings will end at 5 p.m. each day, or as necessary to complete business.

ADDRESS: The two STAR Panel meetings will be held at the NOAA Western Regional Center (WRC), Building 9 Conference Room, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, Washington, 98115.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE., Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Stacey Miller, Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC); telephone: (206) 437–5670; or Mr. John DeVore, Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the STAR Panel meetings is to review draft stock assessment documents and any other pertinent information, work with the Stock Assessment Teams to make necessary revisions, and produce STAR Panel reports for use by the Council family and other interested persons. No management actions will be decided by these STAR Panels. The STAR Panels’ role will be development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Council at its September meeting in Portland, OR.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the STAR Panel participants for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal STAR Panel action during these meetings. STAR Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the STAR Panel participants’ intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820–2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

All WRC visitors will be required to show a valid picture ID and register with security every morning. A visitor’s badge, which must be worn while at the NOAA Facility, will be issued to non-Federal employees participating in the meeting.


Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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

ACTION: Notice of the SEDAR Steering Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet to discuss the SEDAR assessment schedule, SEDAR process modifications, regional research and monitoring needs, and management evaluation activity scheduling.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet on Wednesday, September 26, 2007, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m.; and Thursday, September 27, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the NMFS, South East Regional Office located at 263 13th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, SEDAR Program Manager, SEDAR/SAFMC, 4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571–4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC–10; fax: (843) 769–4520.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils; in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; implemented the SEDAR process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. The SEDAR Steering Committee meets twice annually to provide oversight of the SEDAR process, establish assessment priorities, and provide coordination between assessment efforts and management activities.

During this meeting the Steering Committee will receive reports on recent SEDAR activities, consider benchmark and update assessment scheduling for 2009–12, receive reports from the Councils regarding research and monitoring priorities, and discuss procedural issues that have arisen since the previous meeting.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.


Angela Somma,
Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.