

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department’s regulations require the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order or suspension agreement for which the administrative review was requested, and the final results of the review within 120 days after the date on which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the Federal Register. However, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department’s regulations allow the Department to extend the 245-day period to 365 days and the 120-day period to 180 days.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h) of the Department’s regulations, the Department is fully extending the time limit for the completion of these preliminary results by an additional 59 days. Since a 59-day extension would result in the deadline for the preliminary results falling on March 30, 2008, which is a Sunday, the new deadline for the final results will be the next business day, March 31, 2008. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This notice is published pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 11, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

DATES: Effective Date: January 18, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephanie Moore or George McMahon at (202) 482–3692 and (202) 482–1167, respectively; AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Background

On June 29, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium with respect to UGINE & ALZ, NV Belgium (U&A Belgium). See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews, Request for Revocation in Part and Deferral of Administrative Review, 72 FR 35690 (June 29, 2007). The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2006 through April 30, 2007. The preliminary results of this review are currently due no later than January 31, 2008.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment Considering the States of Oregon, Idaho, and Washington’s Request for Lethal Removal Authority of California Sea Lions in Accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.
ACTION: Notice; availability of a draft Environmental Assessment and request for written comment.

SUMMARY: The NMFS is giving notice that we have prepared a draft Environmental Assessment (EA) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) that analyzes impacts on the environment from the potential authorization to the States of Oregon, Idaho, and Washington (states) to lethally remove certain California sea lions that are feeding on at-risk salmon and steelhead stocks below Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. This authorization would be pursuant to Section 120 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). The states have requested authorization to lethally remove individually identifiable California sea lions having a significant negative impact on the decline or recovery of several populations of salmon and steelhead listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the draft EA for review and comment before NMFS makes a final decision on whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact.

DATES: Written comments on the draft EA must be received at the appropriate address, email address, or fax number (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the draft EA should be addressed to Garth Griffin, Protected Resources Division, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, suite 1100, Portland, OR, 97232, or faxed to (503) 230–5441. Comments on this draft EA may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is sea.lion.comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: “California Sea Lion Lethal Removal”. The documents are also available on the Internet at http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/MarineMammals/Seals-and-Sea-Lions/Section-120–draft-EA.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Garth Griffin, Portland, OR, at phone number (503) 231–2005 or e-mail: garth.griffin@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following MMPA species: California sea lion (Zalophus californianus) and ESA species: Chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha); endangered upper Columbia spring-run Chinook salmon (O. tshawytscha); threatened Snake River spring/summer-run Steelhead (O. mykiss); threatened Snake River Basin Steelhead (O. mykiss); threatened Middle Columbia River. Steelhead (O. mykiss); threatened lower Columbia River

Background

NEPA requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq. & 40 CFR parts 1500–1508). Although not required for EAs, NMFS is seeking public input on the analysis and will consider all public comments received on the draft EA prior to making a decision to approve or disapprove the states’ application.

In 1994, Congress amended the MMPA, adding Section 120, which establishes a process for authorizing intentional lethal removal of individually identifiable pinnipeds (seals and sea lions) that are having a significant negative impact on salmonids that are either listed or approaching listing under the Endangered Species Act. On December 5, 2006, the states applied to the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) for authority to lethally remove, by intentional means, individually identifiable California sea lions at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River in accordance with the Section 120 process.

The Secretary, acting through the Assistant Administrator for NMFS, determined that the states’ Section 120 application provided sufficient evidence to warrant establishing a pinniped–fishery interaction task force (task force). In a Federal Register notice on January 30, 2007, NMFS announced receipt of the states’ application and solicited public comments on the application and any additional information that should be considered. In an August 9, 2007, Federal Register notice, NMFS announced establishment of the task force and provided information about its first public meeting. Convened in September 2007, the task force reviewed the states’ application, public comments on the application, and other information related to sea lion predation on salmon and steelhead at Bonneville Dam.

The task force considered criteria contained in Section 120(d) and additional questions posed by NMFS in determining whether to recommend approval or disapproval of the states’ application. The task force met three times and provided its final report and recommendations to NMFS on November 5, 2007. The Marine Mammal Commission commented on both the states’ application and the task force’s report.

We have developed a proposed action in response to the states’ application and prepared a draft EA considering the environmental impacts of the proposed action and three alternatives. We developed this proposal and analysis after reviewing and considering all available information in the states’ application, public comments on the application, internal scoping, task force recommendations, comments and information provided by the Marine Mammal Commission, and applicable law. The available document proposes to authorize the states to lethally remove individually identifiable California sea lions below Bonneville Dam under certain conditions. The analysis considers the environmental consequences of the proposed action and alternative actions aimed at reducing California sea lion predation on salmonids listed as threatened and endangered under the ESA below Bonneville Dam. The general effects on the environment considered include the impacts on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environments of the lower Columbia River below Bonneville Dam, particularly between Columbia River miles 140 to 146.

We are requesting public comment on the proposed action and alternatives considered. In particular, we seek comment on:

Our application of the statutory phrase “individually identifiable pinnipeds that are having a significant negative impact” on salmonids.

The likely impact of the proposed action and alternatives on listed salmonids.

The likely impact of the proposed action and alternatives on marine mammals.

The likely impact of the proposed action and alternatives on public safety.

The analysis and public comments will inform NMFS’ decision on actions to reduce pinniped predation below Bonneville Dam, specifically approval or disapproval of the states’ request under Section 120 of the MMPA, and any conditions that may apply in the event the states’ request is approved.

Comments or questions concerning this proposed action and the environmental review should be directed to NMFS at the address or telephone numbers provided above. All comments and materials received, including names and addresses, will
become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public.

Dated: January 14, 2008.

David Cottingham,
Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, February 1, 2008.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, February 22, 2008.
PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.
STATUS: Closed.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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Commodity Futures Trading
Commission

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, February 29, 2008.
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CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before February 19, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Education Desk Officer, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10222, Washington, DC 20503. Commenters are encouraged to submit responses electronically by e-mail to oira_submission@omb.eop.gov or via fax to (202) 395–6974. Commenters should include the following subject line in their response “Comment: [insert OMB number], [insert abbreviated collection name, e.g., “Upward Bound Evaluation”]. Persons submitting comments electronically should not submit paper copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency’s ability to perform its statutory obligations. The IC Clearance Official, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of Management, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of