

Petition on Eastern North Pacific Gray Whales

On October 21, 2010, NMFS received a petition from the California Gray Whale Coalition to designate the Eastern North Pacific population of gray whales as depleted under the MMPA. The petition alleges that the causes of the decline include the following:

- (1) Over-harvesting;
- (2) Collapse of cow/calf numbers;
- (3) Predation by transient orcas;
- (4) Major changes in primary prey and habitat as a result of climate change; and
- (5) Reduction in available prey species resulting in starvation.

In accordance with the MMPA, NMFS announces the receipt of this petition, and its availability for public review (see **ADDRESSES** and Electronic Access). NMFS also solicits comments and information related to the statements in the petition and additional background on the status of the Eastern North Pacific population of gray whales.

Dated: November 4, 2010.

Thomas C. Eagle,

Acting Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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

RIN 0648-XA022

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Herring Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 30, 2010 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; *telephone:* (603) 431-2300; *fax:* (603) 433-5649.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New

England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. Continue development of alternatives for consideration in Amendment 5 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP), with particular focus on catch monitoring alternatives;

2. Discuss and develop elements of proposed portside sampling program (data priorities, sampling design, potential coverage levels, administration) and measures to confirm self-reported catch; develop Committee recommendations;

3. Discuss and further develop options for funding;

4. Address other outstanding issues related to Amendment 5 as time permits.

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.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: November 4, 2010.

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**

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Marine Mammals; File No. 781-1824

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC, Dr. M. Bradley Hanson, Principal Investigator), 2725 Montlake Blvd. East, Seattle, Washington 98112-2097, has applied for an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 781-1824-01.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before December 9, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 781-1824 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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 Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206) 526-6150; fax (206) 526-6426.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713-0376, or by e-mail to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 781-1824 in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 781-1824-01 is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Permit No. 781-1824-00 (issued on March 31, 2006; 74 FR 19875), as amended by Permit No. 781-1824-01

(minor amendment issued on May 26, 2006), authorizes the permit holder to conduct research to determine the abundance, distribution, movement patterns, habitat use, contaminant levels, prey, behavior, energetics, and stock structure of cetacean species in the eastern North Pacific off the coast of Washington, Oregon, and California. These studies are carried out through vessel surveys, photo-identification from large and small vessels, biological sample collection, passive acoustic monitoring, and satellite/radio and data log/time-depth tagging and tracking. The permit authorizes NWFSC to take endangered blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), and Southern Resident killer whales (SRKW, *Orcinus orca*), as well as 15 non-ESA-listed cetacean species. The permit expires on April 14, 2011.

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to increase the number of SRKW suction cup tagged (from 10 to 20 animals annually) and to add satellite tagging of six SRKW with dart tags annually. The primary purpose of this request is to determine winter ranges and increase data on distribution patterns of SRKW for use in critical habitat determinations. The activities are requested for the duration of the permit.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a draft supplemental environmental assessment (SEA) has been prepared to examine whether significant environmental impacts could result from issuance of the proposed scientific research permit. The draft SEA is available for review and comment simultaneous with the scientific research permit application.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 3, 2010.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-918]

Steel Wire Garment Hangers From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results and Preliminary Rescission, in Part, of the First Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") is conducting the first administrative review of the antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period March 25, 2008, through September 30, 2009. The Department has preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value ("NV") by the respondents. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of this review, the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries of subject merchandise during the period of review ("POR"). Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 9, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irene Gorelik or Josh Startup, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6905 or (202) 482-5260, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 6, 2008, the Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on steel wire garment hangers ("hangers") from the PRC. *See Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Steel Wire Garment Hangers from the People's Republic of China*, 73 FR 58111 (October 6, 2008). On October 1, 2009, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of hangers from the PRC for the period March 25, 2008, to September 30, 2009.¹ *See Antidumping or*

Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review, 74 FR 50772 (October 1, 2009). On October 30, 2009, certain PRC exporters requested that the Department conduct an administrative review. On November 2, 2009, Petitioner² also requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of 187 companies. On November 25, 2009, the Department initiated this review of hangers from the PRC with respect to 187 requested companies covering the period of March 25, 2008, through September 30, 2009. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 74 FR 61658 (November 25, 2009) ("*Initiation Notice*").

Between December 28, 2009, and January 21, 2010, we received separate rate certifications or applications from 15 exporters, in addition to those received from the mandatory respondents as discussed in the "Respondent Selection" section below. For a detailed discussion of the separate rate applicants, *see* the "Separate Rates" section below. Additionally, between December 16, 2009, and December 28, 2009, the Department received no-shipment certifications from five companies. For a detailed discussion of the companies that certified they had no shipments during the POR, *see* the "Preliminary Partial Rescission of Administrative Review" section below.

As explained in the memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from February 5, through February 12, 2010. *See Memorandum to the Record regarding "Tolling of Administrative Deadlines As a Result of the Government Closure During the Recent Snowstorm,"* dated February 12, 2010. Thus, all deadlines in this segment of the proceeding have been extended by seven days. On April 30, 2010, the Department also published a notice in the **Federal Register** extending the deadline for issuing the preliminary results by 120 days to November 7, 2010.³ *See First Antidumping Duty*

not subject to antidumping duties. *See, e.g., Notice of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Low Enriched Uranium from France*, 69 FR 3883 (January 27, 2004). However, for the purposes of these preliminary results, we are basing the margin calculation on all reported U.S. sales made during the POR because we are unable to determine whether any of the respondents' reported U.S. sales entered during the gap period.

² M&B Metal Products Co., Inc.

³ Department practice dictates that where a deadline falls on a weekend, the appropriate

¹ The Department generally does not include merchandise that entered the United States during the provisional measures gap period ("gap period"), in this case, September 22, 2008, to October 2, 2008, in our margin calculation because these entries are