

351.210(e)(2)(ii), require that a request by a respondent for postponement of a final determination be accompanied by a request for extension of the provisional measures from a four-month period to not more than six months.

On February 7, 2008, in accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), one of the two mandatory respondents, Maquilacero S.A. de C.V. (Maquilacero), requested that the Department: ¹ (1) Postpone the final determination, and (2) extend the provisional measures period from four months to a period not longer than six months. Accordingly, pursuant to section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant portion of exports of the subject merchandise in this investigation and it requested the extension of the provisional measures; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, we are postponing the final determination until no later than 135 days after the publication of the preliminary determination in the **Federal Register** (i.e., until no later than June 13, 2008). Suspension of liquidation will be extended accordingly.

This notice of postponement is published pursuant to sections 735(a)(2) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(g).

Dated: February 22, 2008.

David M. Spooner,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XF56

Marine Mammals; File No. 605-1904

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Whale Center of New England (Mason Weinrich, Principal Investigator), P.O. Box 159, Gloucester, MA 01930 has

been issued a permit to conduct research on humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), fin (*Balaenoptera physalus*), and sei (*Balaenoptera borealis*) whales.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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)427-2521;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9300; fax (978)281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Hapeman or Jaclyn Daly, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 7, 2007, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 10170) that a request for a scientific research permit to take humpback, fin, and sei whales had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Permit No. 605-1904, issued to The Whale Center of New England, allows for the harassment of humpback, fin, and sei whales along the U.S. Atlantic coast to: 1) continue population monitoring; 2) determine whether humpback whale life history parameters change with their population status; 3) determine the importance of Jeffrey's Ledge as an aggregation area; 4) determine how humpback and fin whales relate to their prey and use the environment; 5) develop an aging technique from biopsy samples; and 6) determine the effect that prey resources have on the distribution, behavior and social organization of whales. The permit authorizes the close approach of 400 humpback, 250 fin, and 100 sei whales for vessel surveys, photo-identification, tracking, and incidental harassment annually. The permit also authorizes the biopsy sampling of 115 humpback, 95 fin, and 25 sei whales annually during such approaches. For

humpback and fin whales, up to 20 samples for each species may be collected annually from young calves at least 3 months old. During approaches, researchers may suction-cup tag 40 humpback, 20 fin, and 25 sei whales greater than six months of age annually. The permit is issued for five years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an environmental assessment was prepared analyzing the effects of the permitted activities. After a Finding of No Significant Impact, the determination was made that it was not necessary to prepare an environmental impact statement.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered species; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 21, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XF86

North Pacific 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 North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 17, 2008, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bldg 4, Room 1055, Seattle, WA 98115.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nicole Kimball, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

¹ Maquilacero stated in its February 7, 2008, letter that its counsel consulted with counsel for Productos Laminados de Monterrey, S.A. de C.V. ("Prolamsa") and Prolamsa USA Inc., who consented to Maquilacero's request for postponement of the final determination.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OAC is meeting to review and provide final recommendations on a regulatory amendment package that will make technical and operational fixes to the North Pacific Groundfish Observer Program.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 25, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10 a.m., Friday, March 7, 2008.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Clearing and Intermediary Oversight Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

David A. Stawick,
Secretary of the Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Energy Information Administration

Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Energy Information Administration (EIA), Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: EIA is soliciting comments on a proposal to conduct a new survey titled "Report of Refinery Outages."

DATES: Comments must be filed by April 28, 2008. If you anticipate difficulty in submitting comments within that period, contact the person listed below as soon as possible.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Ms. Joanne Shore. To ensure receipt of the comments by the due date, submission by e-mail to Joanne.Shore@eia.doe.gov is recommended. Ms. Shore may be contacted by telephone at 202-586-4677 or facsimile at 202-586-9739; however, e-mail is the preferred medium for correspondence. The mailing address is: Petroleum Division (Attn: Comments on Report of Refinery Outages), EI-42, Forrestal Building, U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Ms. Shore using the contact information listed above. An example of the information that may be reported on refinery outages is available on the EIA Web site at http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/survey_forms/eia810-part6-proposed-example.pdf. The example is also available from Ms. Shore at the addresses listed above.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- I. Background
- II. Current Actions
- III. Request for Comments

I. Background

The Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974 (Pub. L. 93-275, 15 U.S.C. 761 *et seq.*) and the DOE Organization Act (Pub. L. 95-91, 42 U.S.C. 7101 *et seq.*) require EIA to carry out a centralized, comprehensive, and unified energy information program. This program collects, evaluates, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information on energy resource reserves, production, demand, technology, and related economic and statistical information. This information is used to assess the adequacy of energy resources to meet near- and long-term domestic demands.

The EIA, as part of its effort to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), provides the general public and other Federal agencies with opportunities to comment on collections of energy information conducted by or in conjunction with EIA. Any comments received help EIA to prepare surveys that maximize the utility of the information collected, and to assess the impact of collection requirements on the public. Also, after considering any comments received, EIA may seek approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under Section 3507(a) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

The purpose of the "Report of Refinery Outages" would be to collect data for each affected refinery unit

regarding the unit type, the outage type (scheduled or unscheduled), the outage timing (beginning and ending dates), unit capacity, and the estimated effects of outages on output. The information would be collected as a new Part 6 on EIA's "Monthly Refinery Report" (Form EIA-810).

EIA would propose to collect both scheduled and unscheduled outage information for the report month, and scheduled outage information for the subsequent 12 months. For example, a company reporting data for February (Form EIA-810 for February is due to EIA by March 20 and statistics based on the reported data are published in April), would include information on both scheduled and unscheduled outages that occurred in February as well as information on outages scheduled for March 2008 through February 2009. Information to be reported would be limited to a minimum outage length, such as any outage lasting 5 days or more. The units for reporting would be: (1) Crude Distillation Unit, (2) Reformer Unit, (3) Fluid Catalytic Cracking Unit, (4) Alkylation Unit, (5) Distillate Hydrocracking Unit, (6) Gas Oil Hydrocracking Unit, (7) Residual Fuel Oil Hydrocracking Unit, (8) Gasoline Hydrotreater Unit, (9) Distillate Fuel Oil Hydrotreater Unit, and (10) Coking Unit.

EIA also proposes to require estimates of the outage impacts on net product output for gasoline, gasoline blending components, jet fuel, kerosene, and other distillates. Product impacts may result from several units being out at the same time. As a result, reporting of impacts might have to be organized by grouping overlapping unit outages into a single Outage Event, with estimated product impacts being recorded for the event in total. Generally, if unit outages did not overlap, each unit outage would be a separate event with its own product impacts. An example of the type of information that might be collected is shown on EIA's Web site at http://www.eia.doe.gov/pub/oil_gas/petroleum/survey_forms/eia810-part6-proposed-example.pdf.

Survey respondents would include all current EIA-810 respondents; i.e., the operators of all operating and idle petroleum refineries located in the 50 States, District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and other U.S. possessions. Response to the survey would be mandatory pursuant to the Federal Energy Administration Act of 1974, Public Law 93-275.

The information collected would be processed and then disseminated in EIA's *Petroleum Supply Monthly*. The information would also be used in