

Producer/Exporter	Weighted-Average Margin (Percentage)
All Others .....	2.34

### Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, we are directing CBP to suspend liquidation of all entries of welded line pipe from Korea, with the exception of those produced and exported by SeAH, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. We will instruct CBP to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the weighted-average dumping margin, as indicated in the chart above, as follows: (1) the rate for the firms listed above (except for SeAH, see below) will be the rate we have determined in this preliminary determination; (2) if the exporter is not a firm identified in this investigation, but the producer is, the rate will be the rate established for the producer of the subject merchandise; (3) the rate for all other producers or exporters will be 2.34 percent. These suspension-of-liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.204(e)(2), because the weighted-average margin for SeAH is *de minimis*, we will not instruct CBP to suspend liquidation of merchandise produced and exported by SeAH.

### ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of the Department's preliminary affirmative determination. If the Department's final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after our final determination whether imports of welded line pipe from Korea are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry. We will disclose the calculations used in our analysis to parties in this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

### Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on the preliminary determination. Interested parties may submit case briefs to the Department no later than seven days after the date of the issuance of the final verification report in this proceeding. See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). Rebuttal briefs, the content of which is limited to the issues raised in the case briefs, must be filed within five days from the deadline date

for the submission of case briefs. See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(1) and (2). A list of authorities used, a table of contents, and an executive summary of issues should accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Executive summaries should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. Further, we request that parties submitting briefs and rebuttal briefs provide the Department with a copy of the public version of such briefs on diskette. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, the Department will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs, provided that such a hearing is requested by an interested party. If a request for a hearing is made in this investigation, the hearing will tentatively be held two days after the rebuttal brief deadline date at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and in a room to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone, the date, time, and location of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled date. Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate in a hearing if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, APO/Dockets Unit, Room 1870, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). At the hearing, oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the case briefs and rebuttal briefs.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(I)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 30, 2008.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Vessel Monitoring System for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 5, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Peter Cooper, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone 301-713-2347).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

According to regulations under 50 CFR 635.69, the installation of a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS)-approved vessel monitoring systems (VMS) is required on: (1) All vessels issued Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) limited access permits (LAP) with pelagic longline gear on board; (2) all commercial vessels issued a directed shark LAP with bottom longline gear on board that are located between 33°00' and 36°30' N latitudes between January 1 and July 31; and (3) all commercial vessels issued a directed shark LAP with gillnet gear on board during the right whale calving season (November 15–March 31), regardless of location. NMFS published the list of approved VMS units for bottom longline or gillnet vessels on April 15, 2004 (69 FR 19979). This list updated the types of available units for pelagic longline vessels.

VMS is required in these fisheries to aid in enforcement and protection of closed areas. The areas were closed to reduce bycatch in HMS fisheries, to aid in rebuilding overfished stocks, and to protect protected species such as North Atlantic right whales. Automatic position reports are required to be submitted on an hourly basis whenever the vessel is at-sea. The placement of VMS units on fishing vessels allows NMFS to determine vessel locations and

complements the Agency's efforts to monitor and enforce compliance with applicable regulations, including time/area closures. Vessel operators who are purchasing and installing a VMS unit for the first time are required to follow an equipment installation checklist and submit it to NMFS. The checklist provides information on the hardware and communications service selected by each vessel. NMFS uses the returned checklists to ensure that position reports are received and to aid NMFS in troubleshooting problems.

## II. Method of Collection

Equipment installation checklists are submitted in paper form. Position reports are automatically sent electronically by the VMS units.

## III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0372.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 297.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 4 hours for installation, 2 hours for annual maintenance of the equipment, and 5 minutes to complete and return a one-time installation checklist.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 604.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$11,002 in start-up costs (\$2,200 for a new unit, \$0.42 for the equipment installation checklist), annualized to \$3,667; \$251,706 in operation and maintenance costs (based on the current 292 vessels plus 5 possible new vessels: VMS maintenance (\$500/year, and automatic position reports (\$1.00/day). Total: \$255,373.

## IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection;

they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 3, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XL10**

### Endangered and Threatened Species; Status Review of Southeast Alaska Population of Pacific Herring; Request for Information

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, NMFS, request information, data, and comments pertinent to a risk assessment as part of a status review of the Southeast Alaska population of Pacific herring (*Clupea pallasii*). On April 11, 2008, we initiated a status review of this herring stock under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). In conducting this status review, we now seek information regarding the stock's population structure and trends, current conditions of its habitat, known and anticipated threats to the viability of the population, and efforts being made to protect the species.

**DATES:** Information, data, and comments must be received by December 8, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Data, information, or comments may be submitted to Kaja Brix, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian.

You may submit information by any of the following methods:

1. Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802;

2. Hand deliver to the Federal Building at 709 West 9th Street, Juneau AK.

3. Fax: (907) 586-7557

4. Email: [seakherring@noaa.gov](mailto:seakherring@noaa.gov).

Please include "SEAKHerring" as an identifier in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Savage, NMFS Alaska Region (907) 586-7312, or Kaja Brix, NMFS Alaska Region, (907) 586-7235.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On April 2, 2007, we received a petition from the Juneau Group of the

Sierra Club, Juneau, Alaska, to list the Lynn Canal stock of Pacific herring as a threatened or endangered species under the ESA and to concurrently designate critical habitat. After a review of the petition, we determined that the petitioned action was warranted and published a 90-day finding (72 FR 51619; September 10, 2007) that formally initiated a status review of the stock and requested information and comment from the public. A Biological Review Team (BRT), composed of Federal scientists with expertise in Pacific herring biology and ecology, was convened to conduct the status review. The BRT reviewed existing research and information, including both published and unpublished literature and data on herring stocks throughout the eastern North Pacific.

Based on information contained in the status review produced by the BRT, we published our finding (73 FR 19824; April 11, 2008) that listing the Lynn Canal Pacific herring as threatened or endangered under the ESA was not warranted because the population does not constitute a species, subspecies, or distinct population segment (DPS) under the ESA. Rather, the status review concluded that the Lynn Canal Pacific herring stock is part of a larger Southeast Alaska DPS, extending to Dixon Entrance in the south, where the Southeast Alaska stock is genetically distinguished from the British Columbia stock; and to Cape Fairweather and Icy Point in the north, where the stock is limited by physical and ecological barriers. The status review further concluded that the DPS to which Lynn Canal Pacific herring belong should be considered a candidate species under the ESA. In the April 11, 2008, notice in the **Federal Register**, we therefore announced the initiation of a status review of the Southeast Alaska Pacific herring DPS. The status review for this stock will include an analysis of risk extinction, an assessment of the factors listed under section 4(a)(1) of the ESA, and an evaluation of conservation efforts for the DPS as a whole.

### Information Solicited

With this notice, we request any information, data, or comments pertinent to the status review of the Southeast Alaska Pacific herring DPS, specifically concerning: (1) existing and historical population abundance; (2) existing and historical habitat location and condition; (3) population structure; (4) known and anticipated threats to Southeast Alaska Pacific herring, including destruction or modification of habitat, overutilization, disease or predation, inadequate regulatory