

Background

On August 26, 2011, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Department) published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain pasta from Italy, covering the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 76 FR 53404 (August 26, 2011). The preliminary results of this administrative review are currently due no later than April 1, 2012.¹

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of a countervailing duty order for which a review is requested and issue the final results within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend these deadlines to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively. *See also* 19 CFR 351.213(h).

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Because the Department will require additional time to review and analyze submitted information from the Government of Italy and the respondent company, Molino e Pastificio Tomasello, S.p.A., and to issue supplemental questionnaires, it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results by 120 days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than July 30, 2012.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 9, 2012.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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¹ Because April 1, 2012 is a Sunday, the preliminary results of this review would be due no later than the next business day. *See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Public Workshop to Seek Comment on Federal Conformity Assessment Guidance

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will hold a free public workshop titled "Conformity Assessment—Approaches and Best Practices" on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 9 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The purpose of the NIST public workshop is (1) to examine current approaches to conformity assessment among Federal agencies and the private sector and (2) to provide a forum for discussion with NIST on conformity assessment practices, challenges and the means by which these challenges are being addressed.

ADDRESSES: NIST, Building 101, Green Auditorium, 100 Bureau Drive in Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

DATES: Wednesday, April 11, 2012; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Please see registration information and deadlines in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon Gillerman, NIST Standards Coordination Office (SCO), Standards Services Division (SSD), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD; Email: Federal_CA@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 12(b) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA—Pub. L. 104-113) requires NIST to coordinate Federal, State, and local standards activities and conformity assessment activities with the private sector, with the goal of eliminating unnecessary duplication and complexity. OMB A119, which provides additional policy guidance on implementation of the NTTAA, directed the Secretary of Commerce to issue guidance to Federal agencies on conformity assessment related issues. In response, NIST published regulations entitled "Guidance on Federal Conformity Assessment Activities" in August 2000 (15 CFR part 287). The regulations outline Federal agencies' responsibility for evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of their conformity assessment activities and are

intended to help Federal agencies improve the management and coordination of their own conformity assessment activities in support of their regulatory, procurement and other mission objectives.

Discussions at the workshop will inform NIST conformity assessment guidance to Federal agencies. The conference will include presentations from key government officials, regulators, and industry and conformity assessment experts. Time will be allotted for participant input and discussions.

Registration Information: U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents wishing to attend the meeting must register by 5 p.m. ET April 3, 2012. Non-U.S. Citizens that do not hold a green card must register by 5 p.m. ET March 27, 2012. There will be no onsite registration. To register, please go to the NIST Conference Services registration link: https://www-s.nist.gov/CRS/conf_disclosure.cfm?&conf_id=5282.

There is no registration fee.

Dated: March 8, 2012.

Kevin Kimball,

Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: NMFS has issued permit 15542 to Normandeau Associates, Incorporated [Responsible Party: Tim Salamunovich], 890 L Street, Arcata, CA 95521; permit 16608 to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) [Responsible Party: Michelle Banonis], 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1727 Sacramento, CA 95825; and permit 16531 to FISHBIO Environmental, LLC [Responsible Party: Andrea Fuller], 599 Hi-Tech Pkwy, Oakdale, CA 95361; for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: Permits and related documents are available for review, upon written request or 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 20910-3226; Phone (301) 713-2289; Fax (301) 427-2521; and Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 5-100, Sacramento, CA 95814; Phone (916) 930-3600; Fax (916) 930-3629.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Witalis at phone number (916) 930-3606, or email: shirley.witalis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to Federally-listed threatened California Central Valley (CCV) steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). Permits 15542, 16608 and 16531 have been issued under the authority of 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).

Permits

Permit 15542 was issued to Normandeau Associates, Incorporated (NAI) on October 24, 2011, authorizing the take of ESA-listed juvenile and adult CCV steelhead during fish monitoring surveys in lower Putah Creek, a tributary to the Sacramento River, Central Valley, California. The surveys are conducted under the auspices of the Lower Putah Creek Coordinating Committee (LPCCC) to evaluate LPCCC flow management actions on the abundance, distribution, condition, and health of fishes in lower Putah Creek. Sample fish will be captured by boat and raft-mounted electrofisher, anesthetized, identified to species, examined for marks and tags, measured and weighed, and released back into lower Putah Creek. Permit 15542 will expire on November 1, 2016.

Permit 16608 was issued to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) on January 26, 2012, authorizing the take of ESA-listed juvenile and adult CCV steelhead during implementation of the San Joaquin River Restoration Program Steelhead Monitoring Plan (SJRRP SMP). USBR, in affiliation with the SJRRP, will monitor for the presence of steelhead within the SJRRP action area, defined as the mainstem San Joaquin River, from Friant Dam to the confluence of the Merced River, in Central Valley, California. CCV steelhead will be captured prior to entering non-restored habitat, by raft-mounted electrofisher, fyke nets and trammel nets; identified to gender; sampled for tissues and scales; assessed for condition and the presence of marks and tags; and receive a coded floy tag. Captured CCV steelhead will then be

transported by truck and released into suitable habitat in the San Joaquin River downstream of the confluence of the Merced River. Permit 16608 will expire on March 31, 2014.

Permit 16531 was issued to FISHBIO Environmental, LLC (FISHBIO) on February 24, 2012, authorizing the take of ESA-listed CCV steelhead in scientific research studies linking salmonid habitat and spatial variability in the Merced River, a tributary to the San Joaquin River, in the Central Valley, California. Research investigations will evaluate: (1) The effects of attraction flow augmentation on adult salmonid migration timing and on salmonid spawning and rearing habitats; and (2) the effects of current flow management on salmonid fry and juvenile abundance, outmigration, and survival in the lower Merced River. Authorized activities include: (1) Passive monitoring (observations and enumeration at a fish counting weir; snorkel surveys; and underwater DIDSON sonar camera monitoring), and (2) active monitoring (capture of CCV steelhead by rotary screw trap, the application of anesthesia, species identification, the taking of length measurements and weights, and release of sampled juvenile and adult steelhead back into the Merced River). Permit 16531 will expire on December 31, 2016.

Dated: March 13, 2012.

Angela Somma,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB092

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Monkfish Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel in April, 2012 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council

for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 3, 2012 at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000; fax: (401) 732-9309.

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 Committee and Advisory Panel are meeting jointly to address the recent listing of Atlantic sturgeon under the Endangered Species Act. NMFS Protected Resources Division staff will brief the meeting participants on several aspects of this listing, including who is most affected and what it means to them. They are also seeking input on what strategies and measures should be considered to reduce the interaction of the monkfish fishery with sturgeon. The Mid-Atlantic Council representative will provide a brief on the results of the meeting of the Council's ad hoc Sturgeon Committee. The Committee will also consider developing recommendations to the Councils on a course of action to address the Biological Opinion, which is scheduled to be released on or shortly after April 6, when the listing becomes effective. Time permitting, the Council staff will update the Committee on the PDTs progress in developing Amendment 6 alternatives, and present results of any analyses that have been completed.

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 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 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, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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