

To value truck freight, we used the rates reported in a September 1991 cable from the U.S. Consulate in Indonesia submitted for the Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China, 58 FR 47859 (Sep. 20, 1993), which was

placed on the record of this review. We adjusted these rates to reflect inflation through the end of the POR using Indonesian WPI published by the IMF.

#### Currency Conversion

We made currency conversions in accordance with section 773A of the Act

based on the rates certified by the Federal Reserve Bank.

#### Preliminary Results of Review

We preliminarily determine that the following dumping margins exist:

Manufacturer/exporter	Time period	Margin (percent)
Hebei Founder Import and Export Corp., also known as: Hebei Animal By-Products Import and Export Corporation.	02/01/98–01/31/99 .....	4.18
Hunan Provincial Native Produce & Animal By-Products I/E Corp .....	02/01/98–01/31/99 .....	0.00

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 10 days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 37 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(b)(2)(ii). Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 35 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments.

The Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b), we calculated importer-specific duty assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to quantity of the sales used to calculate those duties. This rate will be assessed uniformly on all entries of that particular importer for that class or kind of merchandise made during the POR. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit rate will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of paintbrushes from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed firms will be the rates established in the final results of this review (except that no deposit will be required for firms with *de minimis* margins, *i.e.*, margins less than 0.5 percent); (2) for previously-

reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters with separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate established for the most recent period; (3) for all other PRC exporters, the rate will be the PRC-wide rate, which is 351.92 percent; and (4) for all other non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter.

These deposit rates, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

##### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### Extension of Public Comment Period for Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Application for an Incidental Take Permit for the Tacoma Water Department, Green River Watershed, Habitat Conservation Plan, King County, Washington

**AGENCIES:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce; Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of extended public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a 17-day extension of the public comment period for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and application for an Incidental Take Permit (Permit) for the Tacoma Water Department, Green River Watershed, Habitat Conservation Plan, King County, Washington. The Permit application includes: (1) the proposed Habitat Conservation Plan; (2) the proposed Implementing Agreement; and, (3) Draft Environmental Impact Statement. Direct mailings have been sent to affected State and local agencies, Federal agencies, Tribes, Federal and State legislators, public interest groups, and other interested parties, informing them of this extension.

**DATES:** Comments must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5:00pm, Pacific standard time, on March 31, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for documents on CD ROM should be made by calling FWS at (360)534-9330. Hardbound

copies are also available for viewing, and partial or complete duplication, at the following libraries: Olympia Timberland Library, Reference Desk, 313 8th Avenue SE, Olympia, WA, (360)352-0595; Tacoma Main Public Library, 1102 Tacoma Avenue South, Tacoma, WA, (253)591-5666; Enumclaw City Library, 1700 1st Street, Enumclaw, WA, (360)825-2938; Auburn Public Library, 808 9th Street SE, Auburn, WA, (253)931-3918; and, Seattle Public Library, Government Publications Desk, 1000 4th Avenue, Seattle, WA, (206)386-4636. The documents are also available electronically on the World Wide Web at <http://www.r1.fws.gov/>.

Written comments on the permit application, Environmental Impact Statement, Plan, and Implementing Agreement should be sent to Tim Romanski, Project Biologist, FWS, 510 Desmond Drive, SE., Suite 102, Lacey, WA, 98503-1273, (telephone: 360/753-5823; facsimile: 360/534-9331), or Mike Grady, Project Biologist, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive, SE., Suite 103, Lacey, Washington, 98503-1273 (telephone: 360/753-6052; facsimile: 360/753-9517). Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. Comments and materials received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (360)534-9330.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tim Romanski, FWS, (phone: 360/753-5823, fax: 360/534-9331, e-mail: [Tim\\_Romanski@r1.fws.gov](mailto:Tim_Romanski@r1.fws.gov)), or Mike Grady, NMFS, (phone: 360/753-6052, fax: 360/753-9517, e-mail: [Michael\\_Grady\\_AT-NMFS-OFO.1PO-OLES.FWCC\\_1POHUB@fws.gov](mailto:Michael_Grady_AT-NMFS-OFO.1PO-OLES.FWCC_1POHUB@fws.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The original *Federal Register* publication announcing the public comment period for this project was announced on January 14, 2000 (65 FR 2390). That notice stated that comments would be accepted through March 14, 2000. The purpose of this extension is to provide additional review and comment time in response to requests from several parties.

Dated: March 7, 2000.

**Thomas J. Dwyer,**

*Regional Director, Fish and Wildlife Service, Region 1, Portland, Oregon.*

Dated: March 10, 2000.

**Wanda L. Cain,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### International Whaling Commission; Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA makes use of a public Interagency Committee to assist in preparing for meetings of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). This notice defines guidelines for participating on the Committee, provides a tentative schedule of meetings and of important dates, and describes the procedure for submitting nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings.

**DATES:** The March 21, 2000, Interagency Meeting will be held at 2:00 p.m. Nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings are due on April 1, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for tentative 2000 meeting schedules.

**ADDRESSES:** The March 21, 2000, meeting will be held in Room B841-A, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230. Copies of nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings should be sent to Cathy Campbell, Office of International Affairs, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Room 6228, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cathy Campbell, (202) 482-2652.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The March 21, 2000, Interagency Committee meeting will review recent events relating to the IWC and issues that will arise at the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. This authority has been delegated to the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, who is also the U.S. Commissioner to the IWC. The U.S. Commissioner has primary responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the

Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other interested agencies.

Each year, NOAA conducts meetings and other activities to prepare for the annual meeting of the IWC. The major purpose of the preparatory meetings is to provide input in the development of policy by individuals and non-governmental organizations interested in whale conservation. NOAA believes that this participation is important for the effective development and implementation of U.S. policy concerning whaling. Any person with an identifiable interest in United States whale conservation policy may participate in the meetings, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interest of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation. Foreign nationals and persons who represent foreign governments may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to promote the candid exchange of information and to establish the necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings that characterizes current practices.

#### Tentative Meeting Schedule

The tentative schedule of additional meetings and deadlines, including those of the IWC, during 2000 follows. Specific locations and times will be published in the **Federal Register**.

*March 21, 2000 (Rm B841-A, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C.):* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 2000 IWC annual meeting.

*April 1, 2000:* Nominations for the U.S. Delegation to the July IWC meetings are due to the U.S. Commissioner, with a copy to Cathy Campbell (see **ADDRESSES**). All persons wishing to be considered for the U.S. Commissioner's recommendation to the Department of State concerning the composition of the delegation should ensure that nominations are received by this date. Prospective Congressional advisors to the Delegation should contact the Department of State directly.

*May 17, 2000 (Rm 4830, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C.):* Interagency Committee meeting to review recent events relating to the IWC and to review U.S. positions for the 2000 IWC annual meeting.