

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 13, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5050.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted sunset reviews (64 FR 35588 and 64 FR 35689) of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its review the Department found on February 3, 2000, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the order revoked. See Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Sparklers from the People's Republic of China, 65 FR 5312 (February 3, 2000).

On July 6, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time. See Sparklers from China, 65 FR 41728 (July 6, 2000) and USITC Publication 3317 (July 2000), Investigation No. 731-TA-464 (Review).

Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is sparklers from the PRC. Sparklers are fireworks each comprising a cut-to-length wire, one end of which is coated with a chemical mix that emits bright sparks while burning. Sparklers are currently classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS") of the United States subheading 3604.10.00. The HTS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determination by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on sparklers from the PRC.

The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

Normally, the effective date of continuation of a finding, order, or suspension agreement will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Continuation. As provided in 19 CFR 351.218.(f)(4), the Department will issue its determination to continue a finding, order, or suspended investigation not later than seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination concluding the sunset review and immediately thereafter will publish its notice of continuation in the **Federal Register**. In this instant case, however, the Department's publication of the Notice of Continuation was delayed. The Department has explicitly indicated that the effective date of continuation of this order is July 13, 2000, seven days after the publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination. As a result, pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five year review of this order not later than June 2005.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a closed meeting of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Thursday, September 21, 2000. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the consensus process, determine possible conflict of interest for site visited companies, select applicants for site visits, begin stage III of the judging process, review feedback to first stage

applicants, a debriefing on the State and Local Workshop, and an update on 2001 criteria. The application under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 21, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:30 p.m. on September 21, 2000. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Red Training Room, Chemistry Building, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 31, 2000, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 522b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082500B]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2000,

beginning at 1 p.m. through Friday, September 22, 2000, concluding at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, Florida 33607; telephone 813-877-6688.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000 Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SEP will convene to review available social and economic data on red snapper, red grouper, vermilion snapper, and greater amberjack, and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches that may be recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel. The SEP may recommend to the Council a total allowable catch each for greater amberjack, red grouper, and vermilion snapper for the 2001 fishing year.

Composing the SEP membership are economists, sociologists, and anthropologists from various universities and state fishery agencies throughout the Gulf. They advise the Council on the social and economic implications of certain fishery management measures.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SEP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SEP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 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 the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by September 13, 2000.

Dated: August 25, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082800D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Atlantic Herring Advisory Panel on September 14, 2000 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from the panel will be brought to the Herring Oversight Committee and the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 14, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Portsmouth, 300 Woodbury Avenue, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-8000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The panel will develop recommendations for conditions and restrictions on permits for foreign vessels fishing for Atlantic herring in the U.S. EEZ. The Council has recommended to NMFS that up to 5,000 metric tons (mt) of herring be available for foreign fishing in 2001. To date, the Council has received a permit application from Lithuania for a portion (1,000 mt) of the total allowable foreign fishing specification (TALFF), in conjunction with an application to purchase 2,000 mt of herring through joint ventures (JV). The panel will develop recommendations on this particular permit, and provide recommendations on general conditions and restrictions for any future permit applications for the remainder of the 2001 TALFF that may be forthcoming.

The panel also will discuss issues and options for a limited entry/controlled

access program for the herring fishery. Although the Council is not currently proposing such a program, it has indicated that it may consider one in the future and requests the panel to discuss the matter.

A third item before the panel is the annual specification of limits on the amount of herring available for U.S. at-sea processing by vessels greater than 165 feet in length and 750 gross tons (USAP). The Herring Fishery Management Plan (pending publication of a Final Rule) requires the Council to make such a specification. The Herring Plan Development Team recommends against retaining USAP as an annual specification because it increases the project's uncertainty for potential investors in a large domestic processing vessel and limits the potential for this portion of the domestic allowable processing (DAP) specification to be utilized. If the Council decides to make this change to the plan, it would have to do so through a plan amendment or framework adjustment.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 dates.

Dated: August 28, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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