

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****President's Export Council: Open Meeting Conference Call of the President's Export Council**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting conference call.

SUMMARY: The President's Export Council (PEC) will hold an open meeting conference call to discuss the PEC's Final Report to the Administration. The PEC was established on December 20, 1973, and reconstituted May 4, 1979, to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. trade. The PEC's charter was most recently renewed by Executive Order 12991.

DATES: Tuesday, September 19, 2000.

TIME: 3 p.m. (Eastern Standard Time)

ADDRESSES: The U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, Room 1411. This open meeting conference call discussion is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or any other auxiliary aids should be submitted by August 30, 2000, to J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202-482-1124; Fax: 202-482-4452). Seating is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202-482-1124, Fax: 202-482-4452).

Dated: September 5, 2000.

J. Marc Chittum,

*Staff Director and Executive Secretary,
President's Export Council.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review**

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On August 18, 2000, Dofasco, Inc., filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final results of the full sunset review of U.S. antidumping duty order made by the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, respecting Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Canada. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** (65 Fed. Reg. 47379) on August 2, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-00-1904-08 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on August 18, 2000, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is September 18, 2000);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel

review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is October 2, 2000); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: August 24, 2000.

Marsha Iyomasa,

Deputy United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 090100B]

Regulations Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act Governing the Small Take of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specific Activities

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed information collection; comment request.

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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 7, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Telephone: (301) 713-2055, ext. 128.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972 (MMPA, 16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) imposed, with certain exceptions, a moratorium on the taking of marine mammals. Taking means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill, or attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill any marine mammal. Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA direct the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the taking of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to specified regulations that, among other things, establish permissible methods of taking provided NMFS determines that the taking is having a negligible impact on affected marine mammals. If a negligible impact on marine mammals can be determined, the MMPA allows the Secretary to authorize the activity provided monitoring and reporting of the activity's impact on marine mammals can be carried out. Procedural regulations outlining the requirements for the submission of requests for taking are contained in 50 CFR 216 Subpart I. Specific regulations governing authorized activities are contained in subsequent subparts to Subpart I. These regulations also require authorized activities to monitor and report interactions with marine mammals.

Information in a request for a Letter of Authorization (LOA) (to conduct activities under the regulations) varies by activity. It is used to determine if the applicant falls within the scope of the specific regulations, needs new regulations, or if an authorization for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) is warranted. Information required concerns the dates, location, methods and level of activity to determine if the potential taking is covered by the specific regulations and the statute.

Because the negligible impact determination had not been made previously under regulations, information in a request for an IHA needs to include both a description of the activity and an assessment of the impacts on marine mammals in the vicinity of the activity. In this case, the application for a harassment authorization needs to be as detailed as those submitted in a request for regulations that authorize marine mammals takings incidental to the activity.

Reporting takings incidental to the activity is required by the MMPA. Generally, an interim report is required approximately 90 days after completion of an activity or at the end of the authorization, whichever is earlier. If

complex data analyses are required, a final report may be required. Ninety-day reports, annual reports, and final reports must include a description of the activity including time, location, and place; a summary of the monitoring program, an assessment of the effects of the activity on marine mammals including the estimated level of take by species, and any other additional requirements listed in either the LOA or IHA.

II. Method of Collection

Written submissions are made responding to requirements in regulations.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0151.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected public: Business and other for-profit organizations, not-for-profit institutions, federal and state governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 24-30/year.

Estimated Time Per Response: Varies from 3 hrs to 480 hrs depending upon type and complexity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,565.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,200.

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: August 31, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

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

ACTION: Notice of Membership of NOAA Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C., 4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the NOAA Performance Review Board (PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and making written recommendations to the appointing authority on SES retention and compensation matters, including performance-based pay adjustments, awarding of bonuses and reviewing recommendations for potential Presidential Rank Award nominees, and SES recertification. The appointment of members to the NOAA PRB will be for a period of 24 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of service of appointees to the NOAA Performance Review Board is September 4, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul A. Gilmore, Executive Resources Program Manager, Human Resources Management Office, Office of Finance and Administration, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-0530 (ext. 204).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names and position titles of the members of the NOAA PRB (*NOAA officials unless otherwise identified*) are set forth below:

Daniel J. Basta: Chief, Strategic Environmental Assessment Division, National Ocean Service

Stephen B. Brandt: Director, Great Lakes Environmental Research Laboratory, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Irwin T. David: Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, National Weather Service

Susan B. Fruchter: Counselor to the Under Secretary, Office of Policy and Strategic Planning

Thomas A. Gary: Director, Office of Operations, Management and Information, National Marine Fisheries Service

Mary M. Glackin: Deputy Assistant Administrator, National