

Metanef, S.A. and Metagrimex, S.A.<sup>1</sup> We are now rescinding this review as a result of the petitioners' withdrawal of their request for an administrative review.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Charles Riggle at (202) 482-0650 or Magd Zalok at (202) 482-4162, Import Administration, Room 1870, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

On November 27, 2002, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, National Steel Corporation, and U.S. Steel Corporation (Bethlehem Steel *et al.*), the petitioners in the original investigation in this case, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), requested an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain hot-rolled carbon steel flat products from Romania. On December 19, 2002, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we initiated an administrative review of this order for the period May 3, 2001, through October 31, 2002. *See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 67 FR 78772 (December 26, 2002). On December 24, 2002, Bethlehem Steel *et al.* withdrew their request for this review.

##### Rescission of Review

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) provide that the Department will rescind an administrative review if the party that requested the review withdraws its request for review within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review, or withdraws its request at a later date if the Department determines that it is reasonable to extend the time limit for withdrawing the request. Bethlehem Steel *et al.* were the only parties to request this review and they withdrew their request within the 90-day period. Accordingly, this review is rescinded.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675), and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

<sup>1</sup> The petitioners requested a review of a fourth company, Metalexportimport, S.A., which the Department inadvertently failed to include in its notice of initiation. In their December 24, 2002, letter, the petitioners withdrew their review request for this company, as well.

Dated: January 29, 2003.

**Bernard T. Carreau,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Group II, Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

##### Call for Applications for Representatives and Alternates to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Reserve Advisory Council (Council): (1) Conservation, (2) Research, (1) Ocean-Related Tourism, (1) Recreational Fishing, (1) Education, (1) Citizen-At-Large. Council Representatives and Alternates are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as Representatives or Alternates should expect to serve three-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter. Persons who are interested in applying for membership on the Council as either a Representative or Alternate may obtain an application from the person or website identified under the **ADDRESSES** section below.

**DATES:** Completed applications must be postmarked no later than February 28, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications may be obtained from Moani, Pai, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, (808) 397-2661 or online at <http://hawaiireef.noaa.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Aulani Wilhelm, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, Suite 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, (808) 397-2657, [Aulani.Wilhelm@noaa.gov](mailto:Aulani.Wilhelm@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is a new marine protected area to conserve and protect the coral reef ecosystem and related natural and cultural resources of the area. The Reserve was established by Executive Order pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-513). The NWHI Reserve was established by Executive Order 13178 (December 2000) and Executive Order 13196 (January 2001).

The Reserve encompasses an area of the marine waters and submerged lands of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, extending approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. The Reserve is adjacent to and seaward of the seaward boundary of Hawaii State waters and submerged lands and the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, and includes the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge to the extent it extends beyond Hawaii State waters and submerged lands. The Reserve is managed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and the Executive Orders. The Secretary has also initiated the process to designate the Reserve as a National Marine Sanctuary. The management principles and implementation strategy and requirements for the Reserve are found in the enabling Executive Orders, which are part of the application kit and can be found on the website listed above.

In designating the Reserve, the Secretary of Commerce was directed to establish a Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council, pursuant to section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the Reserve Operations Plan and the designation and management of a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary by the Secretary.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) has established the Reserve Advisory Council and is now accepting applications from interested individuals for Council Representatives and Alternates for the following seven citizen/constituent positions on the Council:

1. Two (2) representatives from the non-Federal science community with experience specific to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and with expertise in at least one of the following areas:

- A. Marine mammal science.
- B. Coral reef ecology.
- C. Native marine flora and fauna of the Hawaiian Islands.
- D. Oceanography.

E. Any other scientific discipline the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

2. One (1) representative from a non-governmental wildlife/marine life, environmental, and/or conservation organization.

3. One (1) representative from the recreational fishing industry that conducts activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

4. One (1) representative from the ocean-related tourism industry.

5. One (1) representative from the non-Federal community with experience in education and outreach regarding marine conservation issues.

6. One (1) citizen-at-large representative.

Current Reserve Council Representatives and Alternates may re-apply for these vacant seats.

The Council consists of 25 members, 15 of which are non-government voting members and 10 of which are government non-voting members. The voting members are representatives of the following constituencies:

Conservation, Citizen-At-Large, Ocean-Related Tourism, Recreational Fishing, Research, Commercial Fishing, Education, State of Hawaii and Native Hawaiian. The government non-voting seats are represented by the following agencies: Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Department of State, Marine Mammal Commission, NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and NOAA's National Ocean Service.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Installation of a New Floating Dock at the U.S. Coast Guard Pier, Monterey, CA

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of application and proposed authorization for a small take exemption; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has received an application from the United States Coast Guard (USCG) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to the installation of a floating dock in Monterey, CA. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue a small take authorization to the USCG to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of Pacific harbor seals and California sea lions for 1 year.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than March 10, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application should be addressed to James Lecky, Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, NMFS - Southwest Regional Office, 501 West Ocean Blvd. Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213. A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning the contact listed here. Comments cannot be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christina Fahy, Southwest Regional Office, NMFS, (562) 980-4023.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103

as "...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Subsection 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. The MMPA defines "harassment" as:

...any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (a) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (b) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

Subsection 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

#### Summary of Request

On August 16, 2002, NMFS received a letter from the USCG requesting an IHA for the possible harassment of small numbers of California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) and Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), incidental to the installation of a new floating dock.

The installation of a new floating dock is needed to provide better and safer access to an 87-ft (26.6-m) Coastal Patrol Boat, USCGC Hawksbill (Hawksbill). Currently, the Hawksbill moors at a fixed wharf which does not meet the Coast Guard's minimum standards for mooring a patrol boat. The tidal range causes severe chafing to the mooring lines and difficulties with the access gangway. The Coast Guard estimates that the cost of mooring line replacement is approximately \$10,000 a year. When the patrol boat is at the dock, a crewmember is required to be continually present to adjust mooring lines and the gangway about every 40 minutes. The Hawksbill has a 10-person crew, which is not designed to have one person awake the entire night while in port. Finally, several locally produced gangways, mounted from the wharf, have failed to give adequate access to the Hawksbill during the entire tidal cycle. The installation of a floating dock will eliminate the excessive cost to mooring lines and gangway