

States. The period of review is October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2000.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 19, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Irina Itkin or Elizabeth Eastwood, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482-0656 or (202) 482-3874, respectively.

*Postponement of Final Results of Administrative Review:* The Department published the preliminary results of the 1999-2000 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia on November 6, 2001 (66 FR 56057). The current deadline for the final results in this review is March 6, 2002. We must conduct sales and cost verifications of the information provided by the respondents. Due to scheduling problems with one of the companies participating in this review, we are unable to complete verification before March 2002. Because we need additional time for verification, we have extended the deadline until May 6, 2002.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: December 12, 2001.

**Louis Apple,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### University of Connecticut, et al.; Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes: *Correction*

In notice document 01-30170, appearing on page 63218 in the issue of Wednesday, December 5, 2001, make the following correction:

On page 63218, in the third column, first full paragraph, "Order Date: December 8, 2001." should read "Order Date: December 8, 2000."

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for Issuing a Bowhead Whale Subsistence Quota to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC) for the years 2003 through 2007

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA); request for written comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces its intention to prepare an EA, in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act, to assess the impacts of issuing a subsistence quota for bowhead whales to the AEWC for the years 2003 through 2007. NMFS solicits comments and information to facilitate this analysis.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be postmarked by January 31, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be sent to Chief, Marine Mammal Division (F/PR2), Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 13th Floor, 1315 East-West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Please mark the outside of the envelope with "Comments on Bowhead Whale Analysis." Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Emily Hanson Menashes, NMFS Office of Protected Resources, 301-713-2322.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At its 1997 annual meeting, the International Whaling Commission (IWC) approved a 5-year quota for the aboriginal take of the Western arctic stock of bowhead whales. The quota allows for a combined total of up to 280 whales to be landed in the years 1998 through 2002 by Alaskan and Russian natives. For each of these years, the number of bowhead whales struck shall not exceed 67, except that any unused portion of a strike quota from any year shall be carried forward and added to the strike quota of any subsequent year, provided that no more than 15 strikes shall be added to the strike quota for any one year.

The basis for the quota was a joint request by the Russian Federation and the United States, showing that the needs of both countries' Native groups

could be met with an annual average of 56 landed bowhead whales (or a total of 255 for the Alaska Eskimos and 25 for the Chukotka people over the 5-year period). The annual strike limits and quotas for whales are determined at the beginning of each year after consultation with the Russian government.

At the 52nd annual meeting of the IWC, held in June and July of 2000, the IWC Scientific Committee proposed a structure for block quotas for the bowhead whale aboriginal subsistence hunt to be used as part of the Scientific Committee's proposed revisions to the Aboriginal Whaling Management Plan. This structure calls for five-year blocks with an inter-annual carry-over allowance of up to 50 percent of unused strikes, including strikes from the previous quota block (IWC/52/AS7). The Commission agreed with the proposal from the Scientific Committee in the context of trials.

At the 53rd IWC annual meeting, held in July of 2001, the Commission agreed with the Scientific Committee's recommendations with respect to carry-over. The Scientific Committee also noted that if, under a recommended Strike Limit Algorithm, current aboriginal subsistence need is met, then a revised Schedule paragraph might specify a block strike limit quota with an annual cap on strikes. The Scientific Committee also reiterated its 1999 advice for the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock of bowhead whales, i.e., that it is very likely that a catch limit of 102 whales or less would be consistent with the requirements of the Schedule (IWC/53/4, Report of the Scientific Committee).

Alaska Eskimos have been taking bowhead whales for at least 2,000 years. Alaska Native subsistence hunters take less than one percent of the population of bowhead whales per year. Since 1977, the number of takes has ranged between 14 and 77 per year, depending in part on changes in management strategy and in part on higher estimates of bowhead whale abundance in recent years (NMFS Alaska Marine Mammal Stock Assessments, 2000).

The IWC's 54th annual meeting is scheduled for May of 2002. NMFS is preparing an EA on issuing a quota to the AEWC for a subsistence hunt on bowhead whales for the years 2003 through 2007 in the event that the IWC renews a 5-year aboriginal subsistence quota for bowhead whales. NMFS will evaluate the following four alternatives:

Alternative 1—Grant the AEWC a quota that meets the documented need of Alaskan Eskimos for 255 landed whales over 5 years (2003 through 2007), with an annual strike quota of 67

bowhead whales per year, where no unused strikes are added to the strike quota for any one year.

Alternative 2—Grant the AEWC a quota that meets the documented need of Alaskan Eskimos for 255 landed whales over 5 years (2003 through 2007), with an annual strike quota of 67 bowhead whales per year, where no more than 15 unused strikes are added to the strike quota for any one year.

Alternative 3—Grant the AEWC a quota that meets the documented need of Alaskan Eskimos for 255 landed whales over 5 years (2003 through 2007), with an annual strike quota of 67 bowhead whales per year, where, for unused strikes, up to 50 percent of the annual strike limit is added to the strike quota for any one year.

Alternative 4 (No Action)—Do not grant the AEWC a quota.

#### Information Solicited

To ensure that the review is comprehensive and based on the best available information, NMFS is soliciting information and comments from any interested party concerning issuing a bowhead whale quota to the AEWC of 255 landed whales over 5 years (2003 through 2007). NMFS is particularly interested in information on the affected environment or environmental consequences of issuing a quota. It is requested that data, information, and comments be accompanied by (1) supporting documentation, and (2) the name, address, and affiliation of person submitting data. Following publication of the draft EA, NMFS will solicit additional public input.

Dated: December 14, 2001.

#### Rebecca J. Lent,

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System

**AGENCY:** Department of the Air Force, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Public Law 92-463, notice is hereby given of forthcoming meetings of the Federal Advisory Committee for the End-to-End Review of the U.S. Nuclear Command

and Control System (NCCS). The purpose of these meetings is to conduct a comprehensive and independent review of the NCCS positive measures to assure authorized use of nuclear weapons when directed by the President while assuring against unauthorized or inadvertent use. This meeting will be closed to the public.

**DATES:** January 29, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** NSS, Skyline 3, Suite 500, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. William L. Jones, U.S. Nuclear Command and Control System Support Staff (NSS), Skyline 3, 5201 Leesburg Pike, Suite 500, Falls Church, Virginia 22041, (703) 681-8681.

**Janet A. Long,**

*Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education

**AGENCY:** President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education, Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This meeting describes the schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education (Commission). Notice of this meeting is required under section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act in order to notify the public of their opportunity to attend. The Commission's meeting notice is subject to the final appropriation of the Labor, HHS, and Education 2002 budget and may change if this budget is not enacted prior to January 15, 2002.

**DATES AND TIMES:** Tuesday, January 15, 2002, from 8:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The Commission meeting will be held in Washington, DC. Exact location of hearing is not yet determined because of delays in finalizing meeting logistics.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** C. Todd Jones, Executive Director, at 202-208-1312 (telephone) or Troy R. Justesen, Deputy Executive Director, at 202-219-0704 (telephone), (202) 208-1953 (fax), [troy.justesen@ed.gov](mailto:troy.justesen@ed.gov) (e-mail) or mail: President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 408; Washington, DC 20208.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission is established under Executive Order 13227 (October 2, 2001) to collect information and study issues related to Federal, State, and local special education programs with the goal of recommending policies for improving the educational performance of students with disabilities. In furtherance of its duties, the Commission shall invite experts and members of the public to provide information and guidance. The Commission shall prepare and submit a report to the President outlining its findings and recommendations.

The Commission will discuss current and future activities. Specifically, the Commission will focus on planning future Commission meetings and hearings to be held in location across the nation.

Individuals requiring accommodations such as interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative formats should notify Troy R. Justesen, at (202) 219-704, no later than January 8, 2002. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site will be accessible to individuals with mobility impairments, including those who use wheelchairs.

Records of all Commission proceedings are available for public inspection at the President's Commission on Excellence in Special Education, 80 F Street, NW., Suite 408; Washington, DC 20208 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (EST).

Dated: December 14, 2001.

#### C. Todd Jones,

*Delegated functions of Assistant Secretary for Office for Civil Rights.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

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#### Central Vermont Public Service Corporation; Notice of Filing

December 13, 2001.

Take notice that on November 30, 2001, Central Vermont Public Service Corporation (CVPS) tendered for filing a letter stating that CVPS will not file a Forecast 2002 Cost Report for FERC Electric Tariff, Original Volume No. 4, since there are no customers expected to take such service.