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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On December 8, 2005, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the 2003-2004 administrative review of the antidumping duty order covering Mittal Steel Galati S.A. (formerly S.C. Ispat Sidex S.A.). See *Certain Hot-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Romania: Preliminary Results Notice of Antidumping Duty Administration Review and Notice of Intent to Rescind in Part*, 70 FR 72984 (December 8, 2005).

**Extension of Time Limit for Final Results**

The Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), provides at section 751(a)(3)(A) that the Department will issue the final results of an administrative review of an antidumping duty order within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results were published. The Act provides further that, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, the Department may extend the 120-day period to 180 days.

On February 27, 2006, we requested that MS Galati provide written clarification of certain issues the parties raised in case and rebuttal briefs. MS Galati filed its response on March 8, 2006. In turn, United States Steel Corporation filed comments on March 17, 2006. As such, we require additional time to analyze and incorporate the information from these submissions into our calculations for the final results. Further, additional time is necessary to invite all interested parties to review and provide comments on our draft liquidation instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Therefore, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete the final results by the current deadline of April 7, 2006. Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results by 45 days to May 22, 2006, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

We are issuing this notice in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: March 22, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

**A-570-879**

**Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Final Results of the Antidumping Administrative Review of Polyvinyl Alcohol from the People's Republic of China**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 29, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lilit Astvatsatrian, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6412.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 7, 2005, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), covering the period August 11, 2003, through September 30, 2004. See *Polyvinyl Alcohol from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 70 FR 67434 (November 7, 2005) ("*Preliminary Results*"). In the *Preliminary Results*, we stated that we would make our final determination for the antidumping duty review no later than 120 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results (*i.e.*, March 7, 2006). On February 27, 2006, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice extending the time limit for the final results of the administrative review from March 7, 2006, to April 6, 2006. See *Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Polyvinyl Alcohol from the People's Republic of China*, 71 FR 9781 (February 27, 2006).

**Extension of Time Limit of Final Results**

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"),

requires the Department to issue the final results in an administrative review within 120 days of the publication date of the preliminary results. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, the Department may extend the time limit for the final results to 180 days. Completion of the final results within the 120-day period is not practicable because this review involves certain complex issues, including examination of the co-product allocation methodology, application of by-products, and the valuation of certain factors.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time period for issuing these final results of review by an additional 15 days until April 21, 2006.

Dated: March 22, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**[I.D. 032206C]**

**Subsistence Harvest Management of Cook Inlet, Alaska Beluga Whales by Alaska Natives**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces its intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), for the Subsistence Harvest Management of Cook Inlet, Alaska, Beluga Whales by Alaska Natives.

**ADDRESSES:** To request inclusion on a mailing list of persons interested in the SEIS, please contact Kaja Brix, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, NMFS, Alaska Region, Attn: Ellen Walsh. Comments may be submitted by:

- Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.
  - Hand Delivery to the Federal Building: 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK
  - FAX: 907-586-7557
  - Email: [CIB-Harvest-SEIS@noaa.gov](mailto:CIB-Harvest-SEIS@noaa.gov).
- Include in the subject line the following

document identifier: CI Beluga SEIS (Email comments, with or without attachments, are limited to five (5) megabytes).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Mahoney or Brad Smith, NMFS Alaska Region, Anchorage Field Office, (907) 271-5006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS is initiating this SEIS process for the Subsistence Harvest Management of Cook Inlet, Alaska, Beluga Whales by Alaska Natives. An SEIS is required when, among other reasons, there are substantial changes in a proposed action or there significant new circumstances or information relevant to the proposed action or its impacts. Additional Cook Inlet beluga information, including the Subsistence Harvest Management of Cook Inlet Beluga Whales, Final Environmental Impact Statement, July 2003, is available at: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/protectedresources/whales/beluga.htm>.

### Background

The Cook Inlet beluga whale stock declined dramatically between 1994 and 1998. Aerial survey results indicated that the 1998 abundance estimate of 347 Cook Inlet beluga whales represented a decline of 47 percent from the 653 1994 estimate. In response to this significant decline, NMFS published a final rule to designate the Cook Inlet stock of belugas as depleted under the Marine Mammal Protection Act, 1972, as amended (MMPA) on May 31, 2000 (65 FR 34590).

The MMPA exempts subsistence takes by Alaska Natives from marine mammal take prohibitions. The exemption allows Alaska Natives to use the Cook Inlet beluga as traditional food and Native handicrafts.

Cook Inlet beluga harvests have been severely restricted (0-2 whales annually) since 1999, due to both the voluntary efforts of the Native hunters and federal law requiring co-management agreements to authorize harvests (Public Law No. 106-31 (May 21, 1999, and Public Law No. 106-553 (December 21, 2000)). Since 2000, NMFS has entered into co-management agreements with an Alaska Native organization for the subsistence harvest of Cook Inlet belugas. NMFS has worked cooperatively with beluga hunters to recover the stock, while recognizing traditional values of continuing a harvest.

Following the depletion determination and pursuant to the MMPA, NMFS proposed regulations limiting the harvest of belugas in Cook Inlet (65 FR 59164, October 4, 2000). An

Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) convened a hearing on the proposed regulations in December 2000. The ALJ issued a recommended decision to the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries (AA) that allowed a harvest of six whales from 2001 through 2004 (67 FR 30646, May 7, 2002). In July 2003, a Final EIS was released with interim harvest regulations for the period 2001-2004 (69 FR 17973, April 6, 2004). This EIS, which NMFS intends to supplement, analyzed the impacts of various alternatives, including a preferred alternative. The preferred alternative adopted the ALJ's recommended decision calling for harvest of six whales from 2001 through 2004 and for determining harvest for 2005 and beyond after NMFS made further abundance estimates.

Because the interim harvest regulations authorized harvest only through 2004, the ALJ conducted a second hearing in August 2004 to receive evidence on a harvest plan for 2005 until recovery of the Cook Inlet beluga. The ALJ presiding in the August 2004 hearings submitted his recommended decision on the future harvest plan for Cook Inlet belugas to the AA on November 8, 2005. As required by regulations, NMFS published notice of this recommended decision (71 FR 8268, February 16, 2006) and solicited comments for a 20-day period that ended on March 8, 2006.

### Alternatives

After preliminary review of recent annual abundance estimates and the November 8, 2005, ALJ's recommended decision, NMFS anticipates four alternative harvest management regimes:

Alternative 1: no action alternative;  
Alternative 2: maximizing the recovery of the Cook Inlet beluga stock by minimizing or allowing no harvest until the stock had recovered to optimum sustainable population levels;  
Alternative 3: maximizing the short term opportunity for subsistence harvests and prolonging the recovery of the stock; and

Alternative 4: the November 8, 2005, harvest plan recommended by the ALJ, allowing an intermediate level of harvest that would provide some subsistence use and promote recovery of the stock in a longer time frame than alternative (1), but shorter time frame than alternative (2).

Major SEIS issues will include: subsistence removal impacts on this stock; regulated harvest impacts on the traditional and cultural values of Alaska Natives and the social and economic

impacts of various population levels of the CI beluga stock of whales.

### Public Involvement

Comments on this SEIS process should be directed to NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**). All comments and material received, including names and addresses, will become part of the administrative record and may be released to the public. NMFS will ask for additional public comments once the draft SEIS is prepared and available.

Please visit NMFS Alaska Region web page at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov> for more information on this SEIS. NMFS estimates the draft SEIS will be available in September 2006.

### Authority

The preparation of the SEIS for the Subsistence Harvest Management of Cook Inlet, Alaska, Beluga Whales by Alaska Natives will be conducted under the authority and in accordance with the requirements of NEPA, Council on Environmental Quality Regulations (40 CFR 1500-1508), other applicable Federal laws and regulations, and policies and procedures of NMFS for compliance with those regulations.

Dated: March 23, 2006.

**Angela Somma,**

*Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC); Meeting Announcement

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

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

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces a meeting of the General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the IATTC on April 11, 2006, via telephone conference call.

**DATES:** The General Advisory Committee meeting will be held on April 11, 2006, from 12 noon to 3 p.m., Pacific time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via telephone conference call at (866) 857-1547, participant passcode, 3313634.