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MEMORANDUM FOR: Distribution
FROM: Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator
SUBJECT: Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

On May 26, 2000, President Clinton signed Executive Order number 13158 which “will help protect the significant natural and cultural resources within the marine environment for the benefit of present and future generations by strengthening and expanding the Nation’s system of marine protected areas (MPAs).” To assist with the MPA designations and the development of policies related to the MPAs, EO 13158 specifies that the government will “seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a Marine Protected Area Federal Advisory Committee.”

The attached notice from the Federal Register solicits nominations for the MPA Federal Advisory Committee. As you will note, the committee will consist of members who represent a broad spectrum of interests from across the country. I would like to ensure that fishery interests in the Northeast are well represented on the Committee. I request that you read the notice and consider nominating someone for this important post.

Please consult the website, <http://www.mpa.gov>, for more information on MPAs or contact Dan Morris in the NMFS Habitat Conservation Division at (978) 281-9237.

Attachments

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not limited to, wide-flange beams ("W" shapes), bearing piles ("HP" shapes), standard beams ("S" or "I" shapes), and M-shapes.

All products that meet the physical and metallurgical descriptions provided above are within the scope of this investigation unless otherwise excluded. The following products are outside and/or specifically excluded from the scope of this investigation: structural steel beams greater than 400 pounds per linear foot or with a web or section height (also known as depth) over 40 inches.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") at subheadings: 7216.32.0000, 7216.33.0030, 7216.33.0060, 7216.33.0090, 7216.50.0000, 7216.61.0000, 7216.69.0000, 7216.91.0000, 7216.99.0000, 7228.70.3040, 7228.70.6000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

Antidumping Duty Order

On August 4, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("Commission") notified the Department of its final determination pursuant to section 735(b)(1)(A)(i) of the Act that an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury by reason of imports of certain structural steel beams from South Korea.

In accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct Customs officers to assess, upon further advice by the Department, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the normal value of the merchandise exceeds the export price (or constructed export price) of the merchandise for all relevant entries of structural steel beams from South Korea, minus the amount determined to constitute an export subsidy, as discussed below. These antidumping duties will be assessed on all unliquidated entries of structural steel beams from South Korea entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after February 11, 2000, the date on which the Department published its notice of preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**. See *Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Structural Steel Beams From South Korea*, 65 FR 6984 (February 11, 2000).

We note that in the companion countervailing duty investigation, the Department identified an export subsidy

to Kangwon. See *Issues and Decision Memorandum: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Structural Steel Beams from the Republic of Korea—(Period of Investigation: January 1, 1998 Through December 31, 1998)*, at 17 (June 26, 2000), for details on the export industry facility loan subsidy for Kangwon. This *Issues and Decision Memorandum* accompanied the *Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Structural Steel Beams From the Republic of Korea*, 65 FR 41051 (July 3, 2000). Therefore, for cash deposit purposes, we are subtracting from Kangwon's cash deposit rate that portion of the rate attributable to the export subsidies found in the countervailing duty investigation involving Kangwon (i.e., 0.09 percent). See section 772(c)(1)(C) of the Act and see, e.g., *Notice of Antidumping Duty Order: Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Italy*, 63 FR 49327 (September 15, 1998). We have made the same adjustment to the "All Others" cash deposit rate by subtracting the rate attributable to export subsidies found in the countervailing duty investigation of Kangwon. (The "All Others" rate applies to all exporters of subject structural steel beams not specifically listed.)

We will instruct the Customs Service to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond for each entry equal to the weighted-average amount by which the NV exceeds the EP or CEP, adjusting for the export subsidy rate, as indicated below. These suspension-of-liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice. The "All Others" rate applies to all exporters of subject structural steel beams not specifically listed. The final amended weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/manufacturer	Weighted-average margin (Percent)	Bonding/cash deposit rate (Percent)
Inchon	25.31	25.31
Kangwon	49.01	48.92
All others	37.25	37.21

This notice constitutes the antidumping duty order with respect to structural steel beams from South Korea. Interested parties may contact the Department's Central Records Unit, room B-099 of the main Commerce building, for copies of an updated list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect.

This order is published in accordance with section 736(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Dated: August 10, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081500CM]

Nominations for Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas

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

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is establishing a Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) pursuant to Executive Order 13158 and is seeking nominations for membership on this Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked on or before October 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Office of Policy and Strategic Planning, NOAA, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 6117, Washington, DC 20230 ATTN: Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Marie Goldsmith, NOAA, (202) 482-2160. E-mail: Anne.Marie.Goldsmith@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In Executive Order 13158, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior were directed to seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior in implementing Section 4 of the Executive Order, and specifically on strategies and priorities for developing a national system of MPAs and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs.

Initial committee members will be selected for two or three year terms of service. The Committee will meet at least once annually; however, members of subcommittees, task forces, and/or working groups established by the

Committee may meet on a more frequent basis. Members of the Committee will not be compensated, but may upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses.

The Department of Commerce is seeking approximately 30 highly qualified individuals to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. Nominations are sought for non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and persons representing other interests or organizations involved with or affected by marine conservation. Individuals seeking membership on the Advisory Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a related field or represent a stakeholder interest affected by MPAs. Nominees will also be evaluated based on the following factors: marine policy experience, leadership and organizational skills, region of country represented, and diversity characteristics.

Nominations are encouraged from all interested parties, such as scientific societies; academic and research institutions; groups or governments representing Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Caribbean Islanders and Pacific Islanders; states, territories and localities; interest groups such as the fishing (recreational and commercial), boating, diving, recreational, maritime, historical and philanthropic communities; conservation organizations; and Federal agencies. (NOTE: No Federal agency employees may be appointed to serve on the Committee, but nominations for non-federal employees will be accepted from Federal agencies).

Each submission should include the submitting person's or organization's name and affiliation, a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of nominee, and no more than three supporting letter(s) describing the qualifications of the nominee. Self nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each nominee's submission: name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address.

Nominations should be sent to (see **ADDRESSES**) and nominations must be received by (see **DATES**). The full text of the executive order can be found at the following address: www.mpa.gov.

Dated: August 11, 2000.

D. James Baker,

*Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration, Department of Commerce.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 684-1458

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Donald B. Siniff, University of Minnesota, Department of Ecology, Evolution and Behavior, 100 Ecology Building, 1987 Upper Buford Circle, St. Paul, MN 55108, has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 684-1458.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Simona Roberts or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 7, 2000, notice was published in the Federal Register (65 FR 36120) that an amendment of Permit No. 684-1458, issued August 7, 1998 (63 FR 43914), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 684-1458 authorizes the permit holder to capture, tag, sample, and lavage Weddell seals

(*Leptonychotes weddellii*) of all age and sex classes on McMurdo Sound in the Antarctic.

The permit amendment authorizes the attachment of VHF transmitters on adult female Weddell seals, and the application of a series of instrument packages that contain: a 3MPDT logger(3-dimensional, magnetic data recorder), DSL (digital still camera), DU (ultrasonic depth sounder), PD2GT (speed, acceleration, depth, and temperature recorder) and ECG (electrocardiogram monitor) to male and female Weddell seals of all age classes. For attachment of the instrument package, the permit holder is authorized to anesthetize seals with the drug Sevoflurane. The amendment also authorizes an increase in the number of adult female Weddell seals captured (400 to 500), the number of adult male Weddell seals fitted with VHF transmitters (30 to 100) and the number of Weddell seal pups fitted with satellite-linked radio transmitters and the PD2GT and ECG instruments (20 to 50).

Dated: August 11, 2000.

Ann Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Air Force A-76 Initiatives Cost Comparisons and Direct Conversions (As of 30 June 2000)

The Air Force is in the process of conducting the following A-76 initiatives. Cost comparisons are public-private competitions. Direct conversions are functions that may result in a conversion to contract without public competition. These initiatives were announced and in-progress as of 30 June 2000, include the installation and state where the cost comparison or direct conversion is being performed, the total authorizations under study, public announcement date and actual or anticipated solicitation date. The following initiatives are in various stages of completion.