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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Aerospace Supplier Development Mission to China; Recruitment Reopened for Additional Applications

AGENCY: International Trade
Administration, Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows.

The recruitment has reopened and the deadline for additional applications is extended to September 29, 2010. The U.S. Department of Commerce will review all additional applications after the deadline. We will inform applicants of selection decisions as soon as possible after the deadline. Applications received after the deadline will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Companies who have already applied do not need to reapply.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent to Prepare a Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement on Implementing Recovery Actions for Hawaiian Monk Seals

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare a
Programmatic Environmental Impact
Statement; announcement of public
scoping period; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine
Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces its
intent to prepare a Programmatic
Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS)
to analyze the environmental impacts of
implementing specific management
actions and administering the associated
research and enhancement program for
Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus
schauinslandi*) in the Northwestern and
Main Hawaiian Islands. Publication of
this notice begins the official public
scoping process that will help identify
alternatives and determine the scope of
environmental issues to be considered
in the PEIS.

ADDRESSES: Written statements and
questions regarding the public scoping
process must be postmarked by
November 15, 2010. To be included on
a mailing list and receive newsletters
and copies of the Draft and Final PEIS,
please send mailing address and/or
email address to Jeff Walters, Hawaiian
Monk Seal Recovery Coordinator,
Protected Resources Division, NOAA
NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office,
1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110,
Honolulu, HI 96814. Comments on this
notice and the scoping process for this
action may be submitted by:

- Mail: 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814.
- Scoping Meetings: Oral and written
comments will be accepted during the
upcoming scoping meetings. See
**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION, SCOPING
MEETINGS** (below) for dates and
locations of public scoping meetings for
this issue.
- Email: monkseal@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff
Walters, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional
Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite
1110, Honolulu, HI 96814, or via the
following email address:
monkseal@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS is
the Federal agency responsible for

management of Hawaiian monk seals,
under the Endangered Species Act
(ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the
Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA;
16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*). NMFS funds and
conducts research and enhancement
activities on Hawaiian monk seals in the
Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI)
and Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI). In
1976, NMFS listed Hawaiian monk seals
as “endangered” under the ESA and
“depleted” under the MMPA. As
required under section 4 of the ESA,
NMFS published a Recovery Plan for
the species in 1983, which was revised
in 2007. The funds administered by
NMFS to implement recovery actions,
including research and enhancement,
have been designated by Congress and
allocated within NMFS’ annual budgets
for the purpose of promoting Hawaiian
monk seal recovery. The intent of this
PEIS is to evaluate, in compliance with
the National Environmental Policy Act
(NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), the
potential direct, indirect, and
cumulative impacts on the human
environment of the alternative
approaches to implementing recovery
actions, including research and
enhancement activities, under the
Hawaiian monk seal recovery program.

Background

The Hawaiian monk seals’ population
has experienced a prolonged decline
and currently only approximately 1,200
monk seals remain. Numerous threats to
the survival of Hawaiian monk seals are
identified in the Hawaiian monk seal
Recovery Plan. In the NWHI, young
seals are starving, pups are being killed
by sharks, seals are getting entangled in
marine debris, and sea level rise
threatens terrestrial habitats. Low
juvenile survival over the past two
decades is the primary cause of the
population’s decline. There is
insufficient recruitment into the
breeding population, and the population
decline will likely continue without
intervention. Enhancement activities,
including but not limited to
translocating seals from areas of lower
to higher survival probability, are being
considered to improve juvenile survival
and the overall health of the population.

The purpose of implementing
recovery activities for Hawaiian monk
seals is to promote the recovery of the
species population to levels at which
ESA protection is no longer needed.
Research, enhancement, and
management activities on Hawaiian
monk seals considered in this PEIS are
funded, undertaken, and permitted by
NMFS, which are federal actions
requiring NEPA compliance. The need
for this action is rooted in fundamental

biological and ecological factors that are now limiting the population. As part of this action, NMFS is developing measures that will help identify factors limiting the population, minimize human-induced impacts and other factors affecting survival, promote recovery, prevent harm, and avoid jeopardy or continued disadvantage to the species. Research and monitoring will continue to play a key role in determining whether enhancement activities achieve their desired outcomes.

NMFS administers funds that have been designated by Congress and allocated within NMFS' annual budget for the purpose of implementing recovery actions on Hawaiian monk seals. Using these funds, NMFS implements various management, research, and enhancement activities for recovery of the species. This PEIS would satisfy the NEPA compliance requirements for funding and undertaking recovery actions for Hawaiian monk seals, including the subset of actions requiring MMPA and ESA permits.

The purposes of the ESA, as described in section 2, are to provide a means whereby the ecosystems upon which threatened and endangered species may depend may be conserved, to provide a program for the conservation of such threatened and endangered species, and to take such steps as may be appropriate to achieve the purposes of the treaties and conventions set forth in section 2(a) of the ESA.

Proposed Action and Possible Alternatives

This notice initiates a public scoping period that will help determine the structure of each alternative considered in the PEIS. NMFS has identified the proposed action and several other alternatives, including the No Action Alternative. The final scope and structure of the alternatives will reflect the combined input from the public, research institutions, affected State and Federal agencies, and NMFS administrative and research offices. The number and structure of the alternatives that are analyzed in the PEIS will be determined at a later date. Themes to include in the range of potential alternatives are presented here to provide a framework for public comments:

- **No Action Alternative:** Under this alternative, currently permitted research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals would continue until expiration of the permit in 2014 (NMFS ESA-MMPA Permit No. 10137-04 issued to the NMFS Pacific Islands

Fisheries Science Center). Recovery Plan actions authorized by this permit would not be implemented beyond 2014. Currently, the existing research and enhancement activities include, but are not limited to:

1. Population assessment (e.g., counting, resighting, marking for identification, flipper tags);
2. Health and disease studies (e.g., tissue sampling, morphometric measurements);
3. Foraging studies (e.g., telemetry, scat collection);
4. De-worming research (e.g., fecal samples, testing anti-parasite treatments);
5. Translocation of weaned pups within the NWHI to improve juvenile survival;
6. Mitigation of fishery interactions (e.g., disentanglement, removal of fishing hooks); and
7. Mitigation of adult male aggression (e.g., removal and relocation of aggressive males).

- **Status Quo Alternative:** The Status Quo Alternative would consist of the existing types and scope of management, research and enhancement activities (including those identified in the No Action Alternative). New permits would be issued to maintain the current levels of research and enhancement activities. Existing management activities include but are not limited to protecting seals that haul out on recreational beaches and creating effective outreach messages, brochures, signs and volunteer programs to minimize human disturbance and other adverse impacts.

- **Enhanced Implementation Alternative (Proposed Action):** The Proposed Action would result in implementation and continuation of activities identified in the Status Quo, as well as additional activities to achieve more comprehensive Recovery Plan implementation. These additional activities would include, but are not limited to:

1. Vaccination studies (including potential vaccination);
2. Aversive conditioning (e.g., the development of tools to modify undesirable seal behavior including interactions with humans or domestic animals);
3. Archipelago-wide translocation to improve juvenile survival; and
4. De-worming.

The PEIS will assess the direct, indirect, and cumulative effects of implementing the alternative approaches for funding, undertaking, and permitting the management, research and enhancement activities on Hawaiian monk seals as well as other

components of the marine ecosystem and human environment. Anyone having relevant information they believe NMFS should consider in its analysis should provide a description of that information along with complete citations for supporting documents.

Public Involvement

Scoping is an early and open process for determining the scope of issues to be addressed in a PEIS and for identifying the significant issues related to the proposed action. A principal objective of the scoping and public involvement process is to identify a range of reasonable management alternatives that will delineate critical issues and provide a clear basis for distinguishing among those alternatives and selecting a preferred alternative. Through this notice, we are notifying the public that a NEPA analysis and decision-making process for this proposed action has been initiated so that interested or affected people may participate and contribute to the final decision. NMFS will ask for additional public comments once the Draft PEIS is prepared and available. For additional information about Hawaiian monk seals and the PEIS process, please visit our website at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/eis/hawaiianmonkseal.htm>. NMFS estimates the Draft PEIS will be available in late spring 2011.

Scoping Meetings

Public scoping meetings will be held on the following dates, times, and locations:

1. Wednesday, October 20, 2010, 5:30 — 8:30 p.m., Central Union Church, 1660 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, O'ahu;
2. Thursday, October 21, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., Mokuapapa Discovery Center, 308 Kamehameha Avenue, Suite 109, Hilo, Hawai'i;
3. Monday, October 25, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., NOAA Sanctuaries New Community Learning Center, 726 South Kihei Road, Kihei, Maui;
4. Tuesday, October 26, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., Hale Mahaolu Home Pumehana, 290 Kolapa Place, Kaunakakai, Moloka'i; and
5. Wednesday, October 27, 2010, 6 — 9 p.m., Wilcox Elementary School, 4319 Hardy Street, Lihue, Kaua'i.

Comments will be accepted at these meetings as well as during the scoping period, and can be submitted to NMFS by November 15, 2010 (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**). We request that you include in your comments: (1) Your name, address, and affiliation (if any); and (2) Any background documents to

support your comments as you think necessary.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rachel Sprague, (808) 944-2200 (phone) or (808) 973-2941 (fax), at least 5 days before the scheduled meeting date.

Dated: September 22, 2010.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (“the Department”) has determined that imports of seamless refined copper pipe and tube (“copper pipe and tube”) from Mexico are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (“LTFV”), as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are listed in the “Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation” section of this notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* October 1, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joy Zhang or George McMahon, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1168 or (202) 482-1167, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 12, 2010, the Department published in the *Federal Register* its preliminary determination on copper pipe and tube from Mexico. See *Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination*, 75 FR 26726 (May 12,

2010) (“*Preliminary Determination*).¹

We selected the following companies for individual examination: IUSA S.A. de C.V. (“IUSA”) and Nacional de Cobre, S.A. de C.V. (“Nacobre”).

See *Preliminary Determination*, 75 FR at 26726.

As provided in section 782(i) of the Act, we conducted sales and cost verifications of the questionnaire responses submitted by IUSA and Nacobre. We used standard verification procedures, including examination of relevant accounting and production records, as well as original source documents provided by IUSA and Nacobre.² All verification reports are on file and available in the Central Records Unit (“CRU”), Room 7046, of the main Department of Commerce building.

On July 23, 2010 and July 26, 2010, respectively, IUSA and Nacobre, submitted sales and cost databases with revisions that reflect the minor corrections presented during their respective verifications.³ IUSA, Nacobre, and the petitioners⁴ filed their case briefs with the Department on August 4, 2010, and rebuttal briefs on August 10, 2010. At the petitioners’ request, we held a hearing on August 12, 2010.

We used IUSA’s July 23, 2010, and Nacobre’s July 26, 2010, sales and cost databases to calculate IUSA’s and Nacobre’s antidumping duty margin. No parties have objected to the use of these databases.

On September 13, 2010, the Department placed a memorandum on the record of this case regarding a recent

¹ On May 28, 2010, the Department also published in the *Federal Register*, *Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube From Mexico: Correction to Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value 75 FR 29990 (May 28, 2010) and Postponement of Final Determination* to correct the Scope section of the *Preliminary Determination*.

² See Memorandum to the File titled “Verification of the Sales Response of IUSA S.A. de C.V. (“IUSA”) and its affiliates (“IUSA”) in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico, dated July 21, 2010” “Verification of the Cost Response of IUSA, S.A. de C.V. in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico, dated July 19, 2010” “Verification of the Sales Response of Nacobre, S.A. de C.V. and its affiliates (“Nacobre”) in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico,” dated July 21, 2010, and “Verification of the Cost Response of Nacobre, S.A. de C.V. and its affiliates (“Nacobre”) in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico,” dated July 22, 2010.

³ See IUSA’s July 23, 2010, and Nacobre’s July 26, 2010, submission of the sales and cost databases.

⁴ The petitioners in this investigation are Cerro Flow Products, Inc., KobeWieland Copper Products, LLC, Mueller Copper Tube Products, Inc., and Mueller Copper Tube Company, Inc. (collectively, “petitioners”).

ex parte meeting in which Francisco J. Sánchez, Under Secretary for International Trade Administration met with Mr. Carlos Peralta, President and Director General of IUSA. The Department invited interested parties to comment on this memorandum by September 17, 2010; however, no comments were received.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation (“POI”) is July 1, 2008, to June 30, 2009. This period corresponds to the four most recent fiscal quarters prior to the month of the filing of the petition. See 19 CFR 351.204(b)(1).

Scope of Investigation

For the purpose of this investigation, the products covered are all seamless circular refined copper pipes and tubes, including redraw hollows, greater than or equal to 6 inches (152.4 mm) in length and measuring less than 12.130 inches (308.102 mm) (actual) in outside diameter (“OD”), regardless of wall thickness, bore (e.g., smooth, enhanced with inner grooves or ridges), manufacturing process (e.g., hot finished, cold-drawn, annealed), outer surface (e.g., plain or enhanced with grooves, ridges, fins, or gills), end finish (e.g., plain end, swaged end, flared end, expanded end, crimped end, threaded), coating (e.g., plastic, paint), insulation, attachments (e.g., plain, capped, plugged, with compression or other fitting), or physical configuration (e.g., straight, coiled, bent, wound on spools).

The scope of this investigation covers, but is not limited to, seamless refined copper pipe and tube produced or comparable to the American Society for Testing and Materials (“ASTM”) ASTM-B42, ASTM-B68, ASTM-B75, ASTM-B88, ASTM-B88M, ASTM-B188, ASTM-B251, ASTM-B251M, ASTM-B280, ASTM-B302, ASTM-B306, ASTM-359, ASTM-B743, ASTM-B819, and ASTM-B903 specifications and meeting the physical parameters described therein. Also included within the scope of this investigation are all sets of covered products, including “line sets” of seamless refined copper tubes (with or without fittings or insulation) suitable for connecting an outdoor air conditioner or heat pump to an indoor evaporator unit. The phrase “all sets of covered products” denotes any combination of items put up for sale that is comprised of merchandise subject to the scope.

“Refined copper” is defined as: (1) Metal containing at least 99.85 percent by weight of copper; or (2) metal containing at least 97.5 percent by weight of copper, provided that the