in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG; a minimum of 40,000 PSI yield strength and a minimum 60,000 PSI tensile strength; and if with seams, must be electric resistance welded. Furthermore, imports covered by this review include OCTG with non-standard size wall thickness greater than the minimum identified for a given outer diameter as published in the API or proprietary specifications for OCTG, with surface scabs or slivers, irregularly cut ends, ID or OD weld flash, or open seams; OCTG may be bent, flattened or oval, and may lack certification because the pipe has not been mechanically tested or has failed those tests.

This merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) item numbers 7304.20, 7305.20, and 7306.20. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and U.S. Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Verifications

In accordance with section 353.25(c)(2)(ii) of the Department’s regulations, we verified information provided by IPSCO using standard verification procedures, including the examination of relevant sales and financial records, and selection of original documentation containing relevant information. Our verification results are outlined in the public version of the verification report.

United States Price

We used export price (EP) as the basis for U.S. price (USP), as defined in section 772(a) of the Act. IPSCO reported that EP was based on the delivered price to unaffiliated purchasers in the United States. We made deductions for freight from the plant to the customer, and U.S. duty and brokerage charges, in accordance with section 772(c)(2)(A) of the Act, because these expenses were incident to bringing the subject merchandise from the original place of shipment in the exporting country to the place of delivery in the United States. We also made a deduction for early payment discounts. No other adjustments to the EP were claimed or allowed.

Normal Value

We based NV on the price which the foreign like product is first sold for consumption in the exporting country, in the usual commercial quantities and in the ordinary course of trade, and to the extent practicable, at the same level of trade as the export price, as defined by section 773(a)(16)(B)(i) of the Act. The NV price was reported on a Goods and Services Tax-exclusive basis. We reduced NV for home market credit expense, in accordance with section 773(a)(6)(C)(iii), due to differences in circumstances of sale. We also reduced NV by packing and freight costs incurred in the home market, in accordance with sections 773(a)(6)(B)(i) and 773(a)(6)(B)(ii), respectively. In addition, we increased NV for U.S. packing costs and U.S. credit expenses, in accordance with sections 773(a)(6)(A) and 773(a)(6)(C)(iii) of the Act, respectively. No other adjustments were claimed or allowed.

Preliminary Results

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that no dumping margins exist for IPSCO for the period June 1, 1994, through May 31, 1995.

Parties to this proceeding may request disclosure within five days of publication of this notice and any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttal written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of the final results of the administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments or at the hearing, within 120 days from the issuance of these preliminary results.

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Individual differences between USP and NV may vary from the percentages stated above. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to Customs. The final results of this review shall be the basis for the assessment of antidumping duties on entries of merchandise covered by this review and for future deposits of estimated duties.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of OCTG from Canada entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for IPSCO will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit will continue to be the most recent rate published in the final determination or final results for which the manufacturer or exporter received a company-specific rate; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in the final results of this review, or the LTFV investigation; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review, the cash deposit rate will be 16.65 percent, the “all-others” rate established in the LTFV investigation.

These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26(b) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary’s presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 12, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Shark Operations Team; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Shark Operations Team (OT) will hold a meeting on August 27–28, 1996, at NMFS in Silver Spring, MD.

DATES: The meeting will begin on August 27, 1996 at 1 p.m. and will...
Offices of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; and
Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: WDFW requests a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

Permit 848 (P507D) authorizes WDFW takes of adult and juvenile, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha) from the Tucannon River in Washington for scientific research and hatchery supplementation of the wild stock. On an annual basis, permit 848 also authorizes WDFW to release the progeny of the ESA-listed adult salmon collected for broodstock. For modification 5, WDFW requests an increase in the number of hatchery smolts to be released annually from its supplementation program in the Tucannon River Basin. Also for modification 5, WDFW requests to retain all of the adult, ESA-listed, natural-origin salmon that return to the Tucannon Hatchery adult trap for broodstock if the total annual adult returns to the trap is less than 105 fish. If the total annual adult returns to the trap is greater than or equal to 105 fish, WDFW requests to retain up to 70 percent of the adult, ESA-listed natural-origin salmon that return to the adult trap for broodstock and to release the remaining percentage of ESA-listed adult salmon above the trap for natural spawning. Permit 848 currently authorizes WDFW to collect up to 100 adults or 35 percent of the adult, ESA-listed, natural-origin salmon for broodstock annually, whichever is less.

This year, WDFW would like to collect more of the returning adult fish for broodstock because: 1) The returns of both wild and hatchery fish are lower than expected, and 2) the returning adult fish are exhibiting head injuries and fungus infections which are contributing to a significant pre-spawning mortality rate. Previous evaluations of WDFW's supplementation program have shown about a four-to-one survival advantage for fish reared in the hatchery as compared to natural production. Based on this large survival advantage, and the fact that natural production has been at less than replacement levels in recent years, the requested level of adult take, and any subsequent artificially-propagated progeny production of these fish, will serve to perpetuate the ESA-listed species. Modification 5 to permit 848 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 848 expires on March 31, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see ADDRESSES) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate. The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in this application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: July 15, 1996.


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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for modification 5 to scientific research/enhancement permit 848 (P507D).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife in Olympia, WA (WDFW) have applied for due form for a modification to a permit that authorizes takes of a threatened species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before August 19, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

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