

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## International Trade Administration

[A-351-806]

**Silicon Metal From Brazil; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Time Limit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from Brazil. The review covers five manufacturer/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 9, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Howard Smith or Wendy Frankel, Office 4, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-5193, or (202) 482-5849, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the initial time limit established by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (245 days after the last day of the anniversary month), pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until July 31, 1999. See the Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, dated January 8, 1999, on file in the Central Records Unit located in room B-099 of the main Department of Commerce building.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: January 19, 1999.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

## Fish and Wildlife Service

[I.D. 012599D]

**Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement Regarding Proposed Issuance of an Incidental Take Permit to Simpson Timber Company, Northwest Operations, for Forest Management in Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce; Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), Interior

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare an environmental impact statement.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, NMFS and USFWS (the Services) intend to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) related to the proposed issuance of an incidental take permit (Permit) to Simpson Timber Company, Northwest Operations (Simpson), for take of endangered and threatened species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). As required by the act, the applicant is preparing a Habitat Conservation Plan (Plan). The Permit application is related to forest management and timber harvest on a portion of Simpson's fee-owned timberlands in Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor Counties, Washington. Simpson intends to request an Permit for the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), and the bald eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*). Simpson may also seek coverage for three fish species proposed for listing under the Act and approximately 60 currently unlisted fish and wildlife species under specific provisions of the Permit should these species be listed in the future.

The Services are furnishing this notice in order to advise other agencies and the public of our intentions and to announce the initiation of a 30-day public scoping period during which other agencies and the public are invited to provide written comments on the scope of issues to be included in the EIS.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before March 11, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for additional information should be sent to

Kathy Cushman, Fish and Wildlife Service, 510 Desmond Drive, SE, Suite 102, Lacey, Washington 98503, telephone (360) 753-9000; or Mike Parton, National Marine Fisheries Service, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, Washington 98503, telephone (360) 753-4650.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Simpson owns and manages approximately 267,000 acres of commercial timberland in Thurston, Mason, and Grays Harbor counties, Washington. Simpson proposes to manage, pursuant to the Plan, approximately 214,000 acres of its Washington properties located north of Highway 8 and west of Highway 101, and possible future inclusions of additional lands within 10 miles. The Plan area extends into the southern foothills of the Olympic Mountains and across the Wynoochee River Valley to the City of Aberdeen's Wishkah Watershed. Management activities include timber harvest and other forest management activities.

Some of Simpson's management activities have the potential to impact species subject to protection under the Act. Section 10(a)(2)(B) of the Act contains provisions for the issuance of incidental take permits to non-Federal land owners for the take of endangered and threatened species, provided the take is incidental to otherwise lawful activities and will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species in the wild. An applicant for a Permit under section 10 of the Act must prepare and submit to the Services for approval a Plan containing a strategy for minimizing and mitigating all take associated with the proposed activities to the maximum extent practicable. The applicant must also ensure that adequate funding for the Plan will be provided.

Simpson has initiated discussions with the Services regarding the possibility of a Permit and associated Plan for their activities on their land to be covered by a Permit. Activities proposed for Permit coverage include mechanized timber harvest; log transportation; road construction, maintenance, and abandonment; site preparation; tree planting; fertilization; silvicultural thinning; experimental silviculture; controlled burns; wildfire suppression; stream restoration; and the harvest and sale of minor forest products. The Plan and Permit would also cover certain monitoring activities and related scientific experiments in the Plan area.

The Services will conduct an environmental review of the Plan and prepare an EIS. The environmental