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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 2, 1998, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, a sunset review (63 FR 58709 and 63 FR 58765, respectively) of the countervailing duty order on iron metal castings from India pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of this review, the Department found that revocation of the countervailing duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and notified the Commission of the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail were the order revoked (see *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Iron Metal Castings From India*, 64 FR 30316 (June 7, 1999) and *Amended Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Iron Metal Castings From India*, 64 FR 37509 (July 12, 1999)).

On October 29, 1999, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the countervailing duty order on iron metal castings from India would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (see *Iron Metal Castings From India; Heavy Iron Construction Castings From Brazil; and Iron Construction Castings From Brazil, Canada, and China*, 64 FR 58442 (October 29, 1999), and USITC Pub. 3247, Inv. Nos. 303-TA-13; 701-TA-249; and 731-TA-262, 263, and 265 (October 1999)).

**Scope**

The merchandise subject to this countervailing duty order is manhole covers and frames, clean-out covers and frames, and catch basin grates and frames from India. These articles are commonly called municipal or public works castings and are used for access or drainage for public utility, water, and sanitary systems. These articles must be of cast iron, not alloyed, and not malleable. This merchandise is currently classifiable under item numbers 7325.10.0010 and 7325.10.0050 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

**Determination**

As a result of this determination by the Commission that revocation of this countervailing duty order would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States, the Department, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, is revoking the countervailing duty order on iron metal castings from India. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(i)(2)(ii), the effective date of revocation is January 1, 2000. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to discontinue suspension of liquidation and collection of cash deposits on entries of the subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse on or after January 1, 2000 (the effective date). The Department will complete any pending administrative reviews of this order and will conduct administrative reviews of subject merchandise entered prior to the effective date of revocation in response to appropriately filed requests for review.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 110899E]

**Groundfish Tagging Program**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce

**ACTION:** Proposed Collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington

DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The groundfish tagging program provides scientists with information necessary for effective conservation, management, and scientific understanding of the groundfish fishery off Alaska and the Northwest Pacific. The program area includes the Pacific Ocean off Alaska (the Gulf of Alaska, the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands Area, the Alexander Archipelago of Southeast Alaska), California, Oregon, and Washington. Population dynamics, non-linear optimization, likelihood function, and stock reduction analyses are used to estimate recruitment parameters and to assess stock sizes.

**II. Method of Collection**

This is a volunteer program requiring the actual tag from the fish to be returned, along with recovery information. Reporting forms with pre-addressed and postage-free envelopes are distributed to processors and catcher vessels. The tag information will be edited and entered into the computer data base. Each person returning a tag will receive information on the release site, growth, and depth and area changes, as well as a reward of a cap.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0276.

*Form Number:* N/A.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected public:* Individuals or households; State, Local, or Tribal governments.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,167.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 336.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 990910254-9254-01; ID 1108999B]

#### General Advisory Committee; Scientific Advisory Subcommittee; International Dolphin Conservation Program in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP)

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA), NMFS is appointing a General Advisory Committee and a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee that will provide advice on achieving the objectives of the Tuna Conventions Act, the IDCPA, and the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (Agreement). To assist it in developing the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee, NMFS is requesting nominations for members to these committees.

As directed in the Tuna Conventions Act, the General Advisory Committee will examine and provide comments and recommendations on all aspects of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna and will be invited to attend all meetings of the U.S. sections of these commissions.

The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will advise the General Advisory Committee, the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, and the U.S. Commissioners to the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna on all scientific matters regarding the long-term conservation and management of marine resources in the ETP and the entire ETP ecosystem. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will jointly serve as the National Scientific Advisory Committee, a committee which NMFS is required to appoint under the Agreement.

**DATES:** Nominations must be submitted on or before January 11, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be submitted to Katie S. Moore, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13756, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 or by fax to Katie Moore at 301-713-0376.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Allison Routt, 562-980-4019; or Katie S. Moore, 301-713-2322, ext. 157.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*), as amended by the IDCPA (Pub. L. 105-42), requires that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and the U.S. Commissioners to the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna appoint a General Advisory Committee and a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee. In addition, the Agreement requires the Secretary to establish a National Scientific Advisory Committee. These committees will provide advice on achieving the objectives of the Tuna Conventions Act, the IDCPA, and the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (Agreement). NMFS is seeking nominations for both the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee. NMFS intends for members of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to jointly serve as members of the National Scientific Advisory Committee.

#### General Advisory Committee

The General Advisory Committee will be composed of five to 15 qualified experts, operating in their individual capacities, from the public and private sectors, and from non-governmental organizations. It will have balanced representation from the various groups participating in the fisheries included under the conventions, and from non-governmental conservation organizations. The General Advisory Committee will be invited to send representatives to all non-executive meetings of the U.S. sections and will be

given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of investigations, reports, recommendations, and regulations of the IATTC and the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna. The General Advisory Committee may attend all meetings of the international commissions to which they are invited by such commissions.

As required by the Tuna Conventions Act, members of the General Advisory Committee will not receive compensation for their services as members of this committee.

#### Scientific Advisory Subcommittee

The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will be composed of no less than five nor more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation from the public and private sector, including non-governmental organizations. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will, as requested by the General Advisory Committee, the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, or the U.S. Commissioners to the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna, perform functions and provide assistance required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the ETP fishery, including the International Dolphin Conservation Program (Program). These functions include: (1) reviewing data from the Program, including data received from the IATTC; (2) making recommendations on research needs, including ecosystems, fishing practices, and gear technology research, including the development and use of selective, environmentally safe and cost-effective fishing gear, and on the coordination and facilitation of such research; (3) making recommendations concerning scientific reviews and assessments required under the Program and engaging, as appropriate, in such reviews and assessments; and (4) consulting with other experts as needed and recommending measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the parties to the Program and each nation's National Scientific Advisory Committee (or its equivalent).

As required by the Tuna Conventions Act, members of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will not receive compensation for their services as members of this committee.

#### National Scientific Advisory Committee

NMFS intends for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to also function as the National Advisory Scientific Committee (NATSAC) under the Agreement. The functions of the