

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on POS cooking ware from China, Mexico, and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on POS cooking ware from China, Mexico, and Taiwan. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of these orders will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751 (c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than March 2005.

Dated: April 7, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-815]

Sulfanilic Acid From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on sulfanilic acid from the People's Republic of China. The review covers the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sean Carey or Robert James, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3964 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review

On October 1, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on sulfanilic acid from the People's Republic of China, covering the period August 1, 1998 through July 31, 1999 (64 FR 53318). The preliminary results are currently due no later than May 2, 2000.

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for a preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results to no later than August 30, 2000. See Memorandum from Richard O. Weible to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated April 3, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building. This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: April 3, 2000.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 041000D]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 103rd meeting in Honolulu, Hawaii. A public meeting will be held to discuss banning bottom longlining for pelagic management unit species in Federal waters around Hawaii as a

preferred alternative under an amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagics Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (Pelagics FMP). In addition, the Council will consider the State of Hawaii's bill (H.B. 1947) to ban shark finning, in light of the Council's Fishery Management Plan for Pelagic Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region. The Council will also consider banning spear fishing with SCUBA apparatus during the day and night as a preferred alternative under the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/ Fishery Management Plan for the Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP (DEIS/FMP).

DATES: The Council meeting will be held on May 1, 2000, at 11 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council office, at 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda during the full Council meeting will include the items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed may change.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of the 102nd Meeting Minutes
4. Banning bottom longline fishing for pelagic management unit species in Federal waters around Hawaii as a preferred alternative under the Pelagics FMP
5. State of Hawaii bill on shark-finning
6. Banning spear fishing with SCUBA apparatus during day and night in the Western Pacific Region, as a preferred alternative under the Coral Reef Ecosystem DEIS/FMP
7. Issues relating to fisheries under Council jurisdiction in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands
8. Approval of Elliot Lutali's membership of Pelagic Plan Team
9. Public comment
10. Council action
11. Other business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of

the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: April 11, 2000.

George H. Darcy,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 00-9350 Filed 4-13-00; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041000A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (1236) and an application to modify a permit (1190).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement:

NMFS has received a permit application from John A. Musick, Ph.D., of the College of William and Mary at Williamsburg, VA (JM-CWM)(1226) and NMFS has received an application for permit modifications from Dr. Charles Karnella, of NMFS' Pacific Islands Area Office (CK-PIAO)(1190).

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on either the new application or modification request must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 pm eastern standard time on May 15, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments may also be sent via fax to 301-713-0376. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment in the Office of Protected

Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (ph. 301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

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

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species are covered in this notice: endangered and threatened Green (*Chelonia mydas*) and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) sea turtles; endangered Hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and Leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*) sea turtles; and threatened Loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

New Application Received

JM-CWM (1236) has requested a 5-year permit to take listed sea turtles in the coastal waters of Virginia, the Chesapeake Bay and in the US Virgin Islands (USVI). Research conducted in the Chesapeake Bay and coastal waters of Virginia will study inter-nesting movements of sea turtles in Virginia via satellite telemetry and to assess the effects of beach replenishment on turtle activities. Research conducted in the USVI will study habitat utilization of juvenile Hawksbill turtles at the Buck Island Reef National Monument off of

St. Croix, USVI. Both studies will capture, handle, tag (PIT, flipper, satellite, radio and acoustic), collect biological samples (via humeral bone biopsy, blood samples and laparoscopy) and release loggerhead, green, Kemp's ridley, hawksbill and leatherback turtles.

Modification Request Received

CK-PIAO requests a modification to Permit 1190. Permit 1190 authorizes the take of up to 10 olive ridley turtles annually that have been captured incidentally by longline fishery vessels in the Hawaiian region. These activities will aid in monitoring the Hawaiian longline fishery, a term and condition of the November 3, 1998 biological opinion on that fishery. In addition, these research activities are described in the Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans. The incidental take of these turtles is covered by the incidental take statement of the November 3, 1998 opinion. The purpose of the research is to document and evaluate the incidental take of pelagic turtles by the longline fishery, to help estimate the impact of the fishery on listed turtles as individuals and as populations, and to determine methods to reduce that impact. Research will evaluate how incidental captures affect sea turtle anatomy and physiology as a function of season, location of take, water temperature, species, size, time of day, and gear configuration. The results of the research will help NMFS to better meet the goals and objectives of the Pacific Sea Turtle Recovery Plans, the Hooking Mortality Workshop, and the requirements of Section 7 Biological Opinions developed for this fishery, and ultimately, to fulfill ESA responsibilities to protect, conserve, and recover listed species.

Incidentally-captured turtles will be examined, tagged, weighed, measured, resuscitated using approved techniques, have tissue samples taken, and be released. Some of these turtles will have transmitters attached. Dead turtles will be removed from the marine environment for research purposes, including necropsy and collection of life history data. Tissue samples may be used lab studies including the following: toxicology, histopathology, and genetic studies to identify nesting origins of incidentally taken turtles. The modification would increase the authorized annual take of olive ridleys from 10 to 15 annually due to greater coverage of the Hawaii longline fishery than originally anticipated in the original permit issued March 8, 1999.