

statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts.

Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

Dated: June 11, 2001.

Rodd Richardson,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Utilities Service

Information Collection Activity; Comment Request

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35, as amended), the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) invites comments on this information collection for which RUS intends to request approval from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

DATES: Comments on this notice must be received by August 17, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: F. Lamont Heppe, Jr., Program Development & Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service, USDA, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Stop 1522, Room 4034 South Building,

Washington, DC 20250-1522.
Telephone: (202) 720-0736. FAX: (202) 720-4120.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Electric and Telecommunications Standards and Specifications, and Telecommunications Field Trials and Contract Forms

OMB Control Number: 0572-0059

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Abstract: In order to facilitate the programmatic interest of the RE Act, and, in order to assure that loans made or guaranteed by RUS are adequately secured, RUS, as a secured lender, has established certain standards and specifications for materials, equipment and construction of electric and telecommunications systems. The use of standard forms, construction contracts, and procurement procedures helps assure RUS that appropriate standards and specifications are maintained, RUS' loan security is not adversely affected; and the loan and loan guarantee funds are used effectively and for the intended purposes.

Compliance with RUS specifications and standards is demonstrated to a large extent via presentation of laboratory tests resulting and other informational data upon which the determination of acceptability can be made. RUS evaluates this data to determine that the qualification of the products is acceptable and that their use will not jeopardize loan security. In the telecommunications program, because of the complex and highly technical nature of equipment, services, and system architectures, RUS also requires a manufacturer to demonstrate successful product use in a working telecommunications system. In most cases, manufacturers develop telecommunications products with field verifications as a normal business operating practice and they easily provide this information resource by simply providing the names of several users that RUS personally may contact and discuss product performance. Products that have not been deployed in a working environment can be handled and RUS' field trial procedures.

This request for reinstatement proposes to combine two of RUS' information collections under one control number. Control No. 0572-0076, RUS Specification for Quality Control and Inspection of Timber Products, will be combined into Control No. 0572-0059, Electric and Telecommunications Standards and Specifications, and

Telecommunications Field Trials, and Control Forms. This effort is to streamline RUS' information collections into a more logical grouping of packages which eliminates duplication of efforts.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1 hour per response.

Respondents: Business or other for-profit and non-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 280.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 19.

Estimate Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 5,861 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Dawn Wolfgang, Program Development and Regulatory Analysis, Rural Utilities Service at (202) 720-0812. Comments are invited on (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumption used; (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 those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques on other forms of information technology.

All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 12, 2001.

Blaine D. Stockton,

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-852]

Notice of Extension of Time for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review: Structural Steel Beams from Japan

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

ACTION: Notice of an extension of time for the preliminary results of the antidumping duty new shipper review of structural steel beams from Japan.

SUMMARY: On February 16, 2001, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published a notice of initiation of an antidumping duty new shipper review of structural steel beams from Japan. The Department is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the new shipper review, which covers the period February 11, 2000 through November 30, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Juanita H. Chen or Robert Bolling, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone 202-482-0409 and 202-482-3434, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 C.F.R. part 351 (2000).

Extension of Time

On January 31, 2001, pursuant to a request from Yamato Kogyo Co., Ltd., the Department initiated this antidumping duty new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on structural steel beams from Japan. See Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review: Structural Steel Beams from Japan, 66 FR 10668 (February 16, 2001). Under section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a new shipper review from 180 days after the date on which the review is initiated to 300 days if it concludes that the case is extraordinarily complicated. The Department has concluded that this case is extraordinarily complicated. See Memorandum from Edward C. Yang to Joseph A. Spetrini (June 5, 2001).

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the preliminary results by 120 days until November 27, 2001.

Dated: June 12, 2001.

Edward C. Yang,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment/Finding of No Significant Impact and Receipt of an Application for an Incidental Take Permit.

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application for an incidental take permit (ITP) from the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries (NCDMF) pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). As required by the ESA, NCDMF's application includes a conservation plan (Plan) designed to minimize and mitigate any such take of endangered or threatened species. The Permit application is for the incidental take of ESA-listed adult and juvenile sea turtles associated with commercial shrimp trawling without the use of a turtle excluder device (TED) off the coast of North Carolina from Browns Inlet to Rich Inlet due to high concentrations of algae which clog shrimp trawls and TEDs. The duration of the requested ITP is for 5 years. NMFS also announces the availability of a draft environmental assessment (EA) for the permit application. NMFS is furnishing this notice in order to allow other agencies and the public an opportunity to review and comment on these documents. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to the ESA.

DATES: Written comments from interested parties on the Permit application, Plan, and draft EA must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on July 18, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this action should be addressed to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Hoffman (ph. 727-570-5312, fax 727-570-5517, e-mail robert.hoffman@noaa.gov), or Barbara A. Schroeder (ph. 301-713-1401, fax 301-

713-0376, e-mail Barbara.Schroeder@noaa.gov). Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling 301-713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

Species Covered in this Notice

The following species are included in the Plan and ITP application: Loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Derموchelys coriacea*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles.

Background

On January 31, 2001, NCDMF submitted an application to NMFS to renew ESA section 10 (a)(1)(B) permit 1008 issued to the state of North Carolina. The previous permit had expired December 31, 2000 and had been issued for the years 1996-2000 to replace NMFS emergency rules which were issued from 1992 through 1995. That permit and those emergency rules allowed limited tow times in lieu of the use of TEDs in a 1-mile by approximately 30-mile long area off the North Carolina coast from Browns Inlet to Rich Inlet because of high concentrations of algae which clog shrimp trawl nets and TEDs. The bottom between Rich and Browns Inlets consists of scattered rocks, sea grasses, and concentrations of algae.

With the institution of Federal regulations requiring the use of TEDs in shrimp trawls, problems developed in this area with algae frequently clogging TEDs rendering them useless in releasing turtles and filling the trawls with algae from the TEDs forward. In this particular area shrimpers must harvest the algae in order to catch the shrimp that inhabit it. TED use in these circumstances is impractical because they clog or exclude a large portion of the algae. The season for shrimp trawling activity in this area varies from year to year depending on shrimp abundance. During the 1996-1999 fishing seasons, permit 1008 allowed