

regional conservation and development needs. The first of six planned meetings is scheduled for October 25, 2003, in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Subsequent meeting dates and locations will be announced at a later date.

EFFECTIVE DATES: The meeting will be held October 25, 2003, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. It will be held at The John Carver Inn, 25 Summer Street, Plymouth, Massachusetts 02360-3438. Written comments may also be submitted, no later than November 15, 2003 to: Terry D'Addio, National RC&D Program Manager, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 14th & Independence Ave., SW., Room 6013, South Building, Washington, DC, 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Terry D'Addio, Natural Resources Conservation Service, (202) 720-0557; fax: (202) 690-0639; e-mail: terry.d'addio@usda.gov.

Signed in Washington, DC, on October 1, 2003.

Bruce I. Knight,

Chief, Natural Resources Conservation Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1304]

Expansion of Foreign-Trade Zone 31 Granite City, IL

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, the Tri-City Regional Port District, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 31, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand FTZ 31 to include three sites at the Gateway Commerce Center in Madison County (Site 5—2,254 acres), River's Edge Industrial Park in Granite City (Site 6—458 acres), and MidAmerica Airport in St. Clair County (Site 7—3,851 acres), Illinois, and to formally delete Site 2 from the zone project, within/adjacent to the St. Louis, Missouri, Customs port of entry (FTZ Docket 16-2003; filed 3/14/03);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 14191, 3/24/03) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

Whereas, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby orders:

The application to expand FTZ 31 is approved, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and further subject to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 3rd day of October, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-201-822]

Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Mexico; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the final results of the 2001-2002 administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Mexico. This review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, ThyssenKrupp Mexinox S.A. de C.V., and the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Scott at (202) 482-2657 or Robert James at (202) 482-0649, Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Office Eight, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 7, 2003, we published the preliminary results of the administrative review of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from Mexico for the period July 1, 2001 through June 30, 2002. *See Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Mexico; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 47043 (August 7, 2003).

Pursuant to the time limits for administrative reviews set forth in section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act),

currently the final results of this administrative review are due on December 5, 2003. It is not practicable to complete this review within the normal statutory time limit due to a number of significant case issues, such as level of trade, the calculation of general and administrative expenses and interest expenses for cost of production and constructed value, and the inclusion of certain affiliated sales in the margin calculation. Making a determination with respect to these issues requires considerable scrutiny of respondent's questionnaire and supplemental questionnaire responses. Thus, it is not practicable to complete this review within the normal statutory time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until February 3, 2004 in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100603H]

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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Trawl Individual Quota Committee (TIQC) will hold a working meeting which is open to the public.

DATES: The TIQC working meeting will begin Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 8:30 a.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene from 8 a.m. and continue until business for the day is complete on Wednesday, October 29, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at: Embassy Suites Hotel, 7900 NE 82nd Avenue, Portland, OR 97220; (503)460-3000.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 200, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jim Seger, Staff Officer (Economist), telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the TIQC working meeting is to begin development of alternatives for an individual quota program to cover limited entry trawl landings in the West Coast groundfish fishery. Committee charge, decision rules, and the purpose, need and objectives for an individual quota program will also be addressed.

Although nonemergency issues not contained in this announcement may come before the TICQ for discussion, during this meeting those issues may not be the subject of a TICQ recommendation for a final Council action that results in Council recommendation to NOAA fisheries. Recommendations for such final action by the Council will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the GMT's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 7, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100703B]

Endangered Species; File No. 1448

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

ACTION: Receipt of application

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097, has applied in due form for a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), leatherback (*Dermochelys*

coriacea), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 13, 2003.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick Opay, (301) 713-1401 or Sarah Wilkin, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The applicant proposes to conduct biological sampling of sea turtles incidentally taken in commercial fisheries in state waters and the Exclusive Economic Zone in the northwest Atlantic Ocean. The primary objectives of the proposed research are to determine the size and composition of populations of sea turtles found in the commercial fishing areas and to establish individual identities of turtles which will permit subsequent determination of growth rates, possible stock origins and movement patterns. The research will contribute to the understanding of the pelagic ecology of these species, permit more complete models of their population dynamics, and allow more reliable assessments of commercial fishery impacts.

The researchers will sample turtles which have already been taken in legally operating commercial fisheries operating from the Gulf of Maine through North Carolina. The applicant proposes to photograph, measure, scan for PIT tags, biopsy sample, flipper tag and transport 300 loggerhead, 85 leatherback, 10 Kemp's ridley, 10 green, and 10 hawksbill sea turtles annually. The applicant is requesting a 5 year permit. No mortalities are expected as a result of this research.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits,

Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Dated: October 8, 2003.

Jill Lewandowski,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.093003A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 699-1720

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Kathryn Ono, Department of Biological Sciences, University of New England, 11 Hills Beach Road, Biddeford, Maine, 04005 has been issued a permit to take (*Phoca vitulina colorata*), gray seals (*Halichoerus grypus*), harp seals (*Phoca groenlandica*) and hooded seals (*Cystophora cristata*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah Wilkin or Jennifer Jefferies, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 29, 2003, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 44526) that a