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**Sam Giller,**

*Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[Docket No. 990813222-0035-03]

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### Allocation of Duty-Exemptions for Calendar Year 2006 Among Watch Producers Located in the United States Virgin Islands

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This action allocates calendar year 2006 duty exemptions for watch producers located in the Virgin Islands pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465, Pub. L. 106-36 and Pub. L. 108-429 ("the Act").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Act, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce (the Departments) share responsibility for the allocation of duty exemptions among watch assembly firms in the United States insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 CFR 303.3(a)), the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for calendar year 2006 is 1,866,000 units for the Virgin Islands (65 FR 8048, February 17, 2000).

The criteria for the calculation of the calendar year 2006 duty-exemption allocations among insular producers are set forth in Section 303.14 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.14).

The Departments have verified and adjusted the data submitted on application form ITA-334P by Virgin

Islands producers and inspected their current operations in accordance with Section 303.5 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.5).

In calendar year 2005 the Virgin Islands watch assembly firms shipped 266,607 watches and watch movements into the customs territory of the United States under the Act. The dollar amount of creditable corporate income taxes paid by Virgin Islands producers during calendar year 2005 plus the creditable wages paid by the industry during calendar year 2005 to residents of the territory was \$2,079,543.

There are no producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The calendar year 2006 Virgin Islands annual allocations, based on the data verified by the Departments, are as follows:

Name of firm	Annual allocation
Belair Quartz, Inc .....	500,000
Hampden Watch Co., Inc .....	200,000
Goldex Inc .....	50,000
Tropex, Inc .....	300,000

The balance of the units allocated to the Virgin Islands is available for new entrants into the program or producers who request a supplement to their allocation.

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**Nikolao Pula,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121905A]

### Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans; Reopening of Public Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice; reopening of public comment period.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS is reopening the public comment period for the proposed Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan (Plan) for the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) until

March 16, 2006. The proposed Recovery Plan consists of a "Draft Puget Sound Recovery Plan" prepared by the Shared Strategy and a NMFS Supplement. NMFS is reopening the public comment period at the request of commenters to provide additional opportunity for public review and comment.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received by March 16, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed Plan may be submitted by any of the following methods. Send written comments and materials to Elizabeth Babcock, National Marine Fisheries Service, Salmon Recovery Division, 7600 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to

[PugetSalmonPlan.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:PugetSalmonPlan.nwr@noaa.gov); include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: Comments on Puget Sound Salmon Plan. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile (fax) to 206 526 6426.

Persons wishing to review the Plan can obtain an electronic copy (i.e., CDROM) from Carol Joyce by calling 503-230-5408, or by e-mailing a request to [carol.joyce@noaa.gov](mailto:carol.joyce@noaa.gov), with the subject line "CD-ROM Request for Puget Sound Salmon Plan". Electronic copies of the Shared Strategy Plan are also available on-line on the Shared Strategy Web site <http://www.sharedsalmonstrategy.org>.

### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Babcock, NMFS Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Coordinator (206-526-4505), or Elizabeth Gaar, NMFS Salmon Recovery Division (503-230-5434).

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation and recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The ESA requires that recovery plans incorporate (1) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species is no longer threatened or endangered; (2) site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals; and (3) estimates of the time required and costs to implement recovery actions. The ESA requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the recovery of a particular species.

NMFS' goal is to restore endangered and threatened Pacific salmon ESUs to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their