DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Whaling Provisions; Aboriginal Subsistence Whaling Quotas

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

ACTION: Notice; notification of quota for bowhead whales.

SUMMARY: NMFS provides notification of the aboriginal subsistence whaling quota for bowhead whales that it has assigned to the Alaska Eskimo Whaling Commission (AEWC), and other limitations deriving from regulations adopted at the 59th Annual Meeting of the International Whaling Commission (IWC). For 2010, the quota is 75 bowhead whales struck. This quota and other limitations govern the harvest of bowhead whales by members of the AEWC.

DATES: Effective March 5, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Wulff, (202) 482–3689.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Aboriginal subsistence whaling in the United States is governed by the Whaling Convention Act (16 U.S.C. 916 et seq.). Regulations that implement the Act, found at 50 CFR 230.6, require the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to publish, at least annually, aboriginal subsistence whaling quotas and any other limitations on aboriginal subsistence whaling derived from regulations of the IWC.

At the 59th Annual Meeting of the IWC, the Commission set catch limits for aboriginal subsistence use of bowhead whales from the Bering-Chukchi-Beaufort Seas stock. The bowhead catch limits were based on a joint request by the United States and the Russian Federation, accompanied by documentation concerning the needs of two Native groups: Alaska Eskimos and Chukotka Natives in the Russian Far East.

This action by the IWC thus authorized aboriginal subsistence whaling by the AEWC for bowhead whales. This aboriginal subsistence harvest is conducted in accordance with a cooperative agreement between NOAA and the AEWC.

The IWC set a 5–year block quota of 280 bowhead whales landed. For each of the years 2008 through 2012, the number of bowhead whales struck may not exceed 67, except that any unused portion of a strike quota from any year, including 15 unused strikes from the 2003 through 2007 quota, may be carried forward. No more than 15 strikes may be added to the strike quota for any one year. At the end of the 2009 harvest, there were 15 unused strikes available for carry-forward, so the combined strike quota for 2010 is 82 (67 + 15).

This arrangement ensures that the total quota of bowhead whales landed and struck in 2010 will not exceed the catch limits set by the IWC. Under an arrangement between the United States and the Russian Federation, the Russian natives may use no more than seven strikes, and the Alaska Eskimos may use no more than 75 strikes.

Through its cooperative agreement with the AEWC, NOAA has assigned 75 strikes to the Alaska Eskimos. The AEWC will allocate these strikes among the 11 villages whose cultural and subsistence needs have been documented, and will ensure that its hunters use no more than 75 strikes.

Other Limitations

The IWC, regulations, as well as the NOAA regulation at 50 CFR 230.4(c), forbid the taking of calves or any whale accompanied by a calf.

NOAA regulations (at 50 CFR 230.4) contain a number of other prohibitions relating to aboriginal subsistence whaling, some of which are summarized here. For example:

• Only licensed whaling captains or crew under the control of those captains may engage in whaling. They must follow the provisions of the relevant cooperative agreement between NOAA and a Native American whaling organization.
  - The aboriginal hunters must have adequate crew, supplies, and equipment. They may not receive money for participating in the hunt.
  - No person may sell or offer for sale whale products from whales taken in the hunt, except for authentic articles of Native handicrafts.
  - Captains may not continue to whale after the relevant quota is taken, after the season has been closed, or if their licenses have been suspended. They may not engage in whaling in a wasteful manner.

Dated: March 1, 2010.

Rebecca Lent,
Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Proposed Additions and Deletions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed additions to and deletions from the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List products...
and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities, and to delete products previously furnished by such agencies.

Comments Must be Received on or Before: 4/5/2010.


For Further Information or to Submit Comments Contact: Barry S. Lineback, Telephone: (703) 603–7740, Fax: (703) 603–0665, or email CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

Supplementary Information: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51–2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments on the proposed actions.

Additions

If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in this notice will be required to procure the products and services listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the products and services to the Government.
2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products and services to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the products proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following products are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Products

Coast Guard Physical Fitness Uniform, T–Shirts X Small to XXX Large
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0189—XSmall
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0190—Small
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0191—Medium
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0192—Large
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0193—XLarge
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0194—XXLarge
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0195—XXXLarge
NPA: The Arkansas Lighthouse for the Blind, Little Rock, AR
Coast Guard Physical Fitness Uniform, Trunks X Small to XXX Large
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0196—XSmall
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0197—Small
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0198—Medium
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0199—Large
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0200—XLarge
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0201—XXLarge
NSN: 8465–00–NIB–0202—XXXLarge
NPA: Assoc f/Blind & Visually Impaired & Goodwill Ind. of Greater Rochester, Rochester, NY

Contracting Activity: Dept of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC
Coverage: C–List for the government requirements for the Department of Homeland Security, U.S. Coast Guard, Washington, DC.
Duster, Microfiber
NSN: 7920–00–NIB–0495—Mini Microfiber Duster
NPA: Industries for the Blind, Inc., West Allis, WI

Contracting Activity: Federal Acquisition Service, GSA/FAS Southwest Supply Center (QSDAC), Fort Worth, TX
Coverage: B–List for the broad government requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.
Safety Pins
NSN: 8315–00–787–7000—2.0” with tapered points
NSN: 8315–00–787–8000—1.5” with tapered points
NPA: Genesee County Chapter, NYSARC, Batavia, NY

Contracting Activity: Federal Acquisition Service, GSA/FAS Southwest Supply Center (QSDAC), Fort Worth, TX
Coverage: B–List for the broad government requirement as aggregated by the General Services Administration.

Services

Service Type/Location: Laundry Services, Alaska VA Healthcare System and Regional Office, Anchorage, AK
NPA: MQC Enterprises, Inc., Anchorage, AK

Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, Network Business Office (10N20VBO), Vancouver, WA

Service Type/Location: Landscape Maintenance, Veterans Affairs Northern California Healthcare System, 4951 Arroyo Road, Livermore, CA
NPA: Rubicon Programs, Inc., Richmond, CA

Contracting Activity: Department of Veterans Affairs, VISN 21 Consolidated Contracting Activity, Mare Island, CA

Service Type/Location: Custodial and Grounds Maintenance Services, U.S. Courthouse, 525 Magoffin Ave, El Paso, TX
NPA: Training, Rehabilitation, & Development Institute, Inc., San Antonio, TX

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Fort Worth, TX

Service Type/Location: Custodial Services, St. Louis Federal Complex, 4300 Goodfellow Boulevard, St. Louis, MO
NPA: MGI Services Corporation, St. Louis, MO

Contracting Activity: General Services Administration, Public Buildings Service, Kansas City, MO

Deletions

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1. If approved, the action will not result in additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. If approved, the action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the products to the Government.

3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46–48c) in connection with the products proposed for deletion from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

The following products are proposed for deletion from the Procurement List:

Products

USB Flash Drive, Flip Style
NSN: 7045–01–568–4206—1 GB, no encryption
NPA: USB Flash Drive with password protection
NSN: 7045–01–558–4983—512MB
NSN: 7045–01–558–4984—512MB
NSN: 7045–01–558–4985—USB Flash Drive with 256-bit AES Encryption
NPA: North Central Sight Services, Inc., Williamsport, PA

Contracting Activity: GSA/FSS OFC SUP CTR—Paper Products, New York, NY

Barry S. Lineback, Director, Business Operations.