hours at NMFS’ Southwest Region Office.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.


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National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Assessment for a Proposed Rule to Revise Marine Mammal Special Exception Permit Requirements

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare Environmental Assessment; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On March 10, 2010, NMFS announced its intent to prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental impacts of a proposed rule to revise federal regulations implementing the Section 104 permit provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) with written comments due by May 10, 2010. NMFS has decided to allow additional time for submission of public comments on this action.

DATES: The public comment period for this action has been extended by 30 days. Written comments must be received or postmarked by June 10, 2010.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be mailed to: P. Michael Payne, Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376 and confirmed by hard copy, or by email to mmpermitregs.comments@noaa.gov. Please include “Permit Regulations NOI” in the subject line of the email.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS has developed proposed revisions, additions, and restructuring of NMFS marine mammal permit application procedures and permit requirements to form the basis of one or more alternatives to be evaluated in an EA for a Proposed Rule. The internal scoping summary document for public review is available at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/mmpa_regulations.htm.

NMFS will consider all comments received during the comment period. All hardcopy submissions must be unbound, on paper no larger than 8½ by 11 inches (216 by 279 mm), and suitable for copying and electronic scanning. NMFS requests that you include in your comments: (1) Your name and address; and (2) Any background documents to support your comments, as you feel necessary. A draft EA will be made available for public review concurrent with publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking.


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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

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves


ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate and notice of availability of final findings.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Louisiana Coastal Management Program and the Great Bay (New Hampshire) National Estuarine Research Reserve. The Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, subpart L. The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of a Coastal Management Program requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Coastal Management Program document approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR part 921, subpart F and part 923, subpart L. Evaluation of a National Estuarine Research Reserve requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.

Each evaluation will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. A public meeting will be held as part of the site visit. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings. Notice is hereby given of the date of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the date, local time, and location of the public meetings during the site visits.

Dates and Times: The Louisiana Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held May 10–14, 2010. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Monday, May 10, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at the LaSalle Building (Capitol Complex), Griffon Room, 1st Floor, 617 North 3rd Street, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The Great Bay (New Hampshire) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held May 17–21, 2010. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2010, at 7 p.m. at the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Hugh Gregg Coastal Conservation Center, 89 Depot Road, Greenland, New Hampshire.

ADDRESSES: Copies of states’ most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM’s evaluation notification and supplemental information request letters to the state, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding this Program are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting. Please direct written comments to Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/OR/7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Hawaii Coastal Management Program and the Hudson River (New York) National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs. The State of Hawaii was found to be implementing and enforcing its federally approved coastal management program, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. The Hudson River NERR was found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or Kate.Barba@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kate Barba, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 563–1182.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign–Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1672]

Expansion of Foreign–Trade Zone 75, Phoenix, Arizona

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 City of Phoenix, grantee of Foreign Trade Zone 75, submitted an application to the Board for authority to expand its zone to include the jet–fuel storage and distribution system at and adjacent to the Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport (Site 5) in Phoenix, Arizona, within the Phoenix Customs and Border Protection port of entry (FTZ Docket 17–2009, filed 4/23/09);

Whereas, notice inviting public comment was given in the Federal Register (74 FR 19935–19936, 4/30/09) 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 75 is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board’s regulations, including Section 400.28.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 23rd day of March 2010.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign–Trade Zones Board.

Attends:
Andrew McGilvray,
Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces voluntary product standard DOC PS 20–10 “American Softwood Lumber Standard” which will supersede DOC PS 20–05. The standard establishes standard sizes and requirements for developing and coordinating the lumber grades of the various species of softwood lumber, the assignment of design values, and the preparation of grading rules applicable to each species. Its provisions include implementation of the Standard through an accreditation and certification program; establishment of principal trade classifications and lumber sizes for yard, structural, factory/shop use; Classification, measurement, grading and grade-marking of lumber; Definitions of terms and procedures to provide a basis for the use of uniform methods in the grading, inspection, measurement and description of softwood lumber; commercial names of the principal softwood species; Definitions of terms used in describing standard grades in lumber; and commonly used industry abbreviations. The Standard also includes the organization and functions of the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Board of Review, and the National Grading Rule Committee.


ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of DOC PS 20–10 should be submitted to: Standards Services Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2150. The standard is also available at http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/Conformity/vps.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David F. Alderman, Standards Services Division, telephone: 301–975–4019, fax: 301–975–4715, or e-mail david.alderman@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOC PS 20–10 “American Softwood Lumber Standard” was developed by the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Standing Committee responsible for maintaining the standard. The revision was processed in accordance with provisions of Department of Commerce “Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards” (15 CFR part 10). A notice, which appeared in the Federal Register on April 3, 2009 (74 FR 15255) announced NIST’s circulation of the revision for public review, requested public comments, and provided the history of the revision.

Analysis of Comments

NIST received one comment from an association representing lumber retailers.

Comment: The commenter requested that the standard be expanded to include a “single regime” for verifying the eco-attribute of lumber products with an on-product eco-label.