

any evidence of shipment from a non-selected company before making its respondent-selection decision.

However, in the sampling context, the existence of shipments will be required in order to both define the population, and if the company is selected, establish a dumping margin for the company. Therefore, the Department will normally use CBP data as evidence of shipment, and proposes to define the relevant population from which to sample as (1) all companies subject to investigation with shipments of subject merchandise, and (2) all companies named in a review with shipments of subject merchandise.

In a non-market economy ("NME") case, the relevant population should not include companies that are a part of the NME entity. Since the Department may not be able to determine a company's eligibility for a separate rate before respondent selection, the Department proposes to exclude from the relevant population companies that have not submitted separate rate applications.

1.3 Sampling Technique

The Department proposes to use stratified PPS samples. The first step in the proposed sampling technique is to sort all companies in the relevant population from largest to smallest, based on import volumes. Second, companies would be segregated into a number of strata equal to the sample size, with each stratum accounting for approximately the same share of import volume. For example, if the Department determines that it may individually examine three respondents, the companies would be divided into three strata, each accounting for approximately a third of imports. Third, one respondent from each stratum would be selected using PPS. If a single company accounts for more than 33 percent or more of imports, that company would be assigned its own stratum and the remaining companies would be divided into two strata accounting for an equal share of the remaining imports. Then, one respondent would be selected from each of these strata. If two companies each account for more than 33 percent or more of imports, each of the two companies would be assigned its own stratum and one respondent would be randomly selected from the remaining companies.

1.4 Calculating and Assigning Rates

After examination of selected respondents by the sampling method, the Department will need to assign a rate to all non-selected companies. To do so, the Department proposes to calculate a "sample rate," which will be

an average of all selected respondent rates, weighted by the import share of their corresponding strata. In a market economy case, all companies in the relevant population who were not selected for individual examination would receive the sample rate. Consistent with the definition of "relevant population" above, in NME cases, only companies in the relevant population that qualify for separate rates would receive the sample rate; those that do not qualify for separate rates would receive the NME country-wide rate.

Request for Comments

In addition to comments on the methodology described above, the Department requests comments on the following issues. First, how should the Department address the case in which a selected respondent needs to be replaced, due to withdrawal or disqualification for any reason? Examples of disqualified respondents include companies in an NME case that applied for a separate rate but do not qualify for such a rate, and companies with shipment of subject merchandise in CBP data due to misclassification. Second, how should the Department treat voluntary respondents in the sampling context? Finally, how should the Department treat adverse-facts-available, *de minimis*, and zero antidumping duty rates in its calculation of the sample rate?

Submission of Comments

As specified above, to be assured of consideration, comments must be received no later than January 31, 2011. All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <http://www.regulations.gov>, Docket No. ITA-2010-0009, unless the commenter does not have access to the Internet. Commenters that do not have access to the Internet may submit the original and two copies of each set of comments by mail or hand delivery/ courier. All comments should be addressed to the Secretary of Commerce, Attention: Albert Hsu, Senior Economist, Office of Policy, Room 1870, Import Administration, U.S., Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Department will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. The Department will not accept comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. All comments responding to this notice will

be a matter of public record and will be available for inspection at Import Administration's Central Records Unit (Room 7046 of the Herbert C. Hoover Building) and on the Department's Web site at <http://www.trade.gov/ia/>.

Any questions concerning file formatting, document conversion, access on the Internet, or other electronic filing issues should be addressed to Andrew Lee Beller, Import Administration Webmaster, at (202) 482-0866, e-mail address: webmaster-support@ita.doc.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Assessment Process Webinar for Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Fisheries Sandbar, Dusky, and Blacknose Sharks

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 21 HMS of sandbar, dusky, and blacknose sharks assessment webinar.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR 21 assessments of the HMS of sandbar, dusky, and blacknose sharks will consist of a series of workshops and webinars: a Data Workshop, a series of Assessment webinars, and a Review Workshop. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: A SEDAR 21 Assessment Process webinar will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 from 10 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. (Eastern). The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie Neer at SEDAR (See **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an

invitation providing webinar access information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator, 4055 Faber Place, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; *telephone:* (843) 571-4366; *e-mail:* Julie.neer@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

SEDAR 21 Assessment webinar:

Using datasets recommended from the Data Workshop, participants will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come

before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (*see ADDRESSES*) at least 10 business days prior to the meeting.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Whiting Advisory Panel in January, 2011 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 11, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; *telephone:* (401) 739-3000; *fax:* (401) 732-9309.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; *telephone:* (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Whiting Advisory Panel will discuss

and provide feedback on potential accountability measures for Annual Catch Limit (ACL) management under Draft Amendment 18. Other issues related to ACL management may also be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action 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 Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

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Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Monkfish Fishery Management Plan Amendment 6; Reschedule of Scoping Hearing.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has rescheduled a public hearing to solicit comments on proposals to be included in the Draft Amendment 6 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, February 15, 2011. The public hearing will be held on January 19, 2011. For specific dates and times, see

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.