

the deadline date for case briefs.<sup>14</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and (d)(2), parties who submit case briefs or rebuttal briefs in this investigation are encouraged to submit with each argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Additionally, case briefs regarding scope issues may be submitted within ten days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Rebuttal briefs regarding scope issues, limited to those issues in the scope case briefs, may be submitted no later than five days after the deadline for scope case briefs. All scope case and rebuttal briefs must be filed identically on the records of this investigation and the concurrent CVD investigation of collated staples.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c), interested parties who wish to request a hearing, limited to issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce intends to hold the hearing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined. Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

#### **Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures**

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that a final determination may be postponed until not later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by the petitioners. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2), Commerce requires that requests by respondents for postponement of a final antidumping determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional

measures from a four-month period to a period not more than six months in duration.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(e), Tianjin JXSL, Kyocera Senco Industrial Tools, Inc. (the petitioner), and Tianjin Hweschun requested that Commerce postpone the final determination. Additionally, Tianjin JXSL and Tianjin Hweschun requested that provisional measures be extended to a period not to exceed six months.<sup>15</sup> In accordance with section 735(a)(2)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(2)(ii), because: (1) The preliminary determination is affirmative; (2) the requesting exporters account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise; and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, Commerce is postponing the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to a period not greater than six months. Accordingly, Commerce's final determination will be issued no later than 135 days after the date of publication of this preliminary determination.

#### **International Trade Commission Notification**

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, Commerce will notify the International Trade Commission (ITC) of its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV. If the final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after the final determination whether these imports of the subject merchandise are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

#### **Notification to Interested Parties**

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: January 2, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### **Appendix I**

##### **Scope of the Investigation**

The merchandise covered by the scope of this investigation is certain collated steel

staples. Certain collated steel staples subject to this investigation are made from steel wire having a nominal diameter from 0.0355 inch to 0.0830 inch, inclusive, and have a nominal leg length from 0.25 inch to 3.0 inches, inclusive, and a nominal crown width from 0.187 inch to 1.125 inch, inclusive. Certain collated steel staples may be manufactured from any type of steel, and are included in the scope of this investigation regardless of whether they are uncoated or coated, and regardless of the type or number of coatings, including but not limited to coatings to inhibit corrosion.

Certain collated steel staples may be collated using any material or combination of materials, including but not limited to adhesive, glue, and adhesive film or adhesive or paper tape.

Certain collated steel staples are generally made to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) specification ASTM F1667-18a, but can also be made to other specifications.

Excluded from the scope of this investigation are any carton-closing staples covered by the scope of the existing antidumping duty order on Carton-Closing Staples from the People's Republic of China. *See Carton-Closing Staples from the People's Republic of China: Antidumping Duty Order*, 83 FR 20792 (May 8, 2018). Certain collated steel staples subject to this investigation are currently classifiable under subheading 8305.20.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). While the HTSUS subheading and ASTM specification are provided for convenience and for customs purposes, the written description of the subject merchandise is dispositive.

#### **Appendix II**

##### **List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum**

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Period of Investigation
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- V. Scope Comments
- VI. Scope of the Investigation
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- VIII. Currency Conversion
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- X. Critical Circumstances
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- XII. Conclusion

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

#### **National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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#### **North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

<sup>14</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309; *see also* 19 CFR 351.303 (for general filing requirements).

<sup>15</sup> See Tianjin JXSL's Letter, "Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Conditional Request for Extension of Final Determination," dated December 6, 2019; *see also* Petitioner's Letter, "Certain Collated Steel Staples from the People's Republic of China: Request for Postponement of the Final Determination," dated December 10, 2019; and Tianjin Hweschun's Letter, "Certain Collated Steel Staples from China: Request to Fully Extend the Final Determination," dated December 12, 2019.

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet January 27, 2020 to February 2, 2020.

**DATES:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. in the South Room on Wednesday, January 29 continuing through Sunday, February 2, 2020. The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. in the East Room on Monday, January 27 and continue through Wednesday, January 29, 2020. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. in the North/West Room on Tuesday, January 28 and continue through Friday, January 31, 2020. The Ecosystem Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (room TBD). The Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee will meet Tuesday, January 28, 2020, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. (room TBD).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Renaissance Hotel, 515 Madison St., Seattle, WA 98104.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 West 3rd, Suite 400; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

*Monday, January 27, 2020 Through Sunday, February 2, 2020*

*Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

- (1) Executive Director's Report
- (2) NMFS Management Report
- (3) NOAA General Counsel Report
- (4) Alaska Fisheries Science Center Report
- (5) ADF&G Report
- (6) USCG Report
- (7) USFWS Report
- (8) Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures for Area 3A
- (9) Norton Sound Red King Crab—Specifications, BSAI Crab Plan Team Report
- (10) Central GOA Rockfish Reauthorization
- (11) Economic Data Report regulatory changes

- (12) Sculpin/Squid Product Types
- (13) Partial Coverage Cost Efficiencies
- (14) Standardized Bycatch Reporting Methodology in FMPs
- (15) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Action Modules
- (16) BSAI Halibut ABM
- (17) Crab e-logbooks Cost Analysis
- (18) Social Science Planning Team
- (19) Staff Tasking

The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council with the exception of the B reports (issues 1–7).

The SSC's agenda will include:

- (1) Sculpin/Squid Product Types
- (2) Alaska Fisheries Science Center Report
- (3) Norton Sound Red King Crab—Specifications, BSAI Crab Plan Team Report
- (4) Bering Sea Fishery Ecosystem Plan Action Modules
- (5) Social Science Planning Team
- (6) Economic Data Report regulatory changes
- (7) Economic SAFE report—Review
- (8) Multi Regional Social Accounting Matrix tool—Review
- (9) Marine Mammal Conservation Status—Annual Update

Additionally, the SSC will be holding a Research Priorities Planning Workshop at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, January 29, 2020 in the East Room. In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066). The peer review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

The agenda for the Partial Coverage Fishery Monitoring Advisory Committee includes the opportunity to review, give staff feedback, and make recommendations to the Council on a draft workplan that establishes different elements and options for a cost efficient monitoring program that can be supported by industry fees. The agenda for the Ecosystem Committee includes fur seal updates from NOAA and St. Paul, skate nursery research update, deep sea coral research update, and FEP action module updates.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1243>.

**Public Comment**

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted either

electronically at: <https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/1243> or through the mail: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 West 3rd Ave., Suite 400, Anchorage, AK 99501. Deadline for comments is January 24, 2020 at 12 p.m.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shannon Gleason at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 3, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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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 Groundfish Committee 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:** This meeting will be held on Thursday, January 23, 2020 at 9 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Four Points Sheraton, One Audubon Road, Wakefield, MA 01880; Phone: (781) 245-9300.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Agenda**

The committee will meet to discuss recreational measures for fishing year 2020 and provide recommendations to the Groundfish Committee on