

conclusions, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

#### Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on the comments received from the GOC, we made no changes to our subsidy rate calculations. For a

discussion of these issues, see the Issues and Decision Memorandum.

#### Final Results of the Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(5), we determine the following net countervailable subsidy

rates for the sole respondent, Geelong, for the period September 15, 2017 through December 31, 2018:

Company	Subsidy rate— 2017 (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )	Subsidy rate— 2018 (percent <i>ad valorem</i> )
Zhongshan Geelong Manufacturing Co. Ltd. ....	1.27	1.15

#### Assessment Rates

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) 15 days after publication of these final results of review, to liquidate shipments of subject merchandise produced by and/or exported by Geelong, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 15, 2017 through December 31, 2018, at the *ad valorem* rates listed above.

#### Cash Deposit Requirements

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, we intend to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount shown above for Geelong for 2018 (*i.e.*, 1.15 percent *ad valorem*), on shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

#### Administrative Protective Orders

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing these final results of review in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: February 5, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

#### Appendix

##### List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**[RTID-0648-XV176]**

##### Efficient Permitting of Ocean Research, Mapping, and Characterizing Activities

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice; Request for information.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the Ocean Policy Committee, Ocean Resource Management Subcommittee and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as Co-Chairs of the Ocean Policy Committee, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests input from all interested parties on the permitting process for ocean research, mapping, and characterization

activities. The public input provided in response to this Request for Information (RFI) will inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it works with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to increase the efficiency of the permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities across agencies.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 12, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses should be submitted via email to *oceanresearch@ostp.eop.gov*. Include “RFI Response: Efficient Permitting of Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing Activities” in the subject line of the message.

*Instructions:* Response to this RFI is voluntary. Respondents need not reply to all questions listed. For all submissions, clearly indicate which questions are being answered. Email attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. OSTP may post responses to this RFI, without change, on a Federal website. NOAA, therefore, requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Brock Eckel, OSTP, 202 456-4336.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. Government, in coordination with non-U.S. Government entities, conducts hundreds of ocean exploration, mapping, and research activities every year across the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (U.S. EEZ). These activities improve our understanding of our oceans, including by identifying potential new sources of critical minerals, biopharmaceuticals, energy,

and other resources. These activities frequently require multiple environmental reviews, consultations, permits, and other authorizations under Federal laws and regulations that protect resources such as maritime heritage sites and sensitive or protected marine natural resources.

Presidential Memorandum, Ocean Mapping of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and the Shoreline and Nearshore of Alaska, 84 FR 64699 (Nov. 11, 2019), directs the Ocean Policy Committee, through its Ocean Resource Management Subcommittee, to identify opportunities and recommend actions to the Director of the OSTP and the Chairman of the CEQ that will increase the efficiency of the permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities across agencies. The Ocean Policy Committee is soliciting public input through this RFI to obtain information from a wide range of stakeholders, including academia, private industry, and other relevant organizations and institutions, in order to inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it prepares to identify these opportunities and develop recommended actions.

#### Questions To Inform Development of the Recommendations

Through this RFI, the Ocean Policy Committee seeks responses to the following questions to identify opportunities and inform development of recommendations that will increase the efficiency of the permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities that take place in the U.S. EEZ.

1. Please describe any challenges related to identifying and obtaining the necessary information, permits, and authorizations required to conduct ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ, particularly with respect to applicable regulations and agency policies.

2. Please describe opportunities to increase the efficiency of permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ.

3. What innovative tools, platforms, and technologies could increase the efficiency of permitting, reporting, and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ? To the extent innovative capabilities already exist, but are not being effectively used, what are the barriers to adopting them?

4. After authorization is obtained, are there any reporting or paperwork requirements that are unduly burdensome or lack utility? If yes, please describe such requirements and provide suggestions for addressing them.

5. Is there any additional information related to permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ, not requested above, that you believe the Ocean Policy Committee should consider?

Dated: February 3, 2020.

**Timothy C. Gallaudet,**

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for information.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the Ocean Policy Committee, Ocean Science and Technology Subcommittee and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as Co-Chairs of the Ocean Policy Committee, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests input from all interested parties on the development of a National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (U.S. EEZ). Through this Request for Information (RFI), the Ocean Policy Committee seeks input from the public on ways to map, explore, and characterize the U.S. EEZ; that is, to reveal the terrain of the ocean floor and identify areas of particular interest, and to identify and evaluate natural and cultural resources within these areas. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it works with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to develop the strategy.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 12, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** Responses should be submitted via email to *oceanmapping@ostp.eop.gov*. Include "RFI Response: National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. EEZ" in the subject line of the message.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kris Dellapina, OSTP, 202 456-6038.

##### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Presidential Memorandum, Ocean Mapping of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and the Shoreline and Nearshore of Alaska, 84 FR 64699 (Nov. 19, 2019), directs the Director of the OSTP and the Chairman of the CEQ, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ocean Policy Committee, to coordinate the development of a national strategy for mapping, exploring, and characterizing the U.S. EEZ. Pursuant to this requirement, the Ocean Policy Committee, through its Ocean Science and Technology Subcommittee and in coordination with the Administrator of NOAA, seeks to develop a proposed strategy ("Strategy") to map the U.S. EEZ, identify priority areas within the U.S. EEZ, and explore and characterize the priority areas. The Ocean Policy Committee has commenced development of the Strategy and is soliciting public input through this RFI to obtain information from a wide range of stakeholders, including academia, private industry, and other relevant organizations and institutions. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it continues to develop the Strategy.

#### Questions To Inform Development of the Strategy

Through this RFI, the Ocean Policy Committee seeks responses to the following questions to inform development of a national strategy for ocean mapping, exploration, and characterization.