

liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise entered or withdrawn from warehouse, on or after, January 24, 2026, but to continue the suspension of liquidation of all entries of subject merchandise that were subject to suspension of liquidation between September 26, 2025, and January 23, 2026.

If the U.S. International Trade Commission (ITC) issues a final affirmative injury determination, we will issue a countervailing duty order, reinstate the suspension of liquidation under section 706(a) of the Act, and require a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties for such entries of subject merchandise in the amounts indicated above, in accordance with section 706(a) of the Act. If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated, and all estimated duties deposited or securities posted as a result of the suspension of liquidation will be refunded or canceled.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, Commerce will notify the ITC of its final affirmative determination that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of silicon metal from Norway. Because the final determination is affirmative, in accordance with section 705(b) of the Act, the ITC will make its final determination as to whether the domestic industry in the United States is materially injured, or threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of silicon metal from Norway no later than 45 days after this final determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and nonproprietary information related to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order (APO), without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance. If the ITC determines that material injury or threat of material injury does not exist, this proceeding will be terminated and all cash deposits will be refunded.

If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, Commerce will issue a countervailing duty order directing CBP to assess, upon further instruction by Commerce, countervailing duties on all imports of the subject merchandise that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after

the effective date of the suspension of liquidation, as discussed above in the "Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation" section.

Administrative Protective Order

In the event that the ITC issues a final negative injury determination, this notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to an APO of their responsibility concerning the destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/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 violation which is subject to sanction.

Notification to Interested Parties

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.210(c).

Dated: June 24, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

Appendix I

Scope of the Investigation

The scope of this investigation covers all forms and sizes of silicon metal, including silicon metal powder. Silicon metal contains at least 85.00 percent but less than 99.99 percent silicon, and less than 4.00 percent iron, by actual weight. Semiconductor grade silicon (merchandise containing at least 99.99 percent silicon by actual weight and classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) subheading 2804.61.0000) is excluded from the scope of this investigation.

Silicon metal is currently classifiable under subheadings 2804.69.1000 and 2804.69.5000 of the HTSUS. While the HTSUS numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Appendix II

List of Topics Discussed in the Issues and Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background
- III. Subsidies Valuation
- IV. Analysis of Programs
- V. Discussion of the Issues
 - Comment 1: Whether to Find the Apprenticeship Funding Program Countervailable
 - Comment 2: Whether to Find the Industrial Development Corporation of Norway (SIVA) Program Countervailable
 - Comment 3: Whether to Countervail the Additional Free Allowances under the

- Free Allocation of European Union (EU) Emissions Trading System (ETS)
- Comment 4: Whether to Countervail the Enova Grant Programs
- Comment 5: Whether to Countervail the Innovation Projects for the Industrial Sector Program
- Comment 6: Whether to Countervail the Environmental Technology Scheme
- Comment 7: Whether to Countervail the SkatteFUNN Program
- Comment 8: Whether to Apply Total Adverse Facts Available (AFA) to Elkem with Respect to an Unreported Affiliate Discovered at Verification and Accept Elkem's Sales Minor Correction from Verification Regarding this Entity
- Comment 9: Whether to Apply AFA to Elkem with Respect to an Unreported Subsidy
- Comment 10: Whether to Countervail the Reduced Electricity Tax Rate Program

VI. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 29287

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, California 92037 (Responsible Party: David Weller, Ph.D.), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before July 30, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available upon written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov.

Written comments on this application should be submitted via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include File No. 29287 in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request via email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shasta McClenahan, Ph.D., or Amy Hapeman, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the

authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

The applicant requests a 10-year permit to conduct research on 41 species of cetaceans and 6 species of pinnipeds in U.S. and international waters of the Pacific and Southern Oceans. ESA-listed species include: blue (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin (*B. physalus*), gray (*Eschrichtius robustus*), humpback (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), killer (*Orcinus orca*), North Pacific right (*Eubalaena japonica*), sei (*B. borealis*), Southern right (*Eubalaena australis*), and sperm (*Physeter macrocephalus*) whales; and Guadalupe fur seals (*Arctocephalus townsendi*). The objectives of the research are to study marine mammal abundance, distribution, movements, density, survival, reproduction, health and condition, dive behavior, acoustics, demography, and stock structure. Cetaceans may be taken during vessel and aerial surveys, including uncrewed aircraft systems (UAS), for counts, photography, videography, photogrammetry, observations, passive acoustic recordings, biological sampling (blow, feces, sloughed skin, and skin and blubber biopsies), and tagging (suction-cup and dart/barb). Pinnipeds may be taken during surveys by ground, manned aircraft, or UAS for counts, photography, videography, photogrammetry, observations, and collection of scat and spew. Marine mammal parts may also be salvaged, imported, exported, or received for analysis and curation. See the application for complete numbers of animals requested by species, life stage, and procedure.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 24, 2026.

Larissa Plants,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will convene a meeting to review key management provisions for Pacific sardine in the Coastal Pelagic Species (CPS) Fishery Management Plan (FMP), including reference points and control rules. The meeting will be hosted at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center. The meeting is open to the public and being conducted in person with the opportunity for public comment.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, July 22 through Friday, July 24, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. (Pacific Standard Time) or until business for the day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Pacific Room, 8901 La Jolla Shores Drive, La Jolla, CA 92037, Tel: 858–546–7000.

This meeting is being conducted in person. Specific meeting information, materials, visitor protocols, and instructions for how to connect to the meeting remotely will be provided in the meeting announcement on the Pacific Council's website (see www.pcouncil.org).

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katrina Bernaus, Staff Officer, Pacific Council; telephone: (503) 820–2420, email: katrina.bernaus@pcouncil.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In April 2026, the Council adopted an interim final preferred alternative for the sardine stock definition in the CPS FMP's fishery management unit (FMU)

that would amend the CPS FMP to include all Pacific sardine in U.S. waters in the FMU as one stock, delineated coastwide. The next steps for this action include revisions to the FMP to define management provisions, including reference points and harvest control rules for a coastwide Pacific sardine stock. The Pacific Council provided written guidance to schedule a joint meeting involving the Pacific Council's CPS Subcommittee of the Scientific and Statistical Committee (CPSSC of the SSC), the Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and the Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel (CPSAS). The purpose of this meeting will be to review key management provisions for Pacific sardine, including options for reference points and harvest control rules for a coastwide stock of Pacific sardine. Meeting participants are expected to provide recommendations on appropriate definitions. No management actions will be decided by the meeting participants. The meeting participants' role will be the development of recommendations and reports for consideration by the Pacific Council at its September 2026 meeting in Vancouver, Washington. Meeting participants will also recommend future research topics organized by priority for NMFS and Pacific Council consideration.

The meeting participants will consist of members of the Pacific Council's SSC's CPSSC and the CPSMT. Representatives of the CPSAS will also participate in the review as advisers and staff from the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center and West Coast Regional Office will be available as technical advisors.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agendas may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Visitors to the NMFS Southwest Fisheries Science Center will need to obtain a visitor badge. Visitors are also required to present a REAL ID-compliant form of identification. For instance,

- State-issued identification that is REAL ID-compliant
- Passport