

## Methodology

The Department has conducted this review in accordance with section 751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). For each of the subsidy programs found countervailable, we preliminarily determine that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific. See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

In making these findings, we have relied, in part, on facts available and, because the Government of the PRC did not act to the best of its ability to respond to the Department's requests for information, we have drawn an adverse inference in selecting from among the facts otherwise available. See sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. For further information, see "Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences" in the Preliminary Determination Memorandum.

For a full description of the methodology underlying the Department's conclusions, see Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

## Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine a net countervailable subsidy rate of 5.23 percent *ad valorem* for Shanxi Yida Special Steel Imp. & Exp. Co., Ltd. and its cross-owned affiliates Shanxi Yida Special Steel Group Co., Ltd. and Shanxi Yida Petroleum Equipment Manufacturing Co., Ltd., for the period March 3, 2011, through December 31, 2011.

## Disclosure and Public Comment

The Department will disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of these preliminary results.<sup>1</sup> Interested parties may submit written arguments (case briefs) within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results and rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing the case briefs.<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2), rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) Statement of the issue; (2) a brief

summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.

Interested parties, who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice.<sup>3</sup> Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, we will inform parties of the scheduled date for the hearing, which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, at a time and location to be determined.<sup>4</sup> Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing.

Parties are reminded that briefs and hearing requests are to be filed electronically using IA ACCESS and that electronically filed documents must be received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by parties in their comments, within 120 days after issuance of these preliminary results.

## Assessment Rates

Upon issuance of the final results, the Department shall determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

## Cash Deposit Instructions

The Department also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amounts shown above. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213.

Dated: April 1, 2013.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

## Appendix I

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum:

1. Summary.
2. Background.
3. Scope of the Order.
4. Use of Facts Otherwise Available and Adverse Inferences.
5. Subsidy Valuation Information.
6. Loan Benchmark Rates.
7. Analysis of Programs.
8. Conclusion.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC607**

### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold meeting of its Pelagics Plan Team (PPT) and Archipelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Teams, in Honolulu, HI, to discuss fishery issues and develop recommendations for future management.

**DATES:** The meeting of the PPT will be held between April 23 and 24, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Archipelagic Fishery Ecosystem Plan Teams will be held between April 22 and April 25, 2012, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *The PPT will meet at the Council Pelagics Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:*

**Tuesday, April 23, 2013, 8.30 a.m.**

1. Introduction
2. Annual Report
  - a. Review 2012 Annual Report

<sup>1</sup> See 19 CFR 351.224(b).

<sup>2</sup> See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

<sup>3</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

<sup>4</sup> See 19 CFR 351.310.

- modules and recommendations
- i. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)
- ii. American Samoa
- iii. Guam
- iv. Hawaii
- v. International
- vi. Recreational
- b. 2012 Annual Report region wide recommendations

**Wednesday, April 24, 2013, 8.30 a.m.**

- 3. Ninth Regular Session of the Western and Central Pacific Fishery Commission
- 4. South Pacific albacore and American Samoa longline costs earnings study
- 5. North Pacific striped marlin
- 6. Pacific bluefin tuna
- 7. Cook Islands/Forum Fisheries Agency sub-regional office in Pago Pago
- 8. Update on false killer whale Take Reduction Plan
- 9. Biological opinion for deep set tuna fishery
- 10. Outstanding Fishery Ecosystem Plan amendments
- 11. Other business
- 12. Public comment
- 13. Pelagic Plan Team Recommendations

*The Hawaii and Pacific Remote Island Areas (PRIAS) Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team Meeting will meet at the Council's Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:*

**Tuesday, April 22, 2013, 8:30 a.m.**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions
- 2. Approval of the Agenda
- 3. Assignment of Rapporteurs
- 4. Status of Fishery Monitoring Programs and Research Projects
  - A. Coral Reef Fisheries
  - B. Crustacean Fisheries
  - C. Precious Coral Fisheries
  - D. Bottomfish Fisheries
    - i. Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) Annual Catch Target (ACT) Monitoring
    - ii. Market Delay Amendment
  - E. National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Pacific Islands Regional Office (PIRO) PIRO Administrative Activities
  - F. Discussions
- 5. Improving Annual Catch Limit (ACL) specifications and stock assessments
  - A. Recalculation of gold coral Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY)
  - B. New black coral research to support ACL re-specification
  - C. Discussions
- 6. Data collection and reporting issues
  - A. Recreational fishing updates
  - B. Update on Omnibus Data Collection Improvement Proposal

- C. Discussions
- 7. Review of the Council Five-Year Research Priorities
- 8. Update Cooperative Research and developing priorities
- 9. General Discussions
- 10. Other Business
- 11. Public Comment
- 12. Hawaii and PRIA Archipelago Plan Team recommendations

*The Joint American Samoa and Marianas Archipelago Fishery Ecosystem Plan Team will meet at the Council's Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:*

**Wednesday–Thursday, April 23–24, 2013, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.**

- 13. Welcome and Introductions
- 14. Approval of the Agenda
- 15. Assignment of Rapporteurs
- 16. Report on previous Plan Team recommendations and Council actions
- 17. Review of the Status of the Western Pacific Insular Fisheries
  - A. Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands
    - i. Coral reef fisheries
    - ii. Bottomfish fisheries
    - iii. Potential use of Bio-Sampling data to improve fishery data
    - iv. Update of fishery dependent and independent studies
    - v. Administrative and regulatory updates
    - vi. Discussions
  - B. Guam
    - i. Coral reef fisheries
    - ii. Bottomfish fisheries
    - iii. Potential use of Bio-Sampling data to improve fishery data
    - iv. Update of fishery dependent and independent studies
    - v. Administrative and regulatory updates
    - vi. Discussions
  - C. American Samoa
    - i. Coral reef and crustacean fisheries
    - ii. Bottomfish fisheries
    - iii. Potential use of Bio-Sampling data to improve fishery
    - iv. Update of fishery dependent and independent studies
    - v. Administrative and regulatory updates
    - vi. Discussions
- 18. Review of the Council Five-Year Research Priorities
- 19. Update of Cooperative Research and Developing Priorities and Projects
- 20. General Discussions
- 21. Other Business
- 22. Public Comment
- 23. Annual Catch Limits
  - A. Evaluating 2012 catches relative to its respective ACLs
  - B. Using model based approaches to determine MSY and depletion-

- corrected average catches for Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) specification
- C. Discussions
- 24. Improving Fishery Data Collection in the Western Pacific Region
  - A. Update on Status of Fishery Data Collection Improvement Actions
  - B. Data collection in military installations in Guam
  - C. Update on the status of the Omnibus Fishery Data Collection Improvement Proposal
  - D. Using Bio-Sampling data to enhance creel surveys
- 25. Protected Species
  - A. Update on the Endangered Species Act (ESA) Petitioned Species
    - i. Pacific humphead wrasse
    - ii. Eight species of coral reef fish
- 26. Other Business
- 27. Public Comments
- 28. Rapporteur reports
- 29. General discussions and Plan Team recommendations

**Plan Team Training: A Brief Introduction to Length-Based Mortality Assessment for Coral Reef Fishes**

- 30. Length-based stock assessment approach: pros and cons, some examples from Florida, Caribbean, and Hawaii.
- 31. Age and growth of tropical boney fishes. Age at length relationship (e.g., von Bertalanffy). Fitting growth curves. Allometric (Weight-Length) growth.
- 32. Mortality rates and abundance estimation. Development of exponential mortality model, average population size, and population biomass models. Assessing life span, maximum age and natural mortality, size-age of first capture, selectivity.
- 33. Integrating the parts. Model development and assessing exploitation rates via average size in the exploited phase of the population.
- 34. Fisheries-independent and fisheries-dependent surveys to obtain average length in the exploited phase.
- 35. Computer Laboratory—Estimating mortality rates using a length-based mortality model in Excel.

The order in which the agenda items are addressed April change. The PPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda April come before the PPT for discussion, those issues April not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Plan Team action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and

any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Councils intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### *Special Accommodations*

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 2, 2013.

**William D. Chappell,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

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

**RIN 0649-XC608**

#### **New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a three-day meeting on to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, April 23-25, 2013 starting at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, and at 8:30 a.m. on both Wednesday and Thursday.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 20 Coogan Blvd., Mystic, CT 06355-1900; telephone: (860) 572-0731; fax: (860) 572-0328; or online at [www.hiltonmystic.com](http://www.hiltonmystic.com).

*Council address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Tuesday, April 23, 2013**

The New England Council will hold a closed session on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to address appointments to its Scientific and Statistical Committee. Following the closed session, the Chairman will make any necessary introductions and announcements. The Council will then receive brief reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, as well as NOAA General Counsel, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Coast Guard, and staff from NOAA Enforcement/VMS. The Council also will receive an update about Northeast Regional Ocean Council activities. Prior to the lunch break, an open period for public comments is scheduled during which any interested party may provide brief remarks on issues relevant to Council business but not listed on the meeting agenda.

During the afternoon session the Council will receive a report from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center staff summarizing the findings of the 56th Stock Assessment Workshop/Stock Assessment Review Committee meetings. The species addressed were surf calms and ocean quahogs and white hake. The Transboundary Management Guidance Committee will brief the Council on its February intersessional meeting held to discuss quota trading, assessment timing, alternative management strategies and the U.S./Canada Resource Sharing Understanding. The Groundfish Committee report will follow and include: an update on the development of Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP); a presentation by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center's Social Sciences Branch on its fishing year 2011 Groundfish Report; and a discussion about cod catch reporting in the Eastern Georges Bank Area.

#### **Wednesday, April 24, 2013**

The Council will begin its second day of meetings with a brief update on recent recommendations concerning habitat management areas, dedicated habitat research areas, and the inclusion of gear modification measures in the Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2. Following this report, the Council will continue to address groundfish management issues as it discusses recent correspondence that requests a review of the impacts of climate change on groundfish status determination

criteria and catch advice and any follow up action. Additionally, Council members will consider Groundfish Committee recommendations for new alternatives in Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 that would improve conservation of juvenile groundfish habitat and protect concentrations of large spawning groundfish. These new area alternatives could replace some or all of the status quo year-round groundfish closed areas and rolling closures. After the April Council meeting, the groundfish management alternatives will be consolidated and possibly combined with the existing habitat and dedicated habitat research areas that have been proposed by the Habitat Committee.

#### **Thursday, April 25, 2013**

The NEFMC's Monkfish Committee will review the development of Amendment 6 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This report also will include a review of the April 2013 update assessment. Under this agenda item the Council also may discuss the ability of NOAA Fisheries to provide data that adequately supports a monkfish sector or ITQ program. The Scallop Committee will initiate Framework Adjustment 25 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP (specifications for fishing year 2014 and default measures for 2015). The action will include accountability measures for windowpane flounder, among other issues. The Council also will approve priorities for inclusion in the upcoming scallop research set-aside program announcement that will detail future funding opportunities for sea scallop-related research. The Enforcement Committee will review recommendations for possible approval concerning sector managers and joint liability; gear marking requirements across all FMPs; small, seasonal closed areas; and allowing vessels to simultaneously carry nets with different mesh sizes for different fisheries in the regulated mesh areas. Prior to a lunch break, the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office will present a Draft Environmental Assessment on Standard Bycatch Reporting Methodology and seek approval to finalize proposals for public review. The day will conclude with an initial discussion about Magnuson-Stevens Act reauthorization priorities.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any