

subject merchandise, and petitioners¹ requested the Department conduct an administrative review. On August 27, 2002, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on subject merchandise, for the period July 1, 2001, through June 30, 2002. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 67 FR 55000 (August 27, 2002). The preliminary results of this administrative review are currently due no later than April 2, 2003.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within the statutory time limit of 245 days from the date on which the review was initiated. Due to the complexity of issues present in this administrative review, such as home market affiliated downstream sales, and complicated cost accounting issues, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time period provided in section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of the Department's regulations.

Therefore, we are extending the due date for the preliminary results by 120 days, until no later than July 31, 2003. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: March 20, 2003.

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022003E]

Endangered Species; File No. 1353

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

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Steve W. Ross, Ph.D., North Carolina National Estuarine Research Reserve, MCS 5600 Marvin Moss Lane, Wilmington, North Carolina 28409, has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon, *Acipenser brevirostrum*, for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Jefferies or Gene Nitta, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 30, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 59780) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by Dr. Steve W. Ross. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Due to habitat loss and overfishing, the North Carolina population of shortnose sturgeon are in danger of extinction. This research will sample and track the shortnose sturgeon in North Carolina river systems. Thirty fish annually will be collected by gillnetting, trawling, and electroshocking. The fish will then be measured, tagged with a Peterson tag, and released. A subset of these fish will also receive an internal ultrasonic transmitter.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 21, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031903F]

Vessel Monitoring Systems; List of Approved Mobile Transmitting Units and Communications Service Providers

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

ACTION: Notice of vessel monitoring systems; approval; correction.

SUMMARY: This document provides a correction to the fax number indicated in a notice published March 11, 2003, regarding vessel monitoring systems (VMS) approved for pelagic longline vessels in the Atlantic Highly Migratory Species fisheries.

DATES: Effective March 27, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For current listing of approved units contact Mark Oswell, Outreach Specialist, phone 301-427-2300, fax 301-427-2055. For questions regarding VMS installation, activation checklists, and status of evaluations, contact Jonathan Pinkerton, National VMS Program Manager, phone 301-427-2300, fax 301-427-2055. For questions regarding the checklist, contact Fred Kyle, Special Agent, NMFS Office for Law Enforcement, Southeast Division, phone 727-570-5344.

The public may acquire this notice, installation checklist, and relevant updates via the "fax-back" service, or at the OLE website <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ole/vms.html>. Telephone requests can be made by calling 301-427-2300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Correction

In the **Federal Register** issue of March 11, 2003, on page 11534, in the second column, in the **ADDRESSES** section, in the second paragraph, "fax 727-570-5375" is corrected to read "fax 727-570-5575."

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

¹ The petitioners in this case are Allegheny Ludlum Corporation, AK Steel, Inc., North American Stainless, United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO/CLC, Butler Armco Independent Union and Zanesville Armco Independent Organization.