

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Large Residential Washers From the Republic of Korea and Mexico: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Goldberger (Republic of Korea) (202) 482-4136 or Brian Smith (Mexico) (202) 482-1766; AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Postponement of Preliminary Determinations**

On January 19, 2012, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping duty investigations of imports of large residential washers from the Republic of Korea (Korea) and Mexico. *See Large Residential Washers From the Republic of Korea and Mexico: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 77 FR 4007 (January 26, 2012). The notice of initiation stated that we would issue our preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of initiation. Currently, the preliminary determinations in these investigations are due on June 7, 2012.

On May 10, 2012, Whirlpool Corporation (hereafter, the petitioner) made timely requests, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.205(e), for a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determinations in the investigations. The petitioner stated that a postponement of these preliminary determinations is necessary because of the complexities of the investigations, the novelty of the issues raised, and because the Department is still involved in gathering and analyzing data from the respondents.

Under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period within which the preliminary determination must be made under subsection (b)(1), then the Department may postpone making the preliminary determination under subsection (b)(1) until not later than the 190th day after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation. Therefore, for

the reasons stated above and because there are no compelling reasons to deny its requests, the Department is postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations until July 27, 2012, which is 190 days from the date on which the Department initiated these investigations.

The deadline for the final determinations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: May 16, 2012.

Paul Piquado,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XA712

Endangered Species; File No. 16306

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Maine Department of Marine Resources, (Gail Wippelhauser, Ph.D., Responsible Party), 21 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333, has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon for purposes of scientific research.

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

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281-9328; fax (978) 281-9394.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Colette Cairns or Malcolm Mohead, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 21, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 58471) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. 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).

The Maine Department of Marine Resources was issued a five-year permit to determine movement, natal river origin, and other vital population parameters of shortnose sturgeon in Maine waters. Researchers will capture adult and juvenile shortnose sturgeon, and lethally collect early life-stage shortnose sturgeon. Individuals will be measured, weighed, photographed, PIT tagged, Floy/T-bar tagged, tissue sampled, and endoscoped; subsets of fish will be apical spine sampled, anesthetized, lavaged, blood sampled, fin ray sectioned, or implanted or fitted with an internal or external telemetry tag.

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 such endangered or threatened species, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 16, 2012.

Tammy C. Adams,
Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XT12

Petition To List 83 Species of Coral as Threatened or Endangered Under the Endangered Species Act (ESA)

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

ACTION: Notice of details of public listening sessions and scientific workshops.

SUMMARY: We, NMFS, announced in an April 17, 2012, **Federal Register** notice, public listening sessions and science workshops related to our status review of 82 coral species in response to a petition from the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) to list 83 coral species as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The purposes of the listening sessions are to

explain to the public the process and information we are using to decide whether listing one or more of the 82 corals species is warranted, and to allow opportunity for the public to provide us with additional information that may further inform that decision. The purpose of the science workshops is to provide the opportunity for additional individual expert advice and public input on the science relevant to our decision concerning the 82 species of coral being considered for listing under the ESA.

DATES: The public listening sessions and science workshops will be held in June 2012. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: A public listening session and a science workshop will be held in Hawaii, and another public listening session and another science workshop will be held in Florida. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. You may obtain a copy of the Status Review Report of 82 Candidate Coral Species Petitioned Under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (Status Review Report) and the draft Management Report for 82 Corals Status Review under the Endangered Species Act: Assessment of Existing Regulatory Mechanisms and Conservation Efforts (draft Management Report) by visiting the Internet at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/stories/2012/04/4_13_12corals_petition.html.

The two reports may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at: NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI, 96814; or NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For listening sessions: Chelsey Young, NMFS, Pacific Islands Regional Office, 808-944-2137; Lance Smith, NMFS, Pacific Island Regional Office, 808-944-2258; Jennifer Moore, NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 727-824-5312. For science workshops: Samuel Pooley, NMFS, Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, 808-983-5301; Margaret Miller, NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 305-361-4561.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

These public listening sessions and science workshops are not part of the usual rulemaking process and are unique to NMFS's response to the petition to list 83 coral species. Thus, the additional outreach conducted in this case does not establish precedent for any other ESA-listing process.

We will hold one public listening session and one science workshop in each of two NMFS regions: the Southeast and Pacific Islands.

Speaker Sign Up

Doors will open for speaker registration one hour before the listening sessions and science workshops begin, though sign-up will continue throughout these meetings. If there are more speakers signed up than time allows for, we will select speakers from the registration list randomly. Registered speakers will be asked to indicate their full name, contact information, any organization(s) they are representing, and a brief summary of the information provided. Because it is possible that the schedule may not accommodate all registered speakers, we also encourage attendees to submit written information at the listening sessions and science workshops.

Listening Sessions

June 25, 2012: 6–9 p.m.; Pagoda Hotel; 1525 Rycroft Street; Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 941-6611.

June 28, 2012: 4–7 p.m.; Nova Southeastern University, Oceanographic Center, Center of Excellence in Coral Reef Ecosystems Science, 8000 North Ocean Drive; Dania Beach, FL; telephone: (954) 262-3600.

NMFS staff will provide a moderator for meeting management. Note-takers will document the listening sessions, and audio recordings will be used to assist in clarifying speaker information for the final record.

NMFS staff will provide a brief PowerPoint presentation that will cover the ESA status review process, the Status Review Report, and the draft Management Report. There will then be an interactive, time-limited, question-and-answer period during which attendees may ask NMFS staff about information presented. Finally, registered speakers will be provided with an opportunity to speak and provide information. Each registered speaker will be limited to 5 minutes. Attendees may also submit written information.

Science Workshops

June 18, 2012: 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m.; East-West Center; Jefferson Hall (Imin Conference Center), University of Hawaii campus, 1601 East-West Road, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 983-5303.

June 27, 2012: 8:30 a.m.–5:30 p.m.; Nova Southeastern University, Oceanographic Center, Center of Excellence in Coral Reef Ecosystems

Science, 8000 North Ocean Drive, Dania Beach, FL; telephone: (954) 262-3600.

Science Workshop Topics

The science workshops in the Pacific Islands (HI) and Southeast (FL) regions will follow a similar format. Each will begin with a brief presentation on the Status Review Report, followed by sessions that expand specific elements of the Status Review Report. The science workshops will focus on two themes: "Climate Change and Climate Impacts on Coral Reef Ecosystems," and "Coral Reef Ecology and Adaptation." The Pacific Islands science workshop will include two Panel sessions, and the Southeast science workshop will include three sessions.

Speaker Time Limits and Opportunities for Public Input

After the presentation on the Status Review Report, there will be an interactive, time-limited, question-and-answer period during which attendees may ask NMFS staff about information presented.

After each thematic session, there will be a 45- to 60-minute period during which registered speakers will be given an opportunity to ask additional questions of the panelists or to present additional information.

During registration, speakers should sign up to speak under one or more thematic sessions. Each registered speaker will be limited to 5 minutes. Attendees may also submit written information.

Questions

Questions to panelists should be limited to those necessary to clarify the panelist's presentation. Questions seeking consensus among panelists or registered speakers will not be entertained.

Workshop Rapporteur

NOAA scientific experts knowledgeable of coral reef ecosystems and climate will prepare a summary of the workshop, noting the main points raised by the panelists and the registered speakers. This summary and any written information submitted by the panelists, registered speakers, or other attendees will be part of the record of the workshop.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: May 16, 2012.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
*Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for
Regulatory Programs, National Marine
Fisheries Service.*

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