

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****[A-580-868, A-201-842]****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