

The newspapers to be used for giving notice of Forest Service decisions in the Alaska Region are as follows:

Alaska Regional Office

Decisions of the Alaska Regional Forester: Juneau Empire, published daily except Saturday and official holidays in Juneau, Alaska; and the Anchorage Daily News, published daily in Anchorage, Alaska.

Chugach National Forest

Decisions of the Forest Supervisor and District Rangers: Anchorage Daily News, published daily in Anchorage, Alaska.

Tongass National Forest

Decisions of the Forest Supervisor: Juneau Empire, published daily except Saturday and official holidays in Juneau, Alaska.

Decisions of the Craig District Ranger, the Ketchikan/Misty District Ranger, and the Thorne Bay District Ranger: Ketchikan Daily News, published daily except Sundays and official holidays in Ketchikan, Alaska.

Decisions of the Admiralty Island National Monument Ranger, the Juneau District Ranger, the Hoonah District Ranger, and the Yakutat District Ranger: Juneau Empire, published daily except Saturday and official holidays in Juneau, Alaska.

Decisions of the Petersburg District Ranger: Petersburg Pilot, published weekly in Petersburg, Alaska.

Decisions of the Sitka District Ranger: Daily Sitka Sentinel, published daily except Saturday, Sunday, and official holidays in Sitka, Alaska.

Decisions of the Wrangell District Ranger: Wrangell Sentinel, published weekly in Wrangell, Alaska.

Supplemental notices may be published in any newspaper, but the timeframes for making comments or filing appeals will be calculated based upon the date that notices are published in the newspapers of record listed in this notice.

Dated: June 28, 2004.

Jacqueline Myers,

Acting Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Antidumping Duty Investigations of Magnesium Metal from the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("Department") is postponing the preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of magnesium metal from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") and the Russian Federation ("Russia") from August 5, 2004 until no later than September 24, 2004. This postponement is made pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act").

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 21, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Laurel LaCivita or Sebastian Wright, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4243 or (202) 482-5154, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On March 25, 2004, the Department published the initiation of the antidumping duty investigations of imports of magnesium metal from the PRC and Russia. *See Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations: Magnesium Metal from the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation*, 69 FR 15293 (March 25, 2004). The notice of initiation stated that we would make our preliminary determinations for these antidumping duty investigations no later than 140 days after the date of initiation.

On June 28, 2004, the petitioners¹ made a timely request pursuant to 19 CFR §351.205(e) for a fifty-day postponement of the preliminary determinations, or until September 24, 2004. The petitioners requested postponement of the preliminary determinations because they believe additional time is necessary to allow them time to analyze and submit comments to the Department regarding

the respondents' questionnaire responses and to allow the Department time to analyze the respondents' data thoroughly and to seek additional information.

For the reasons identified by the petitioners and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, we are postponing the preliminary determinations under section 733(c)(1) of the Act. Therefore, the preliminary determinations in both these cases are now due no later than September 24, 2004. 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 sections 733(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: July 13, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071504E]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Oversight Committee in August, 2004 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, August 9, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone: (508) 339-2200.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Groundfish Committee will meet to

¹ The petitioners are US Magnesium Corporation LLC, United Steelworkers of America, Local 8319, and Glass, Molders, Pottery, Plastics & Allied Workers International, Local 374.

develop the details of the management measures that will be included in Framework Adjustment 40B to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Framework 40B will include measures that provide additional fishing opportunities that target healthy stocks and will address several other issues identified since the approval of Amendment 13. The specific measures that will be considered in this framework include: revisions to the conservation tax for the days-at-sea (DAS) leasing and transfer programs, eliminating the tonnage upgrade restriction from the DAS transfer program, allocating a minimum number of Category B (reserve) DAS to vessels that did not receive any Category A or B DAS under Amendment 13, creating a haddock Special Access Program (SAP) north of Closed Area I, developing a mechanism to provide a DAS credit for standing by entangled whales, making a change to the season for the Closed Area II Yellowtail Flounder SAP, revising the allocation formula for the GB Cod Hook Sector, and creating a SAP to target haddock in the Western Gulf of Maine Closed Area using rod and reel. The Committee will identify the specific details for the proposed measures, will group the measures into distinct alternatives, and will develop recommendations for the Total Allowable Catches of stocks of concern that will be allocated to the proposed and existing SAPs. The Committee may also provide additional guidance to the Plan Development Team for the analysis of these measures.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: July 16, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071504B]

Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFPs to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator), has determined that an application for EFPs contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator is considering the impacts of the activities to be authorized under the EFPs with respect to the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue EFPs. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to issue EFPs in response to an application submitted by the Cape Cod Commercial Hook Fisherman's Association (CCCHFA), in collaboration with Research, Environmental and Management Support (REMSA). These EFPs would allow up to seven vessels to fish for haddock and pollock using jigged hand gear in two Northeast (NE) multispecies year-round closed areas. Fishing would occur in Georges Bank (GB) Closed Area I (CA I) during the months of July through December 2004, and January, February, May and June 2005 and in Nantucket Lightship Closed Area (NLSCA) during the months of November and December 2004, and May and June 2005. The purpose of this study is to test the viability of jigged hand gear (handline, rod and reel, and jigging machines) to harvest haddock and pollock with minimal cod bycatch within spatial and temporal parameters determined by local historical knowledge.

DATES: Comments on this action must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) on or before August 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional

Administrator, NMFS, NE Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Haddock/Pollock Jigging EFP Proposal." Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: da541@noaa.gov.

Copies of the Environmental Assessment (EA) are available from the NE Regional Office at the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Catherine Tadema-Wielandt at 978-281-9218 or catherine.tadema-wielandt@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Three year-round closed areas were established in 1994 under Amendment 5 to the FMP to provide protection to concentrations of regulated NE multispecies, particularly Atlantic cod, haddock, and yellowtail flounder. These closure areas, CA I, CA II, and the NLSCA, have proven to be effective in improving the stock status of several species, including GB haddock.

In their EFP application, the applicants state that cod are less available than haddock and pollock during certain times and in certain portions of CA I and NLSCA, and propose to support this observation with scientific data, potentially enabling the GB haddock and pollock resources to be utilized without impacting the management program that protects GB cod. This proposal builds on an ongoing study that began on October 1, 2003, and that proposes to continue through September 2004. Preliminary results from this study demonstrate the viability of utilizing hook-and-line gear to reduce bycatch of cod in a portion of GB CA I. The CCCHFA's most recent study proposal differs in that it proposes to test jigged hook-and-line gear (handline, rod and reel, and jigging machines), as opposed to stationary longlines, to target pollock in addition to haddock, and to conduct the study in all of CA I and in NLSCA.

Proposed EFP

The proposed study would occur within CA I during the months of July through December 2004, and January, February, May and June 2005 during which eight half-day trips would occur monthly, for a total of 80 half-day trips in this area. The proposed study would occur within NLSCA during the months of November and December 2004, and May and June 2005 during which four 1-day trips would occur monthly, for a total of 16 1-day trips in this area. In