

countervailing duty determination with the final antidumping duty determination of the above referenced case.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 20, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shane Subler or Hermes Pinilla, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0189 or (202) 482-3477, respectively.

### Background

On March 27, 2012, the Department of Commerce (“the Department”) initiated antidumping and countervailing duty investigations of drawn stainless steel sinks from the People’s Republic of China.<sup>1</sup> On August 6, 2012, the Department published its preliminary countervailing duty determination.<sup>2</sup>

### Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by the scope of this investigation are stainless steel sinks with single or multiple drawn bowls, with or without drain boards, whether finished or unfinished, regardless of type of finish, gauge, or grade of stainless steel (“SS sinks”). Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound-deadening pads are also covered by the scope of this investigation if they are included within the sales price of the SS sinks.<sup>3</sup>

The products covered by this investigation are currently classified in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (“HTSUS”) under statistical reporting numbers 7324.10.0000 and 7324.10.0010. Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written product description, available in Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People’s Republic of China, 77 FR 46717 (August 6, 2012), remains dispositive.

<sup>1</sup> See *Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 77 FR 18211 (March 27, 2012), and, also, see *Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People’s Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 77 FR 18207 (March 27, 2012).

<sup>2</sup> See *Drawn Stainless Steel Sinks From the People’s Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 77 FR 46717 (August 6, 2012).

<sup>3</sup> Mounting clips, fasteners, seals, and sound deadening pads are not covered by the scope of this investigation if they are not included within the sales price of the SS sinks, regardless of whether they are shipped with or entered with SS sinks.

### Alignment of Final Determination

On August 3, 2012, petitioner Elkay Manufacturing Company submitted a letter, requesting alignment of the final countervailing duty (CVD) determination with the final antidumping duty (AD) determination in the companion AD investigation. This request was timely pursuant to 19 CFR 351.210(i). Therefore, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(4), the Department will issue the final CVD determination on the same date as the final AD determination, which is currently scheduled for December 11, 2012.

Dated: September 14, 2012.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, DOC.

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a meeting of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC).

**DATES:** The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 11, 2012, at 9:00 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 4830 at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert Clark Hoover Building, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Todd DeLelle, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries (OEEI), International Trade Administration, Room 4053, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. (Phone: 202-482-4877; Fax: 202-482-5665; email: [todd.delelle@trade.gov](mailto:todd.delelle@trade.gov)). This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to OEEI at (202) 482-5225 no less than one week prior to the meeting.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will take place from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. EDT. This meeting is open to the public and time will be permitted

for public comment from 3:00–3:30 p.m. EDT. Written comments concerning ETTAC affairs are welcome any time before or after the meeting. Minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

**Topics to be considered:** The agenda for the October 11, 2012 ETTAC meeting will include discussion of various issues and policies that affect environmental trade. These subjects will encompass the harmonization of global environmental regulations, standards, and certification programs; analysis of existing environmental goods and services data sources; development of trade promotion programs; and issues related to innovation in the environmental technology sector.

**Background:** The ETTAC is mandated by Public Law 103-392. It was created to advise the U.S. government on environmental trade policies and programs, and to help it to focus its resources on increasing the exports of the U.S. environmental industry. ETTAC operates as an advisory committee to the Secretary of Commerce and the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). ETTAC was originally chartered in May of 1994. It was most recently re-chartered until October 2012.

**Catherine Vial,**

*Team Leader, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Science Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the NOAA Science Advisory Board. The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined in the section on Matters to be Considered.

**Time and Date:** The meeting is scheduled for: Tuesday, October 9, 2012, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

**ADDRESSES:** Conference call. Public access is available at: NOAA, SSMC 3, Room 12836, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD. Members of the

public will not be able to dial in to this meeting.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to public participation with a 5-minute public comment period from 2:50–2:55 p.m. The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of one minute. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's Office by October 4, 2012 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after October 4, 2012, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) Presentation of the final report from the review of the Ocean Exploration Program by the Ocean Exploration Advisory Working Group; (2) Review of new members, a new chair and renewal of membership terms for the Data Archive and Access Requirements Working Group; (3) Review of renewal of membership terms for the Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group; (4) Review of new members, a new chair and renewal of membership terms for the Climate Working Group; and (5) Update from the Research and Development Portfolio Review Task Force and discussion of proposed new date for final report. For the latest agenda, please visit the SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–734–1156, Fax: 301–713–1459, Email: [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov).)

Dated: September 14, 2012.

**Andy Baldus,**

*Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 17355

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543 [Responsible Party: William Karp; Principal Investigator: Peter Corkeron], has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on marine mammals and sea turtles.

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before October 22, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the *Features* box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 17355 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; phone (978) 281–9328; fax (978) 281–9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824–5312; fax (727) 824–5309.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301) 713–0376, or by email to [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Please

include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Joselyd Garcia-Reyes or Kristy Beard, (301) 427–8401.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216), 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 222–226).

The NEFSC is requesting a five-year permit to conduct scientific research on 38 species of cetaceans, four species of pinnipeds, and five species of sea turtles in the US EEZ from Florida to Maine and Canadian waters in the Bay of Fundy and Scotian Shelf. The research is designed to meet the NEFSC's mandates under the MMPA and ESA and primarily focuses on stock assessment. Specific objectives are to determine the abundance, distribution, movement patterns, dive behavior, demographic parameters, trends in recruitment, and stock structure of marine mammals in U.S. waters of the western North Atlantic. Twelve of the 47 species to be targeted for research are listed as threatened or endangered: blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), North Atlantic right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*), sei whale (*B. borealis*), sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), bowhead whale (*Balaena mysticetus*), green sea turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill sea turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), loggerhead sea turtle (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley sea turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), and leatherback sea turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*). See the application for specific take numbers by location and species/stock. Types of take would include harassment by survey approach during aerial and vessel-based surveys, passive acoustic recording, behavioral observations, photo-identification, suction-cup tagging, and biopsy sampling. Research platforms would include large ships, small vessels, and aircrafts. Import and export of marine