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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries in the Western Pacific; Amended Marine Conservation Plan for Pacific Insular Areas; Northern Mariana Islands

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

ACTION: Notice of agency decision.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the approval of an amended marine conservation plan (MCP) for the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATES: This agency decision is effective October 6, 2008, through October 6, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the MCP are available from the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council), 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813, tel 808-522-8220, fax 808-522-8226.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jarad Makaiau, Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, at 808-944-2108.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under Section 204(e)(1)(A) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), the Secretary of State, with the concurrence of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and in consultation with the Council, may negotiate and enter into a Pacific Insular Area fishery agreement (PIAFA) to allow foreign fishing within waters of the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) adjacent to American Samoa, Guam, or the Northern Mariana Islands, and at the request and with the concurrence of, and in consultation with, the Governor of the Pacific Insular Area to which the PIAFA applies. Section 204(e)(4) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act requires that prior to entering into a PIAFA, the appropriate Governor and the Council shall develop a three-year MCP containing detailing the uses for funds to be collected by the Secretary under the PIAFA.

Any payments received under a PIAFA shall be deposited into the United States Treasury and then covered over to the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area for which funds were collected. In the case of violations by foreign fishing vessels occurring within the EEZ off any Pacific Insular Area, any amount received by the Secretary which is attributable to fines and penalties imposed under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, including such sums collected from the forfeiture and disposition or sale of property seized subject to its authority, after payment of direct costs of the enforcement action to all entities involved in such action, shall be deposited into the Treasury of the Pacific Insular Area adjacent to the EEZ in which the violation occurred, to be used for fisheries enforcement and for implementation of a MCP. The MCP to be approved by the Secretary must be consistent with the Council's fishery management plans, identify conservation and management objectives (including criteria for determining when such objectives have been met), and prioritize planned marine conservation projects.

In June 2007, the Council approved an MCP for the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) and recommended its submission to the Secretary for approval. NMFS, designee of the Secretary, received the MCP on March 10, 2008. Following review and revision of the MCP, the Department of Lands and Natural Resources, CNMI, submitted the completed MCP on behalf of the Governor to NMFS on September 23, 2008. That MCP, dated June 2007, satisfied the requirements of MSA Section 204(e), and was approved for

the three-year period October 6, 2008, through October 6, 2011 (73 FR 61020, October 15, 2008).

At its 144th meeting in March 2009, the Council approved an amended MCP for the CNMI. On April 9, 2009, the Governor of the CNMI submitted the amended MCP, dated March 2009. The March 2009 document revises the objective related to domestic fisheries development, and the prioritization of projects. The amendments are aimed at further promoting the development and enhancing the economic viability of CNMI fisheries.

The amended MCP contains 12 objectives, listed below, which are consistent with the Council's five existing fishery management plans:

1. Data collection and reporting;
2. Resource assessment and monitoring;
3. Incidental catch, bycatch, and protected species interaction;
4. Habitat assessment and monitoring;
5. Management procedures;
6. Surveillance and enforcement;
7. Promote responsible domestic fisheries development to provide long term economic growth and stability and local food production;
8. Marine conservation education;
9. Public participation;
10. Regional cooperation;
11. Western Pacific demonstration projects; and
12. Performance evaluation.

The MCP identifies 22 programs or projects associated with the MCP objectives for potential funding under a PIAFA, as listed below in order of priority:

1. EEZ enforcement program;
2. Analysis of data on pelagic fishery resources;
3. Commercial harvest monitoring system;
4. Fisheries technology and education program;
5. Longline permit, reporting and quota utilization program;
6. Development of fish marketing plan that includes topics on market identification, transportation, fish products, branding and eco-labeling, and other marketing issues;
7. CNMI commercial fisheries baseline assessment;
8. Regional fisheries meeting and conferences funding assistance;
9. Enhance fishing opportunities by deploying community fish aggregation devices;
10. Vessel monitoring program;
11. Construction of cold storage, fish processing, and fish market facilities;
12. Foreign fishery observer program;
13. Establish fishery management units for the EEZ;

- 14. Northern islands remote fishing station project;
- 15. Village based aquaculture project;
- 16. Charter fishing economic impact study;
- 17. Bycatch interaction report;
- 18. Subsistence and recreational harvest monitoring system;
- 19. Recreational and subsistence fishing economic impact and use study;
- 20. Foreign fishery management measures;
- 21. Vessel pollution prevention education program; and
- 22. Foreign fishing revenue for the Puerto Rico dump cleanup.

This notice announces that NMFS has determined that the amended MCP for the Northern Mariana Islands satisfies the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act and has approved the amended MCP for the three-year period October 6, 2008, through October 6, 2011.

Dated: May 22, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with April anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews.

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 29, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila E. Forbes, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Unit, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4697.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(2002), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with April anniversary dates.

Notice of No Sales

Under 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind a review where there are no exports, sales, or entries of subject merchandise during the respective period of review (POR) listed below. If a producer or exporter named in this initiation notice had no exports, sales, or entries during the POR, it should notify the Department within 30 days of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The Department will consider rescinding the review only if the producer or exporter, as appropriate, submits a properly filed and timely statement certifying that it had no exports, sales, or entries of subject merchandise during the POR. All submissions must be made in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and are subject to verification in accordance with section 782(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Six copies of the submission should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Further, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f)(1)(i), a copy of each request must be served on every party on the Department's service list.

Respondent Selection

In the event the Department limits the number of respondents for individual examination for administrative reviews, the Department intends to select respondents based on U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) data for U.S. imports during the POR. We intend to release the CBP data under Administrative Protective Order (APO) to all parties having an APO within five days of publication of this initiation notice and to make our decision regarding respondent selection within 20 days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The Department invites comments regarding the CBP data and respondent selection within 10 calendar days of publication of this **Federal Register** notice.

Separate Rates

In proceedings involving non-market economy (NME) countries, the Department begins with a rebuttable presumption that all companies within the country are subject to government control and, thus, should be assigned a single antidumping duty deposit rate. It is the Department's policy to assign all exporters of merchandise subject to an administrative review in an NME country this single rate unless an

exporter can demonstrate that it is sufficiently independent so as to be entitled to a separate rate.

To establish whether a firm is sufficiently independent from government control of its export activities to be entitled to a separate rate, the Department analyzes each entity exporting the subject merchandise under a test arising from the *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sparklers from the People's Republic of China*, 56 FR 20588 (May 6, 1991), as amplified by *Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Silicon Carbide from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 22585 (May 2, 1994). In accordance with the separate-rates criteria, the Department assigns separate rates to companies in NME cases only if respondents can demonstrate the absence of both *de jure* and *de facto* government control over export activities.

All firms listed below that wish to qualify for separate-rate status in the administrative reviews involving NME countries must complete, as appropriate, either a separate-rate application or certification, as described below. For these administrative reviews, in order to demonstrate separate-rate eligibility, the Department requires entities for whom a review was requested, that were assigned a separate rate in the most recent segment of this proceeding in which they participated, to certify that they continue to meet the criteria for obtaining a separate rate. The Separate Rate Certification form will be available on the Department's Web site at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/nme/nme-sep-rate.html> on the date of publication of this **Federal Register** notice. In responding to the certification, please follow the "Instructions for Filing the Certification" in the Separate Rate Certification. Separate Rate Certifications are due to the Department no later than 30 calendar days after publication of this **Federal Register** notice. The deadline and requirement for submitting a Certification apply equally to NME-owned firms, wholly foreign-owned firms, and foreign sellers who purchase and export subject merchandise to the United States.

Entities that currently do not have a separate rate from a completed segment of the proceeding¹ should timely file a

¹ Such entities include entities that have not participated in the proceeding, entities that were preliminarily granted a separate rate in any currently incomplete segment of the proceeding (e.g., an ongoing administrative review, new shipper review, etc.) and entities that lost their separate rate in the most recently complete segment of the proceeding in which they participated.