

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): threatened lower Columbia River (LCR), threatened upper Willamette River (UWR), endangered upper Columbia River (UCR), threatened Snake River (SR) spring/summer (spr/sum), threatened SR fall.

Chum salmon (*O. keta*): threatened Columbia River (CR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): threatened LCR, threatened UWR, threatened middle Columbia River (MCR), threatened SR, threatened UCR.

Coho salmon (*O. kisutch*): threatened LCR, threatened Oregon Coast (OC).

Sockeye salmon (*O. nerka*): endangered SR.

#### Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et. seq*) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permit; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policy of section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). Such hearings are held at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NMFS.

#### Applications Received

##### Permit 1523–2R

The National Council of Air and Stream Improvements (NCASI) is seeking to renew its permit to annually take listed salmon while conducting research in the McKenzie and Willamette rivers in Oregon. The NCASI is requesting another 5-year permit to take juvenile UWR Chinook salmon while studying water quality and biological conditions in rivers receiving paper- and pulp mill discharges. The research will provide information on existing conditions in the watersheds and on changes in those conditions over time, and ultimately on the aquatic communities' responses to environmental stressors. The information will be used in a larger effort to monitor watershed health, water quality, and salmon recovery in the Upper Willamette watershed. The NCASI proposes to capture (using boat electrofishers), handle, and release

listed salmon. The NCASI does not intend to capture adult fish but some may be in the areas being fished and will be avoided as much as possible. While most of the fish would not be harmed, some juveniles may unintentionally be killed during the course of the research.

##### Permit 1525–3R

The Northwest Fisheries Science Center (NWFSC) is seeking to renew its permit to annually take listed salmonids in the Lower Willamette River, Oregon, and in the Columbia River from its mouth up to Bonneville Dam. The NWFSC is requesting another 5-year permit to take juvenile SR spring/summer Chinook salmon, SR fall Chinook salmon, SR steelhead, UCR Chinook salmon, UCR steelhead, MCR steelhead, LCR Chinook salmon, LCR steelhead, UWR Chinook salmon, UWR steelhead, and CR chum salmon. The purposes of the study are to (1) determine contaminant concentrations in fish, (2) understand contaminant bioaccumulation in juvenile salmon and determine site-specific factors leading to any contamination, (3) analyze the fish for the presence of physiological biomarkers, and (4) determine if the fish exhibit any indicators of exposure to environmental estrogens. The NWFSC would collect samples with seines or high-speed rope trawls and is asking for authorization to handle juvenile fish and to intentionally kill some of them for pathogen assays, biochemical composition, histopathological attributes, and stomach content analyses.

##### Permit 1318–7M

Permit 1318 currently authorizes the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW) to take juvenile UCR Chinook salmon, UCR steelhead, SR steelhead, SR fall-run Chinook salmon, SR spring/summer-run Chinook salmon, SR sockeye salmon, MCR steelhead, UWR Chinook salmon, UWR steelhead, LCR Chinook salmon, LCR coho salmon, LCR steelhead, CR chum salmon, and OC coho salmon in streams in the Willamette and Columbia basins, and on the Oregon coast. The ODFW is seeking to modify the permit by adding an eighth project. The application contains the following projects: (1) warm water fish management surveys; (2) investigations of natural production of spring Chinook salmon in the Mohawk basin; (3) genetic characterization of rainbow trout in the upper Willamette subbasin; (4) fish abundance, population status, genetics and disease surveys in the upper Willamette subbasin; (5) native trout

surveys for abundance, size composition, and migration patterns in the mainstem McKenzie River; (6) resident redband population estimates in the Deschutes River; (7) resident redband population estimates in the Crooked River; and (8) fish population sampling in the North Willamette Watershed District. The research would benefit the fish by providing information on population structure, abundance, genetics, disease occurrence, and species interactions. That information would be used to direct management actions to benefit listed species. Juvenile salmonids would be collected (using boat electrofishing). Some fish would be anesthetized, sampled for length and weight, allowed to recover from the anesthesia, and released. Most salmonids would only be shocked and allowed to swim away, or be netted and released immediately. The ODFW does not intend to kill any of the fish being captured, but a small number may die as an unintended result of the activities.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the applications, associated documents, and comments submitted to determine whether the applications meet the requirements of section 10(a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decisions will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **FEDERAL REGISTER**.

Dated: September 15, 2009.

**Therese Conant**,

*Acting Division Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[C–580–862]

#### Ni–Resist Piston Inserts from the Republic of Korea: Final Negative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers and exporters of Ni–resist piston inserts from the Republic of Korea (Korea).

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* September 21, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Conniff, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Operations, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4014, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1009.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

This investigation covers 15 programs and a single producer/exporter, Incheon Metal Co., Ltd. (Incheon Metal). The petitioner in this investigation is Korff Holdings LLC dba Quaker City Castings (Petitioner).

**Period of Investigation**

The period of investigation (the POI) for which we are measuring subsidies is January 1, 2008, through December 31, 2008, which corresponds to the most recently completed fiscal year for Incheon Metal and the government of Korea (GOK). See 19 CFR 351.204(b) (2).

**Case History**

On July 6, 2009, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary determination in the countervailing duty investigation of Ni-resist piston inserts from Korea. See *Ni-Resist Piston Inserts from the Republic of Korea: Preliminary Negative Countervailing Duty Determination*, 74 FR 31919 (July 6, 2009) (*Preliminary Determination*).

In accordance with section 782(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), from July 30 through August 4, 2009, we conducted verification of the questionnaire responses submitted by the GOK and Incheon Metal (collectively, respondents). We issued the verification reports on August 14, 2009, and August 21, 2009, respectively.<sup>1</sup>

On August 27, 2009, we received a case brief from Petitioner. On August

31, 2009, we received a case brief from the GOK. On September 3, 2009 and September 8, 2009, we received rebuttal briefs from Incheon Metal and the GOK. No hearing was requested.

**Scope of the Investigation**

The scope of this investigation includes all Ni-resist piston inserts regardless of size, thickness, weight, or outside diameter. Ni-resist piston inserts may also be called other names including, but not limited to, “Ring Carriers,” or “Alfin Inserts.” Ni-resist piston inserts are alloyed cast iron rings, with or without a sheet metal cooling channel pressed and welded into the interior of the insert. Ni-resist piston inserts are composed of the material known as Ni-resist, of the chemical composition: 13.5% - 17.5% Ni (nickel), 5.5% - 8.0% Cu (copper), 0.8% - 2.5% Cr (chromium), 0.5% - 1.5% Mn (manganese), 1.0% - 3.0% Si (silicon), 2.4% - 3.0% C (carbon). The cast iron composition is produced primarily to the material specifications of the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM), ASTM A-436 grade 1.

The scope of this investigation does not include piston rings nor did any other product manufacture using the Ni-resist material. The subject imports are properly classified under subheading 8409.99.91.90 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), but have been imported under HTSUS 7326.90. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description is dispositive of the scope of this investigation.

**Injury Test**

Because Korea is a “Subsidies Agreement Country” within the meaning of section 701(b) of the Act, the International Trade Commission (the

ITC) is required to determine whether imports of the subject merchandise from Korea materially injure, or threaten material injury, to a U.S. industry. On March 25, 2009, the ITC published its preliminary determination finding that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports from Korea of the subject merchandise. See *Ni-Resist Piston Inserts from Argentina and Korea*, Investigation Nos. 701-TA-460-461 (Preliminary), 74 FR 12898 (March 25, 2009).

**Analysis of Comments Received**

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this investigation are addressed in the Decision Memorandum. Attached to this notice as an Appendix is a list of the issues that parties raised and to which we have responded in the Decision Memorandum. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this investigation and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum, which is on file in the Department’s Central Records Unit. In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memorandum are identical in content.

**Suspension of Liquidation**

In accordance with section 705(c) (1) (B) (i) (I) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (as amended) (the Act), we have calculated an individual rate for the company under investigation, Incheon Metal which is the producer/exporter of the subject merchandise under investigation. We determine the total estimated net countervailable subsidy rates are as follows:

Producer/Exporter	Net Subsidy Rate
Incheon Metal Co., Ltd .....	<i>de minimis</i> percent <i>ad valorem</i>
All Others .....	<i>de minimis</i> percent <i>ad valorem</i>

In the *Preliminary Determination*, the total net countervailable subsidy rate was *de minimis* and, therefore, we did not suspend liquidation. Because the rate for Incheon Metal remains *de minimis*, we are not directing U.S. Customs and Border Patrol to suspend liquidation of entries of Ni-resist pistons from Korea.

**ITC Notification**

In accordance with section 705(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination.

**Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information**

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to Administrative Protective Order (APO)

of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

<sup>1</sup> The public version of the verification report and all public reports are on file in the Central Records

Unit, Room 1117 in the main building of the Department.

Dated: September 14, 2009.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**  
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import  
Administration.

### Appendix—Issues and Decision Memorandum

#### List of Comments and Issues in the Decision Memorandum

*Comment 1:* Whether the Tax Benefits  
under the Namdong National Industrial  
Complex are Countervailable

*Comment 2:* Whether the Technical  
Development for Innovation Production  
Environment Program is de facto  
Specific

*Comment 3:* Whether the Department  
Should Expand the POI

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Public Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on  
Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES)  
will meet October 8, 2009.

**DATES:** *Date and Time:* The meeting is  
scheduled as follows: October 8, 2009,  
9 a.m.–4 p.m. The first part of this  
meeting will be closed to the public.  
The public portion of the meeting will  
begin at 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in  
the Ronald Reagan Conference Center  
Polaris Suite located at 1300  
Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington,  
DC 20004. The public portion of the  
meeting may have limited seating  
capacity.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As  
required by section 10(a)(2) of the  
Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5  
U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby  
given of the meeting of ACCRES.  
ACCRES was established by the  
Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on  
May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary  
through the Under Secretary of  
Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere  
on long- and short-range strategies for  
the licensing of commercial remote  
sensing satellite systems.

#### Matters To Be Considered

During this open public meeting, the  
Committee will receive updates on  
NOAA's Commercial Remote Sensing  
Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA) activities.  
The Committee will also be available to  
receive public comments on its  
activities.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically  
accessible to people with disabilities.  
Requests for special accommodations  
may be directed to ACCRES, NOAA/  
NESDIS CRSRA office, 1335 East-West  
Highway, Room 8260, Silver Spring,  
Maryland 20910.

#### Additional Information and Public Comments

Any member of the public wishing  
further information concerning the  
meeting or who wishes to submit oral or  
written comments should contact Jane  
D'Aguanno, Designated Federal Official  
for ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS/CRSRA,  
1335 East-West Highway, Room 8260,  
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Copies  
of the draft meeting agenda can be  
obtained from David Hasenauer at (301)  
713–1644, fax (301) 713–0406, or e-mail  
[crsra@noaa.gov](mailto:crsra@noaa.gov)

The ACCRES expects that public  
statements presented at its meetings will  
not be repetitive of previously-  
submitted oral or written statements. In  
general, each individual or group  
making an oral presentation may be  
limited to a total time of five minutes.  
Written comments (please provide at  
least 13 copies) received in the NOAA/  
NESDIS Commercial Remote Sensing  
Regulatory Affairs Office on or before  
March 31, 2009, will be provided to  
Committee members in advance of the  
meeting. Comments received too close  
to the meeting date will normally be  
provided to Committee members at the  
meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Membership of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Performance Review Board

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

**ACTION:** Notice of membership of the  
NOAA Performance Review Board.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 5 U.S.C.  
4314(c)(4), NOAA announces the  
appointment of three new members to  
serve with the current membership on  
the NOAA Performance Review Board  
(PRB). The NOAA PRB is responsible  
for reviewing performance appraisals  
and ratings of Senior Executive Service  
and Senior Professional members and  
making written recommendations to the  
appointing authority on retention and  
compensation matters, including  
performance-based pay adjustments,  
awarding of bonuses and reviewing  
recommendations for potential  
Presidential Rank Award nominees. The  
appointment of members to the NOAA  
PRB will be for a period of 12 months.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The effective date  
of service of the three new appointees  
to the NOAA Performance Review  
Board is September 30, 2009.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Sabrina D. Lewis, Executive Resources  
Program Manager, Workforce  
Management Office, NOAA, 1305 East-  
West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland  
20910, (301) 713–6306.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The  
names and position titles of the  
members of the NOAA PRB are set forth  
below:

John E. Oliver, Jr. ....	Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service.
Maureen E. Wylie ....	Chief Financial Officer.
Vickie L. Nadolski ....	Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Weather Service.
Charles S. Baker ....	Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Environmental Satellite, Data and Information Service.
Alexander E. MacDonald ....	Deputy Assistant Administrator for Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes and Director, ESRL, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.
John S. Gray III ....	Director, Officer of Legislative Affairs.
Paul N. Doremus ....	Director, Strategic Planning Office of Program Planning and Integration.
David M. Kennedy ....	Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Ocean Service.
Tyra D. Smith ....	Director, Human Resources Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.