

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XX37

Endangered and Threatened Species; Notice of Intent to Prepare a Recovery Plan for the Sei Whale

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to prepare recovery plan; request for information.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is announcing its intent to prepare a recovery plan for the Sei Whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*) and requests information from the public. NMFS is required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended, to develop plans for the conservation and survival of federally listed species, i.e., recovery plans.

DATES: To allow NMFS adequate time to conduct the reviews, all information must be received no later than [September 13, 2010].

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by the code 0648-XX37 by any of the following methods:

1. Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <http://www.regulations.gov>
2. Facsimile (fax): 301-713-0376, Please identify the fax comments as "Sei Whale Recovery Plan Information"
3. Mail: National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Protected Resources, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, ATTN: Greg Silber

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Greg Silber at the above address, or at 301-713-2322.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Management responsibility for sei whales lies with the Secretary of Commerce and has been delegated to NMFS. As such, NMFS is charged with the recovery of sei whales which are listed as endangered under the ESA.

The recovery planning process is guided by the statutory language of Section 4(f) of the ESA and NMFS policies. Recovery planning identifies all methods and procedures which are necessary to recover any endangered species or threatened species. Section 4(f)(1)(B) of the ESA specifies that recovery plans must incorporate in each plan - (i) a description of such site-specific management actions as may be necessary to achieve the plan's goal for the conservation and survival of the

species; (ii) objective, measurable criteria which when met, would result in a determination, that the species be removed from the list; and (iii) estimates of the time required and cost to carry out those measures needed to achieve the plan's goal and to achieve intermediate steps toward that goal.

The recovery planning process is guided by the statutory language of Section 4(f) of the ESA, which requires that public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment be provided during recovery plan development. NMFS requests relevant information from the public during preparation of the draft Recovery Plan. Such information should address: (a) criteria for removing the sei whale from the list of threatened and endangered species; (b) factors that are presently limiting, or threaten to limit, the survival of the sei whale; (c) actions to address limiting factors and threats; (d) estimates of time and cost to implement recovery actions; and (e) research, monitoring and evaluation needs.

Upon completion, the draft Recovery Plan will be available for public review and comment through the publication of a **Federal Register** Notice.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*

Dated: July 8, 2010.

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Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

A-570-904

Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 13, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Palmer or Kathleen Marksberry, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-9068 or (202) 482-7906, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 29, 2009, Department of Commerce ("Department") published the notice of the initiation of the antidumping duty administrative review on certain activated carbon from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), covering the period April 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 74 FR 25711 (May 29, 2009) ("*Initiation Notice*").

On November 24, 2009, the Department published a notice extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results by 120 days to April 30, 2010. *See Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 61330 (November 24, 2009).

Additionally, the Department exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from February 5, through February 12, 2010. *See Memorandum to the Record from Ronald Lorentzen, DAS for Import Administration, regarding "Tolling of Administrative Deadlines As a Result of the Government Closure During the Recent Snowstorm,"* dated February 12, 2010. On May 13, 2010, the Department published the preliminary results of this review. *See Certain Activated Carbon from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Preliminary Results of the Second Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Preliminary Rescission in Part*, 75 FR 26927 (May 13, 2010) ("*Preliminary Results*"). The final results are currently due on September 10, 2010.

Extension of Time Limits for Final Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("Act"), requires the Department to issue the final results in an administrative review of an antidumping duty order 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. The Department may, however, extend the deadline for completion of the final results of an administrative review to 180 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. *See* section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

The Department requires additional time to complete this review because the Department must fully analyze and consider significant issues related to surrogate values raised in the parties'