

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* June 18, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steve Bezirgianian or Robert James, AD/CVD Operations, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1131 or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On November 15, 2011, the Department of Commerce ("Department") initiated an antidumping duty investigation on circular welded carbon-quality steel pipe from India.<sup>1</sup> On June 1, 2012, the Department published its preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value.<sup>2</sup> The final determination of this antidumping duty investigation is currently due on August 6, 2012.

**Postponement of Final Determination and Extension of Provisional Measures**

Section 735(a)(2) of the Act provides that the Department may postpone a final determination until no later than 135 days after the date of the publication of the preliminary determination if, in the event of an affirmative determination, a request for such postponement is made by exporters who account for a significant proportion of exports of the subject merchandise, or in the event of a negative preliminary determination, a request for such postponement is made by petitioner. In addition, 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2) requires that requests by respondents for postponement of a final determination be accompanied by a request for extension of provisional measures from a four-month period to not more than six months.

On June 6, 2012, Zenith Birla (India) Limited, the sole mandatory respondent in this investigation, requested a postponement of the final determination and an extension of the provisional measures pursuant to section 735(a)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(e)(2). In accordance with section 735(a)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b), because (1) our preliminary determination is affirmative, (2) the requesting exporter accounts for a significant proportion of

exports of the subject merchandise,<sup>3</sup> and (3) no compelling reasons for denial exist, we are granting the request and are postponing the final determination until no later than 135 days after the publication of the preliminary determination notice in the **Federal Register**, or October 14, 2012.<sup>4</sup> Suspension of liquidation will be extended accordingly.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 777(i) and 735(a)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(g).

Dated: June 8, 2012.

**Paul Piquado,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-423-808, A-449-804, A-405-803, A-475-818, A-421-811, A-469-807, A-475-703, A-588-845]

**Notice of Implementation of Determination Under Section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium, Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Latvia, Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From Finland, Certain Pasta From Italy, Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From the Netherlands, Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Spain, Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From Italy, Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From Japan**

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

**SUMMARY:** On June 8, 2012, the U.S. Trade Representative ("USTR") instructed the Department of Commerce ("Department") to implement its determinations under section 129 of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA") regarding the recalculation of cash deposit rates for estimated antidumping duties currently in effect for certain companies, in a manner which renders them not inconsistent with the World Trade Organization ("WTO") dispute settlement findings in

*US-Zeroing (EC)*,<sup>1</sup> *US-Continued Zeroing (EC)*,<sup>2</sup> and *US-Zeroing (Japan)*.<sup>3</sup> The Department issued its determinations in the Final Results of its section 129 proceedings<sup>4</sup> on June 6, 2012. The Department is now implementing these Final Results.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* June 8, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sapna Sharma, James Maeder, or Michael Rill, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5285, (202) 482-3330, or (202) 482-3058, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

On February 13, 2012, the USTR requested, pursuant to section 129 of the URAA, that the Department render the cash deposit rates currently in effect for certain companies not inconsistent with the WTO Dispute Settlement Body's ("DSB") recommendations and rulings in *US-Zeroing (EC)*, *US-Continued Zeroing (EC)*, and *US-Zeroing (Japan)*. Subsequently, on February 21, 2012, the Department initiated section 129 proceedings for the completed administrative reviews corresponding to the request from the USTR. In each section 129 proceeding, the Department recalculated the cash deposit rates for certain companies, as specified by the USTR, applying the calculation methodology described in *Antidumping Proceedings: Calculation of the*

<sup>1</sup> *United States-Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins ("Zeroing")*, WT/DS294/R, WT/DS294/AB/R, adopted May 9, 2006; *United States-Laws, Regulations and Methodology for Calculating Dumping Margins ("Zeroing"), Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by the European Communities*, WT/DS294/AB/RW, adopted June 11, 2009 (collectively "*US-Zeroing (EC)*").

<sup>2</sup> *United States-Continued Existence and Application of Zeroing Methodology*, WT/DS350/R, WT/DS350/AB/R, adopted February 19, 2009 ("*US-Continued Zeroing (EC)*").

<sup>3</sup> *United States-Measures Related to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews*, WT/DS322/R, WT/DS322/AB/R, adopted January 23, 2007; *United States-Measures Related to Zeroing and Sunset Reviews, Recourse to Article 21.5 of the DSU by Japan*, WT/DS322/AB/RW, adopted August 31, 2009 (collectively "*US-Zeroing (Japan)*").

<sup>4</sup> Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Final Results of Proceedings Under Section 129: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Latvia, Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Finland, Certain Pasta from Italy, Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands, Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain, Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy, Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan ("Final Results").

<sup>1</sup> See *Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from India, the Sultanate of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 76 FR 72164 (November 22, 2011).

<sup>2</sup> See *Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe from India: Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 77 FR 32562 (June 1, 2012) (*Preliminary Determination*).

<sup>3</sup> See, e.g., *Preliminary Determination*, 77 FR at 32562.

<sup>4</sup> As October 14, 2012, is a Sunday, the signature day will be the next business day, October 15, 2012, in accordance with our practice. See *Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

*Weighted-Average Dumping Margin and Assessment Rate in Certain Antidumping Duty Proceedings; Final Modification*, 77 FR 8101 (February 14,

2012) (“*Final Modification for Reviews*”). The Department has recalculated the current cash deposit rates for these specified companies,

listed in the table below, in a manner paralleling the WTO-consistent methodology that the Department applies in antidumping investigations.

Companies	Proceeding	Basis of current cash deposit rate
ArcelorMittal Stainless Belgium N.V. <sup>5</sup>	Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, A-423-808.	<i>Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 74 FR 53468 (October 19, 2009).
Joint Stock Company Liepajas Metalurgs.	Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Latvia, A-449-804.	<i>Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Latvia</i> , 71 FR 74900 (December 13, 2006).
CP Kelco <sup>6</sup>	Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Finland, A-405-803.	<i>Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From Finland; Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 75 FR 73035 (November 29, 2010).
Garofalo <sup>7</sup> , Tomasello, Agritalia, Erasmo, Indalco, Labor, PAM, P.A.P., Afeltra, Fabianelli, Riscossa, Rustichella.	Certain Pasta from Italy, A-475-818.	<i>Certain Pasta From Italy: Notice of Final Results of the Fourteenth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 76 FR 76937 (December 9, 2011).
PAM (for non-selected rate), Garofalo (for non-selected rate), IAPC/Pasta Lenzi <sup>8</sup> .		<i>Certain Pasta from Italy: Notice of Amended Final Results of the Twelfth Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 75 FR 11116 (March 10, 2010).
Pagani <sup>9</sup>		
Divella, <sup>10</sup> Pasta Zara, Gaetano, Felicetti.		<i>Certain Pasta From Italy: Notice of Final Results of the Eleventh Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Review</i> , 73 FR 75400 (December 11, 2008).
Atar, <sup>11</sup> Corticella/Combattenti		<i>Notice of Final Results of the Ninth Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Pasta from Italy</i> , 72 FR 7011 (February 14, 2007).
Barilla <sup>12</sup>		<i>Notice of Final Results of the Eighth Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Pasta From Italy and Determination to Revoke in Part</i> , 70 FR 71464 (November 29, 2005).
Russo/Di Nola <sup>13</sup>		<i>Notice of Final Results of the Seventh Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Pasta from Italy and Determination to Revoke in Part</i> , 70 FR 6832 (February 9, 2005).
La Molisana <sup>14</sup>		<i>Certain Pasta From Italy: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 65 FR 77852 (December 13, 2000).
Akzo Nobel BV <sup>15</sup>	Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands, A-421-811.	<i>Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From the Netherlands: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 76 FR 66687 (October 27, 2011).
CP Kelco BV		<i>Purified Carboxymethylcellulose From the Netherlands: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 75 FR 77829 (December 14, 2010).
Roldan S.A.	Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain, A-469-807.	<i>Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 66 FR 10988 (February 21, 2001).
Solvay Solexis SpA (formerly Ausimont SpA) <sup>16</sup> .	Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy, A-475-703.	<i>Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From Italy: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 74 FR 19931 (April 30, 2009).
Nippon Kinzoku Co., Ltd.	Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan, A-588-845.	<i>Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review</i> , 75 FR 6631 (February 10, 2010).

<sup>5</sup> On April 12, 2012, the Department determined that Aperam Stainless Belgium N.V. is the successor-in-interest to ArcelorMittal Stainless Belgium N.V. *Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Changed Circumstances Review*, 77 FR 66,271 (April 12, 2012). Therefore, although the request from the USTR identified ArcelorMittal Stainless Belgium N.V. as the respondent from the underlying final results, the recalculated cash deposit rate will be applied to Aperam Stainless Belgium N.V. (“ASB”).

<sup>6</sup> The full name of the company concerning this review is CP Kelco Oy.

<sup>7</sup> The full names of the companies concerning this review are: Pastificio Lucio Garofalo S.p.A. (“Garofalo”), Molino e Pastificio Tomasello S.p.A. (“Tomasello”), Agritalia S.r.L. (“Agritalia”), Domenico Paone fu Erasmo S.p.A. (“Erasmo”), Industria Alimentare Colavita, S.p.A. (“Indalco”), Labor S.r.L. (“Labor”), PAM S.p.A. and its affiliate, Liguori Pastificio dal 1820 S.p.A. (“PAM”), P.A.P.

SNC Di Paziienza G.B. & C. (“P.A.P.”), Premiato Pastificio Afeltra S.r.L. (“Afeltra”), Pastificio Fabianelli S.p.A. (“Fabianelli”), Pastificio Riscossa F.lli Mastromauro S.p.A. (“Riscossa”), and Rustichella d’Abruzzo S.p.A. (“Rustichella”).

<sup>8</sup> Pasta Lenzi S.r.l. (“Pasta Lenzi”) was found to be the successor-in-interest to Italian American Pasta Company Italia S.r.l. (“IAPC”) for purposes of determining antidumping (and countervailing duty) liability. *See Notice of Final Results of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Changed Circumstances Reviews: Certain Pasta From Italy*, 68 FR 41553 (July 17, 2003).

<sup>9</sup> The full name of this company is Pastificio Fratelli Pagani S.p.A. (“Pagani”).

<sup>10</sup> The full names of the companies concerning this review are: F. Divella SpA (“Divella”), Pasta Zara SpA 1 and Pasta Zara SpA 2 (collectively, “Pasta Zara”), Pastificio Di Martino Gaetano & F. Ili SrL (“Gaetano”), and Pastificio Felicetti SrL (“Felicetti”).

<sup>11</sup> The full names of the companies concerning this review are: Atar, S.r.L. (“Atar”) and Corticella Molinie Pastifici S.p.A. and its affiliate Pasta Combattenti S.p.A. (collectively, “Corticella/Combattenti”).

<sup>12</sup> The full name of this company is G.e.R. Barilla Fratelli, S.p.A.

<sup>13</sup> The full name of this collapsed entity is Pastificio Carmine Russo S.p.A./Pastificio De Nola S.p.A.

<sup>14</sup> The full name of this company is La Molisana Industrie Alimentari S.p.A.

<sup>15</sup> The full name of this company is Akzo Nobel Functional Chemicals B.V. In the USTR letter, the first word in the name of this company is spelled “Azko” instead of “Akzo.”

<sup>16</sup> *See Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin From Italy: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 68 FR 25327 (May 12, 2003).

On March 23, 2012, the Department issued its Preliminary Results for these section 129 proceedings.<sup>17</sup> On April 9 and 10, 2012, the Department received case briefs from interested parties, and on April 16, 2012, the Department received rebuttal briefs. The Department issued its Final Results on June 6, 2012, in which it addressed all comments from interested parties.

On June 7–8, 2012, consistent with section 129(b)(3) of the URAA, the USTR held consultations with the Department and the appropriate congressional committees with respect to these Final Results. On June 8, 2012, in accordance with sections 129(b)(4) and 129(c)(1)(B) of the URAA, the USTR directed the Department to implement these Final Results.

### Nature of the Proceedings

Section 129 of the URAA governs the nature and effect of determinations issued by the Department to implement findings by WTO dispute settlement panels and the Appellate Body. Specifically, section 129(b)(2) provides that “notwithstanding any provision of the Tariff Act of 1930,” within 180 days

of a written request from the USTR, the Department shall issue a determination that would render its actions not inconsistent with an adverse finding of a WTO panel or the Appellate Body.<sup>18</sup> The Statement of Administrative Action, U.R.A.A., H. Doc. 316, Vol. 1, 103d Cong. (1994) (“SAA”), variously refers to such a determination by the Department as a “new,” “second,” and “different” determination.<sup>19</sup> After consulting with the Department and the appropriate congressional committees, the USTR may direct the Department to implement, in whole or in part, the new determination made under section 129.<sup>20</sup> Pursuant to section 129(c), the new determination shall apply with respect to unliquidated entries of the subject merchandise that are entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the date on which the USTR directs the Department to implement the new determination.<sup>21</sup> The new determination is subject to judicial review, separate and apart from judicial review of the Department’s original determination.<sup>22</sup>

### Final Results: Analysis of Comments Received

The issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs submitted by interested parties to these proceedings are addressed in the Final Results. The issues included in the Final Results are (1) Targeted dumping, and (2) cash deposit rates for non-selected respondents. The Final Results is a public document and is on file electronically via Import Administration’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (“IA ACCESS”). Access to IA ACCESS is available in the Central Records Unit, room 7046 of the main Department of Commerce building. In addition, a complete version of the Final Results can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://www.trade.gov/ia/>.

### Final Results: Recalculated Cash Deposit Rates

The recalculated cash deposit rates, as included in the Final Results and which remain unchanged from the Preliminary Results for each company, are as follows:

Antidumping order (review period)	Manufacturer/exporter	Cash deposit rate	
		Underlying administrative review (%)	Section 129 proceedings final results (%)
Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium (2007/08) ..	Amperam Stainless Belgium N.V .....	6.57	0.00
Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Latvia (2004/05)	Joint Stock Company Liepajas Metalurgs .....	5.94	4.87
Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Finland (2008/09)	CP Kelco Oy .....	6.10	0.00
Certain Pasta from Italy (2009/10) .....	Pastificio Lucio Garofalo S.p.A .....	3.20	0.00
	Molino e Pastificio Tomasello S.p.A .....	4.18	0.00
	Agritalia S.r.L .....	3.57	0.00
	Domenico Paone fu Erasmo S.p.A .....	3.57	0.00
	Industria Alimentare Colavita, S.p.A .....	3.57	0.00
	Labor S.r.L .....	3.57	0.00
	PAM S.p.A. and Liguori Pastificio dal 1820 S.p.A .....	3.57	0.00
	P.A.P. SNC Di Paziienza G.B. & C .....	3.57	0.00
	Premiato Pastificio Afeltra S.r.L .....	3.57	0.00
	Pastificio Fabianelli S.p.A .....	3.57	0.00
	Pastificio Riscossa F.lli Mastromauro S.p.A .....	3.57	0.00
	Rustichella d’Abruzzo S.p.A .....	3.57	0.00
Certain Pasta from Italy (2007/08) .....	PAM S.p.A. and Liguori Pastificio dal 1820 S.p.A .....	8.54	5.49
	Pastificio Lucio Garofalo S.p.A .....	15.87	14.63
	Pasta Lensi S.r.L .....	12.21	10.06
	Pastificio Fratelli Pagani S.p.A .....	12.21	10.06
Certain Pasta from Italy (2006/07) .....	F. Divella S.p.A .....	2.83	0.00
	Pasta Zara S.p.A. 1 and Pasta Zara S.p.A. 2 .....	9.71	0.00
	Pastificio Di Martino Gaetano & F.lli S.r.L .....	6.27	0.00
	Pastificio Felicetti S.r.L .....	6.27	0.00
Certain Pasta from Italy (2004/05) .....	Atar, S.r.L .....	18.18	0.00
	Corticella Molini e Pastifici S.p.A. and Pasta Combattenti S.p.A. ....	1.95	0.00
Certain Pasta from Italy (2003/04) .....	Barilla G.e.R. Fratelli S.p.A .....	20.68	19.55

<sup>17</sup> Memorandum from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Preliminary Results for the Section 129 Proceedings: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from

Latvia, Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from Finland, Certain Pasta from Italy, Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands, Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain, Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy, Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan (“Preliminary Results”).

<sup>18</sup> See 19 U.S.C. 3538(b)(2).

<sup>19</sup> See SAA at 1025, 1027.

<sup>20</sup> See 19 U.S.C. 3538(b)(4).

<sup>21</sup> See 19 U.S.C. 3538(c).

<sup>22</sup> See 19 U.S.C. 1516a(a)(2)(B)(vii).

Antidumping order (review period)	Manufacturer/exporter	Cash deposit rate	
		Underlying administrative review (%)	Section 129 proceedings final results (%)
Certain Pasta from Italy (2002/03) .....	Pastificio Carmine Russo S.p.A. and Pastificio Di Nola S.p.A.	7.36	0.00
Certain Pasta from Italy (1998/99) .....	La Molisana Industrie Alimerntari S.p.A .....	5.26	0.00
Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands (2009/10).	Akzo Nobel Functional Chemicals B.V .....	3.57	0.00
Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands (2008/09).	CP Kelco B.V .....	2.64	0.00
Stainless Steel Wire Rod from Spain (1998/99) .....	Roldan S.A .....	0.80	0.00
Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Italy (2006/07).	Solvay Solexis S.p.A .....	79.45	79.45
Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils from Japan (2007/08).	Nippon Kinzoku Co., Ltd .....	0.54	0.00

**Implementation of the Revised Cash Deposit Requirements**

On June 8, 2012, in accordance with sections 129(b)(4) and 129(c)(1)(B) of the URAA and after consulting with the Department and Congress, the USTR directed the Department to implement these Final Results. With respect to each of these proceedings, the Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to require a cash deposit for estimated antidumping duties at the appropriate rate for each manufacturer/producer specified above, for entries of subject merchandise, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after June 8, 2012.

This notice of implementation of these section 129 Final Results is published in accordance with section 129(c)(2)(A) of the URAA.

Dated: June 11, 2012.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Puget Sound Recreational Shellfish Harvesting Project**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on

proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 17, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *JJessup@doc.gov*).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Mark Plummer, (206) 860-3492 or *Mark.Plummer@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

This request is for a new collection of information.

The Puget Sound estuary provides one of the most valuable shellfish habitats in the Pacific Northwest. Shellfish are important economically, ecologically, and socially to the Puget Sound basin. While shellfish bed closures have decreased area-wide, persistent closures continue in certain locations, affecting local growers and restricting commercial and recreational harvest opportunities. The Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership), a Washington State agency established to facilitate the conservation and restoration of Puget Sound, has set a priority to reduce the risks of shellfish growing area closures and adverse effects on human health. The Partnership's Action Agenda, the blueprint for action to restore and protect Puget Sound, has set a goal for a net increase of 10,800 harvestable shellfish acres by 2020.

In support of the Partnership's pursuit of this goal, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center is undertaking an economics research project to assess the

behavior of individual shellfish harvesters in response to the opening and closing of individual shellfish beaches for human health reasons, and how these actions affect the value of shellfish harvesting. The Puget Sound Recreational Shellfish Harvesting Project (PSRSHP) will provide critical economic data related to recreational shellfish harvesting. More specifically, the PSRSHP will collect data needed to assess (1) The socioeconomic characteristics of recreational shellfish harvesting participants; (2) The economic value of access to Puget Sound beaches for recreational shellfish harvesting through statistical estimation of models; and (3) the potential changes in these values stemming from possible changes in management policies related to human health that affect the status of particular shellfish harvesting areas.

**II. Method of Collection**

A sample of shellfish and fishing license holders will be screened with a brief telephone survey, followed by a mail survey where appropriate. Respondents to the telephone survey will submit data by telephone, and respondents to the mail survey will submit data on paper.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* None.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Regular submission (new information collection).  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,463.  
*Estimated Time per Response:* 30 minutes for mail respondents who harvested shellfish in Puget Sound; 10 minutes for all other mail respondents; 3 minutes telephone screener.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 214.