

investigation. Under 19 CFR 351.205(e), a petitioner must submit a request for postponement 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination and must state the reason for the request. The Department will grant the request unless it finds compelling reasons to deny the request.²

On July 22, 2016, PCI Nitrogen, LLC (Petitioner) submitted a timely request pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e) to postpone the preliminary determination due to the number and complex nature of subsidy programs under investigation.³

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), Petitioner has stated the reason for requesting a postponement of the preliminary determination and the record does not present any compelling reasons to deny Petitioner's request. Therefore, the Department will extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination by 65 days (*i.e.*, 130 days after the date of initiation of this investigation). However, because 65 days following the current deadline falls on a Saturday, the new deadline is Monday, October 24, 2016.⁴ Pursuant to section 705(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.210(b)(1), the deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 27, 2016.

Ronald K. Lorentzen,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Extension of U.S. Section Member Appointments to the United States-Brazil CEO Forum

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In March 2007, the Governments of the United States and Brazil established the U.S.-Brazil CEO

Forum (Forum). Through a **Federal Register** notice on May 29, 2013 (78 FR 32,239), the Department of Commerce solicited applicants for appointment to the U.S. Section for a term of three years to expire August 13, 2016, and appointed individuals to all twelve Member positions. Vacancies arising during the three-year term were filled through the same process (see 80 FR 13,520 (Mar. 16, 2015) and 80 FR 17,032 (Mar. 31, 2015)). For the reasons explained below, the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy are extending the current U.S. Section Member appointments through June 30, 2017.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 30013, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Raquel Silva, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean, U.S. Department of Commerce, Raquel.Silva@trade.gov, telephone: (202) 482-4157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy, together with the Brazilian Minister of Casa Civil and the Brazilian Minister of Industry, Foreign Trade and Services co-chair the U.S.-Brazil CEO Forum, pursuant to the Terms of Reference signed in March 2007 by the U.S. and Brazilian governments, as amended, which set forth the objectives and structure of the Forum. The Terms of Reference may be viewed at: <http://www.trade.gov/ceo-forum/>. The Forum, consisting of both private and public sector members, brings together leaders of the respective business communities of the United States and Brazil to discuss issues of mutual interest, particularly ways to strengthen the economic and commercial ties between the two countries. The Forum consists of the U.S. and Brazilian Government co-chairs and a Committee comprised of private sector members. The Committee is composed of two Sections, each consisting of up to twelve members from the private sector, representing the views and interests of the private sector business community in the United States and Brazil. Each government appoints the members to its respective Section. The Committee provides joint recommendations to the two governments that reflect private sector views, needs and concerns regarding the creation of an economic environment in which their respective private sectors can partner, thrive and enhance bilateral

commercial ties to expand trade between the United States and Brazil.

As stated in the amended Terms of Reference, "members [of the Forum] normally are to serve three-year terms but may be reappointed." The current U.S. Section Member appointments expire on August 13, 2016. The postponement of the most recent scheduled meeting of the United States-Brazil CEO Forum has resulted in a need for additional time for the current U.S. Section Members to finish on-going work with the Brazil Section Members to finalize and present Committee joint recommendations to the Government co-chairs. For that reason, the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of the National Economic Council and Assistant to the President for Economic Policy have decided to extend the current U.S. Section Member appointments through June 30, 2017.

Dated: July 27, 2016.

Alexander Peacher,

Acting Director for the Office of Latin America & the Caribbean.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE315

Endangered Species; File Nos. 19331 and 19642

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Harold Brundage (File No. 19331), Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc., 126 Bancroft Rd; Kennett Square, PA 19348, and Jason Kahn (File No. 19642), NOAA Fisheries, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, have been issued permits to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus oxyrinchus*) for purposes of conducting scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permits and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

² See 19 CFR 351.205(e).

³ See Letter from Petitioner to the Secretary of Commerce, "Ammonium Sulfate from the People's Republic of China: Request for Postponement of the Preliminary Determination," dated July 22, 2016.

⁴ 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Malcolm Mohead or Erin Markin, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 27, 2015, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (80 FR 74085) that requests for scientific research permits to take shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named individuals. The requested permits have been issued under the authority of 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 parts 222-226).

File No. 19331: The applicant's objectives are to characterize Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon habitat use in the lower Delaware River (between rkm 0 to rkm 245), studying their relative abundance, recruitment, temporal-spatial distributions, and reproduction. The permit would be valid for five years from the date of issuance.

File No. 19642: The applicant will be authorized to determine and quantify new populations of Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon in the York, Rappahannock, Potomac, and Susquehanna Rivers, and other Chesapeake Bay tributaries of Virginia and Maryland. Additionally, researchers will monitor sturgeon spawning activity, movement, and habitat use through telemetry and side-scan sonar technology. Additionally, researchers will sample Atlantic and shortnose sturgeon captured under other ESA incidental take permits or incidental take statements of other actions to track their coastal wide movements of these species. The permit would be valid for five years from the date of issuance.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, is based on a finding that such permits (1) are applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of such endangered or threatened species, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 28, 2016.

Julia Harrison,

Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE776

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its *Habitat* Committee to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Thursday, August 18, 2016, at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; Phone: (508) 339-2200; Fax: (508) 339-1040.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The committee will discuss two ongoing habitat-related management actions. Related to the Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment, the committee will review preliminary economic and biological impacts of deep-sea coral zone designations, and discuss whether the amendment should include alternatives to restrict *lobster* trap gear within these zones. Related to the Clam Dredge Framework, the committee will review habitat characterization data for two habitat management areas (HMAs) and develop guidance for the Plan Development Team related to the design of clam dredge exemption area alternatives within these HMAs. The committee may discuss other business as needed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action

under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: July 29, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE763

Marine Mammals; File No. 18879

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Heather E. Liwanag, Ph.D. (California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, CA 93407-0401), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) near McMurdo Station, Antarctica.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before September 2, 2016.

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. 18879 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the 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.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, at the address listed above. Comments may