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Dated: February 24, 2006.

Sam Giller,

Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

[Docket No. 990813222-0035-03]

RIN 0625-AA55

Allocation of Duty-Exemptions for Calendar Year 2006 Among Watch Producers Located in the United States Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action allocates calendar year 2006 duty exemptions for watch producers located in the Virgin Islands pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465, Pub. L. 106-36 and Pub. L. 108-429 ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce (the Departments) share responsibility for the allocation of duty exemptions among watch assembly firms in the United States insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 CFR 303.3(a)), the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for calendar year 2006 is 1,866,000 units for the Virgin Islands (65 FR 8048, February 17, 2000).

The criteria for the calculation of the calendar year 2006 duty-exemption allocations among insular producers are set forth in Section 303.14 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.14).

The Departments have verified and adjusted the data submitted on application form ITA-334P by Virgin

Islands producers and inspected their current operations in accordance with Section 303.5 of the regulations (15 CFR 303.5).

In calendar year 2005 the Virgin Islands watch assembly firms shipped 266,607 watches and watch movements into the customs territory of the United States under the Act. The dollar amount of creditable corporate income taxes paid by Virgin Islands producers during calendar year 2005 plus the creditable wages paid by the industry during calendar year 2005 to residents of the territory was \$2,079,543.

There are no producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The calendar year 2006 Virgin Islands annual allocations, based on the data verified by the Departments, are as follows:

Name of firm	Annual allocation
Belair Quartz, Inc	500,000
Hampden Watch Co., Inc	200,000
Goldex Inc	50,000
Tropex, Inc	300,000

The balance of the units allocated to the Virgin Islands is available for new entrants into the program or producers who request a supplement to their allocation.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Department of Commerce.

Nikolao Pula,

Director for Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121905A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans; Reopening of Public Comment Period

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

ACTION: Notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: NMFS is reopening the public comment period for the proposed Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan (Plan) for the Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) of Puget Sound Chinook Salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) until

March 16, 2006. The proposed Recovery Plan consists of a "Draft Puget Sound Recovery Plan" prepared by the Shared Strategy and a NMFS Supplement. NMFS is reopening the public comment period at the request of commenters to provide additional opportunity for public review and comment.

DATES: Written comments must be received by March 16, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the proposed Plan may be submitted by any of the following methods. Send written comments and materials to Elizabeth Babcock, National Marine Fisheries Service, Salmon Recovery Division, 7600 Sandpoint Way NE Seattle, WA 98115. Comments may be submitted by e-mail to

PugetSalmonPlan.nwr@noaa.gov; include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: Comments on Puget Sound Salmon Plan. Comments may also be submitted via facsimile (fax) to 206 526 6426.

Persons wishing to review the Plan can obtain an electronic copy (i.e., CDROM) from Carol Joyce by calling 503-230-5408, or by e-mailing a request to carol.joyce@noaa.gov, with the subject line "CD-ROM Request for Puget Sound Salmon Plan". Electronic copies of the Shared Strategy Plan are also available on-line on the Shared Strategy Web site <http://www.sharedsalmonstrategy.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Babcock, NMFS Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Coordinator (206-526-4505), or Elizabeth Gaar, NMFS Salmon Recovery Division (503-230-5434).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation and recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The ESA requires that recovery plans incorporate (1) objective, measurable criteria which, when met, would result in a determination that the species is no longer threatened or endangered; (2) site-specific management actions necessary to achieve the plan's goals; and (3) estimates of the time required and costs to implement recovery actions. The ESA requires the development of recovery plans for listed species unless such a plan would not promote the recovery of a particular species.

NMFS' goal is to restore endangered and threatened Pacific salmon ESUs to the point where they are again secure, self-sustaining members of their

ecosystems and no longer need the protections of the ESA. NMFS believes it is critically important to base its recovery plans on the many state, regional, tribal, local, and private conservation efforts already underway throughout the region. The agency's approach to recovery planning has been to support and participate in locally led collaborative efforts involving local communities, state, tribal, and Federal entities, and other stakeholders to develop recovery plans.

On June 30, 2005, the Governor of Washington presented NMFS a locally developed recovery plan for Puget Sound Chinook salmon prepared by the Shared Strategy, a coalition of natural resource agencies, local governments, tribes, businesses, environmental groups, and other stakeholders. After review of the Shared Strategy's "Draft Puget Sound Salmon Recovery Plan", NMFS added a Supplement, which describes how the local plan satisfies ESA requirements, including additional actions that NMFS believes are necessary to support recovery. The Shared Strategy plan and the NMFS-prepared Supplement form a proposed Recovery Plan that meets the requirements of the ESA. The proposed Recovery Plan covers the range of the Puget Sound Chinook Salmon ESU (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), listed as threatened on March 24, 1999 (64 FR 14307). The area covered by the proposed Recovery Plan is the 16,000-square-mile (41,440 square km) Puget Sound Basin, the second largest estuary in the United States. It encompasses twenty major river systems originating in the Cascade mountain range to the east and the Olympic mountain range to the west. The recovery planning area ends at the Canadian border, but includes the San Juan Islands.

NMFS published notice of the availability of the proposed Recovery Plan for public comment in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2005 (70 FR 76445), with a comment period closing on February 27, 2005. At the request of several commenters, NMFS is reopening the comment period, which will now extend until March 16, 2006 to allow additional opportunity for public comment. The documents are available on the NMFS Northwest Region Salmon Web site at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov/Salmon-Recovery-Planning/index.cfm>.

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

Dated: February 24, 2006.

James H. Lecky,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Electronic Response to Office Action and Preliminary Amendment Forms.

Form Number(s): PTO Form 1966 and PTO Form 1957.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0050.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 19,958 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 117,400 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The time needed to respond to the response to office action form and the preliminary amendment form is estimated to be 10 minutes (0.17 hours) each. This includes time to gather the necessary information, create the documents, and submit the completed requests.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information is required by the Trademark Act, 15 U.S.C. 1051 *et seq.*, which provides for the Federal registration of trademarks, service marks, collective trademarks and service marks, collective membership marks, and certification marks. Individuals and businesses who use their marks, or intend to use their marks, in interstate commerce, may file an application to register their mark. In some cases, the USPTO may issue Office Actions requesting missing information, or advising applicants of the refusal to register the mark. Applicants may also submit additional information voluntarily by providing a Preliminary Amendment. The USPTO administers the Trademark Act through 37 CFR Part 2, which contains the rules that implement the Act.

This collection of information is a matter of public record, and is used by the public for a variety of private business purposes related to establishing and enforcing trademark rights.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the federal Government; and state, local or tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: Susan.Brown@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0050 copy request" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 571-273-0112, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.
- Mail: Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before April 3, 2006 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 23, 2006.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Architecture, Engineering and Technical Services, Data Architecture and Services Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process.

Form Number(s): PTO 16-11.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0028.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 6 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 37 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to complete a request for the recordal of an insignia or renewal of a recordal.