

information) disseminated by Federal agencies." In addition, section 515 requires that agencies subject to the OMB guidelines must establish "administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain correction of information that does not comply with [the OMB guidelines]." The OMB final guidelines were published in the **Federal Register** on February 22, 2002. Those guidelines direct that, by May 1, 2002, agencies publish for public comment their draft guidelines.

On May 1, 2002, the Commerce Department posted on its website, and on May 3, 2002, published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 22398), its draft Department-wide guidelines. Public comment was requested through June 3, 2002. Pursuant to a request from the public for additional time to comment, the Department is re-opening the comment period until June 30, 2002. Any comments that may have been received between June 3, 2002 and June 6, 2002 will be considered timely filed.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

**Thomas N. Pyke, Jr.,**

*Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-533-809]

#### **Certain Stainless Steel Flanges from India; Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit of the preliminary results of a new shipper review of certain stainless steel flanges from India. This review covers one Indian exporter, Metal Forgings Private Limited/ Metal Rings and Bearing Races Limited (Metal Forgings), and the period January 1, 2001 through July 31, 2001.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 6, 2002.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Thomas Killiam or Robert James, AD/ CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5222, or (202) 482-0649, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

### Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute refer to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Tariff Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2001).

### Background

Based on a request from Metal Forgings, and pursuant to section 351.214 of the Department's Regulations, on November 23, 2001, the Department initiated a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on certain stainless steel flanges from India, covering the period January 1, 2000 through July 31, 2001 (66 FR 59568, November 29, 2001). The preliminary results are currently due no later than May 22, 2002.

### Postponement of Preliminary Results

We have determined that we need additional information concerning the nature of respondent's home market merchandise, sales prices, and expenses, in order to make the calculations necessary for the preliminary results. Because of these unresolved issues, we consider this case to be extraordinarily complicated, and we are extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until September 19, 2002, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act and section 351.214(i)(2) of the Department's regulations. The deadline for the final results of this review will continue to be 90 days after the date on which the preliminary results are issued, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(i)(1).

Dated: May 19, 2002

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary Import Administration, Group III.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

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#### **Notice of Public Scoping and Preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement and Environmental Impact Report for Mendocino Redwood Company's Habitat Conservation Plan and Natural Community Conservation Plan**

**AGENCIES:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), and California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) intend to gather information necessary for the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Environmental Impact Report (EIR). The EIS/EIR will consider an application from the Mendocino Redwood Company (MRC) for an incidental take permit for take of endangered and threatened species in accordance with the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA), and an incidental take authorization in accordance with the Natural Community Conservation Planning Act (NCCPA), (California Fish and Game Code). MRC's application will include a Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP), as required under the ESA, and Natural Community Conservation Plan (NCCP) as required under the NCCPA. The joint HCP/NCCP will address forest management and timber operations on MRC lands in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties, California. The proposed 80-year HCP/NCCP will encompass 220,000 to 240,000 acres of lands owned by MRC on and after the granting date of the incidental take permits, and may cover up to 19 fish and wildlife species and up to 59 plant species.

We will prepare the EIS/EIR pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act and the California Environmental Quality Act. The EIS/EIR will analyze MRC's proposed action and alternatives to the proposed action. We expect MRC to present the HCP/NCCP as the proposed action. To satisfy both National Environmental Policy Act and California Environmental Quality Act requirements, NMFS, FWS, and CDFG

are conducting a joint scoping process for the preparation of the EIS/EIR. This notice describes the proposed action and possible alternatives, notifies the public of scoping meetings, invites public participation in the scoping process for preparing the joint EIS/EIR, solicits written comments, and identifies the NMFS and FWS officials to whom questions and comments concerning the proposed action and the joint EIS/EIR may be directed.

**DATES:** Written comments from all interested parties must be received on or before July 8, 2002. Public scoping meetings where oral and written comments can be submitted, are scheduled for June 25, 2002, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Santa Rosa, CA, June 26, 2002; from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Ukiah, CA; and for June 27, 2002, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. in Fort Bragg, CA.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments regarding the scope of the EIS/EIR and requests for additional information should be addressed to Eric Shott, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Ave, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404 or John Hunter, FWS, 1655 Heindon Road, Arcata, CA 95521. Written comments may also be sent by facsimile to (707) 822-8411. However, comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. Public scoping meetings will be held at the State of California Justice Joseph A. Rattigan Building, 50 D Street, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404, Ukiah Valley Conference Center, 200 South School Road Street, Ukiah, CA, 95482 and the Fort Bragg Town Hall, 363 North Main Street, Fort Bragg, CA, 95437. Comments received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours (Monday through Friday; 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.) at the above address. All comments received, including names and addresses, will become part of the official administrative record and may be available to the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Eric Shott, NMFS, at (707) 575-6089 or John Hunter, FWS, at (707) 822-7201.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Section 9 of the ESA prohibits the "take" of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened by either the FWS or NMFS (16 USC 1538). The ESA defines the term "take" as: harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect listed species, or attempt to engage in such conduct. Pursuant to section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA, FWS and NMFS may issue an "incidental take permit" to take listed species if such taking is incidental to,

and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities.

The take prohibitions of the ESA generally do not apply to listed plants on private land unless their destruction on private land is in violation of State law or regulation. To the extent that particular plants are protected by state law, we expect that MRC will request permits for, and will consider, plants in their HCP/NCCP. Another reason for the company to consider plants is that the FWS cannot issue a permit for wildlife species that would jeopardize listed plant species.

To receive an incidental take permit under the ESA, an applicant must prepare an HCP that specifies the following: (1) The impact of the taking, (2) steps the applicant will take to minimize and mitigate the impact; (3) funding available to implement the steps; (4) what alternative actions to the taking the applicant considered and the reasons why they were not taken; and (5) any other measures NMFS or FWS may require as being necessary or appropriate for the purpose of the plan (16 USC 1539). To issue a permit, NMFS and FWS must find that: (1) the taking will be incidental, (2) the applicant will minimize and mitigate impacts of the take to the maximum extent possible; (3) the applicant will ensure adequate funding for the HCP; (4) the taking will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of the survival and recovery of the species; and the applicant met other measures required by FWS and NMFS. Regulations governing issuance of FWS permits for endangered and threatened species are at 50 CFR 17.22 and 17.32, and at 50 CFR 222.301 through 307 for NMFS-issued permits.

The California Endangered Species Act prohibits the ≥take≥ of wildlife species listed as endangered or threatened by the California Fish and Game Commission (California Fish and Game Code, section 2080). The California Endangered Species Act defines the term ≥take≥ as: hunt, pursue, catch, capture or kill, or attempt to engage in such conduct (California Fish and Game Code, section 86). Pursuant to section 2835 of the NCCPA (California Fish and Game Code section 2835), CDFG may issue a permit that authorizes the take of any California Endangered Species Act listed species or other species whose conservation and management is provided for in a CDFG approved NCCP. MRC is expected to pursue an incidental take authorization in accordance with section 2835 of the NCCPA.

MRC is developing a HCP/NCCP in anticipation of applying for an incidental take permit under the ESA

and the NCCPA. The HCP/NCCP will apply to 220,000 to 240,000 acres of commercial timberland owned by MRC in Mendocino and Sonoma counties, California. This property occurs in 87 planning watersheds with habitat important to the conservation of threatened and endangered species in the central California coast and northern California region. The HCP/NCCP area includes, but is not limited to, MRC lands in the following watersheds: Hollow Tree Creek, Cottoneva Creek, Rockport coastal streams (Hardy, Juan, and Howard), Noyo River, Albion River, Big River, Navarro River, Upper Russian, Greenwood Creek, Garcia River, Alder Creek/Schooner Creek/Mallo Pass, Elk Creek, Doyle Creek, Buckhorn Creek, Gualala River, and Willow/Freezeout Creeks.

Based on the HCP, MRC intends to request an incidental take permit from FWS for the marbled murrelet (*Brachyramphus marmoratus*), northern spotted owl (*Strix occidentalis caurina*), Point Arena mountain beaver (*Aplodontia rufa nigra*), California freshwater shrimp (*Syncaris pacifica*), California red-legged frog (*Rana aurora draytonii*), Sonoma alopecurus (*Alopectris aequalis var. sonomensis*), Humboldt milkvetch (*Astragalus agnicidus*), white sedge (*Carex albida*), Pennell's bird-beak (*Cordylanthus tenuis ssp. capillaris*), Baker's larkspur (*Delphinium bakeri*), Kellogg's buckwheat (*Eriogonum kelogii*), Roderick's Fritillaria (*Fritillaria roderickii*), Burke's goldfields (*Lasthenia burkei*), and showy Indian clover (*Trifolium amoenum*). MRC intends to request an incidental take permit from NMFS for the California Coastal chinook salmon Evolutionarily Significant Unit (ESU) (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Central California Coast and Southern Oregon/Northern California Coasts coho salmon ESUs (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), and Central California Coast and Northern California steelhead ESUs (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*). MRC intends to request an incidental take permit from CDFG for all of these species listed above.

MRC may also seek coverage in the incidental take permits for unlisted species including 51 species of plants, four species of amphibians, three species of birds, and two species of mammals. Should unlisted covered species become listed under the ESA during the term of the permit, take authorization for those species will become effective upon listing.

Activities that MRC may propose for incidental take permit coverage include mechanized timber harvest; forest product transportation; road and

landing construction, use, maintenance and abandonment; site preparation; tree planting; certain types of vegetation management; fertilizer application; silvicultural thinning and other silvicultural activities; fire suppression; rock quarries and borrow pit operations; gravel extraction; aquatic habitat restoration and other forest management activities, miscellaneous and minor forest product collecting; recreation; cell- and repeater-site development and maintenance; and grazing leases. The HCP/NCCP is also expected to cover certain monitoring activities and scientific work in the HCP/NCCP area.

FWS and NMFS expect MRC's proposed action to include an 80-year HCP/NCCP to provide for management of California properties in Mendocino and Sonoma Counties. The HCP/NCCP is expected to address each of the areas enumerated above, as required by the ESA and the NCCPA. The goal of the HCP/NCCP will be to: (1) protect and improve habitats required by species covered by the HCP/NCCP, (2) establish appropriate guidelines for continuing timber harvests and other forest management activities, and (3) improve the native biodiversity present on MRC lands so it more closely resembles its historical richness and abundance. The conservation strategy is expected to include enhanced wildlife habitat and stream buffers, a sediment reduction program, a monitoring program, adaptive management, and wildlife and aquatic habitat restoration measures.

FWS, NMFS and CDFG will consider a range of alternatives to the proposed HCP/NCCP, including a No Action alternative, and other project alternatives recommended during this scoping process. We expect the alternatives to include HCP/NCCPs with modified lists of covered species, land coverage areas, and permit terms. Different strategies for minimizing and mitigating the impacts of incidental take may also be considered. We invite comments and suggestions from all interested parties to ensure that a reasonable range of alternatives and issues related to them are addressed and that all significant issues are identified.

Environmental review of the HCP/NCCP will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for Implementing the Procedural Provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), and FWS and NMFS procedures for compliance with those regulations. This notice is being furnished in accordance with 40 CFR Section 1501.7

and 1508.22 to obtain suggestions and information from other agencies and the public on the scope of issues to be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR.

You are invited to submit comments and to participate in the scoping process. We request comments be received no later than 30 days after the date of this notice.

The primary purpose of the scoping process is to identify the significant issues related to issuance of incidental take permits for activities covered in the HCP/NCCP. Interested persons are encouraged to attend the public scoping meeting to identify and discuss issues and alternatives that should be addressed in the joint EIS/EIR. The proposed agenda for this facilitated meeting includes a summary of the range of activities that may be authorized in the incidental take permits; status of and threats to subject species; and tentative issues, concerns, opportunities, and alternatives. Additional public meetings will be conducted on later dates to provide more opportunities to comment on the draft EIS/EIR.

Dated: May 31, 2002.

**D. Kenneth McDermott**

*Deputy Manager, California/Nevada Operations Office, Fish and Wildlife Service, Sacramento, California*

May 31, 2002.

**Phil Williams,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

**Fish and Wildlife Service**

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Maritime Administration**

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**Ballast Waster Treatment Technology Demonstration Program: Request for Proposals for FY 2002**

**AGENCIES:** National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the

Interior; and Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation.

**ACTION:** Notice of request for proposals.

**SUMMARY:** The purpose of this notice is to advise the public that the National Sea Grant College Program (Sea Grant), the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service), and the U.S. Maritime Administration (MARAD) are entertaining proposals to participate in ballast water treatment research and technology demonstration projects that address the problem of aquatic invasive species entering U.S. waters from ballast water. In FY 2002 only, Sea Grant and the Service expect to make available about \$2.1 million to support projects to improve ballast water treatment and management, especially in the Chesapeake Bay and the Great Lakes. In addition, in FY 2002 only, MARAD expects to make available several ships of its Ready Reserve Force Fleet to act as test platforms for ballast water technology demonstration projects.

**DATES:** The closing date for receipt of proposals for funding by Sea Grant or the Service is 5 p.m. EDT, July 22, 2002. The closing date for letters of application for use of a MARAD ship is 5 p.m., EDT, July 8, 2002. Facsimile transmissions and electronic mail submission of proposals will not be accepted. We anticipate that funding decisions will be made by August 15, 2002, and that successful applicants will be able to initiate projects approximately December 1, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Proposals must be submitted to: National Sea Grant College Program, R/SG, Attn: Ballast Water Competition, Room 11841, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone number for express mail applications is 301-713-2435).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dorn Carlson, Associate Program Director for Aquatic Nuisance Species, or Mary Robinson, Secretary, both at the National Sea Grant Office, 301-713-2435; facsimile 301-713-0799; or Sharon Gross, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 703-358-2308; facsimile 703-358-2210; or Debra Aheron, U.S. Maritime Administration, 202-366-8887; facsimile 202-366-6988.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**1. Program Authority**

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 4701 et seq.; 33 U.S.C. 1121-1131; 50 U.S.C. App 1744 (2000).

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