

foreign government subsidies on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty covering the period January 1, 2019 through March 31, 2019.¹ In the *First Quarter 2019 Update*, we requested that any party that has information on foreign government subsidy programs that benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty submit such information to Commerce.² We received no comments, information or requests for consultation from any party.

Pursuant to section 702(h) of the Act, we hereby provide Commerce’s update of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period April

1, 2019 through June 30, 2019. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available.

Commerce will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed. Commerce encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in

writing to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230.

This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: October 29, 2019.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,
Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross ³ subsidy (\$/lb)	Net ⁴ subsidy (\$/lb)
28 European Union Member States ⁵	European Union Restitution Payments	\$0.00	\$0.00
Canada	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	0.47	0.47
Norway	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Consumer Subsidy	0.00	0.00
	Total	0.00	0.00
Switzerland	Deficiency Payments	0.00	0.00

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Greater Atlantic Region, NMFS, has made a preliminary determination that an Exempted Fishing Permit renewal application from the Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This permit would facilitate research on the abundance and distribution of juvenile

American lobster and Jonah crab along the northwest Atlantic coast.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act and the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act require publication of this notice to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed Exempted Fishing Permits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 20, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit written comments by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* NMFS.GAR.EFP@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line “Comments on CFRF Lobster Study Fleet EFP.”

- *Mail:* Michael Pentony, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Greater Atlantic Regional Fisheries Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope “Comments on CFRF Lobster Study Fleet EFP.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Hansen, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9225, *Laura.Hansen@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commercial Fisheries Research Foundation (CFRF) submitted a

complete application to renew an existing Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) on October 1, 2019, to conduct fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. The EFP would authorize 20 vessels to continue a study using ventless lobster traps to survey the abundance and distribution of juvenile American lobster and Jonah crab in regions and times of year not covered by traditional surveys. This EFP proposes to use 60 ventless lobster traps throughout Lobster Conservation Management Areas (LCMA) 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. Maps of these areas are available at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/resource/map/lobster-management-areas>. The study would inform management by addressing questions of changing reproduction and recruitment dynamics of lobster, and developing a foundation of knowledge for the data poor Jonah crab fishery.

Funding for this study is through the Campbell Foundation and the Saltonstall-Kennedy Grant Program (Grant # NA17NMF4270208). For this project, CFRF is requesting exemptions from the following Federal lobster regulations:

1. Gear specification requirements in 50 CFR 697.21(c) to allow for closed

¹ See *Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty*, 84 FR 36053 (July 26, 2019) (*First Quarter 2019 Update*).

² *Id.*

³ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

⁴ Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

⁵ The 28 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus,

Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

escape vents and smaller trap mesh and entrance heads;

2. Trap limit requirements, as listed in § 697.19, for LCMA 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, to be exceeded by 3 additional traps per fishing vessel for a total of 60 additional traps;

3. Trap tag requirements, as specified in § 697.19(j), to allow for the use of untagged traps (though each experimental trap will have the participating fisherman's identification attached); and

4. Possession restrictions in §§ 697.20(a), 697.20(d), and 697.20(g) to allow for temporary possession of juvenile, v-notched, and egg-bearing lobsters for onboard biological sampling.

If the EFP is approved, this research would take place during the regular fishing activity of the participating vessels: 6 "inshore" vessels in LCMA 2 and 14 "offshore" vessels in LCMA 1, 3, 4, and 5. Experimental traps will be attached to a standard, Atlantic Large Whale Take Reduction Plan-compliant trap trawl. Modifications to conventional lobster traps include closed escape vents, single parlors, and smaller mesh sizes and entrance heads, to allow for the capture of juvenile lobsters and Jonah crabs. Sampling would occur weekly in LCMA 2, and every 10 days in the other areas.

All lobster and Jonah crabs caught in the experimental traps would be counted, sexed, and measured. Biological information including shell hardness and presence of eggs would also be recorded. All species captured in study traps would be returned promptly to the sea after sampling. All data collected would be made available to state and Federal management agencies to improve and enhance the available data for these two crustacean species.

We anticipate that the final rulemaking to implement Jonah crab Federal regulations will occur during the proposed study period. To ensure that there is no disruption to research activities, we would modify exemptions granted to this study, should they be approved, to include exemption from the possession of undersized and egg-bearing Jonah crabs. We have solicited comment on this expansion in the Jonah Crab Fishery Management Plan rulemaking process.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the study period. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research and have minimal impacts that do not change the scope or

impact of the initially approved EFP request. Any fishing activity conducted outside the scope of the exempted fishing activity would be prohibited.

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

Dated: October 31, 2019.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Meeting of the Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee's (MAFAC's) Columbia Basin Partnership Task Force (CBP Task Force). The CBP Task Force will discuss the issues outlined in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 3, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. PT and December 4, 2019 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. PT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Davenport Grand Hotel, 333 W Spokane Falls Blvd., Spokane, WA 99201; 509-458-3330.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Katherine Cheney; NFMS West Coast Region; 503-231-6730; email: Katherine.Cheney@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC's CBP Task Force. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The MAFAC charter and meeting information are located online at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/topic/partners#marine-fisheries-advisory-committee>. The CBP Task Force reports to MAFAC and is being convened to develop recommendations for long-term goals to meet Columbia Basin salmon recovery, conservation needs, and

harvest opportunities, in the context of habitat capacity and other factors that affect salmon mortality. More information is available at the CBP Task Force web page: http://www.westcoast.fisheries.noaa.gov/columbia_river/index.html.

Matters To Be Considered

The meeting time and agenda are subject to change. Meeting topics include investigating potential scenarios for conserving and recovering salmon and steelhead; updates related to the biological tool for assessing biological strategies; and exploring social, cultural, economic and ecological considerations.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Katherine Cheney, 503-231-6730, by November 26, 2019.

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Jennifer L. Lukens,

Federal Program Officer, Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Department of the Air Force

Performance Review Board

AGENCY: Department of the Air Force, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is given of the names of the 2019 Performance Review Board for the Department of the Air Force.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct any written comments or requests for information to Ms. Stacia Thompson, Air Force Senior Executive Management Office, AF/A1LS, 1040 Air Force Pentagon, Washington, DC 20330-1040 (PH: 703-693-6447; or via email at stacia.g.thompson.civ@mail.mil).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(1-5), the Department of the Air Force announces the appointment of members to the Air Force's Senior Executive Service Performance Review Board.

Appointments are made by the authorizing official. Each board member shall review and evaluate performance scores provided by the Senior Executive's rater/immediate supervisor. Performance standards must be applied consistently across the Air Force. The