

a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.⁴ For a full description of the methodology underlying our conclusions, *see* the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b)(4)(i), we calculated a subsidy rate for Hyundai Steel. For the POR, we preliminarily find that the net subsidy rate for the producers/exporters under review to be as follows:

Company	Subsidy rate (percent <i>ad valorem</i>)
Hyundai Steel Co., Ltd	0.45

Assessment Rate

Consistent with section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, upon issuance of the final results, Commerce shall determine, and Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries covered by this review. We intend to issue instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review. Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions directly to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice.

Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(1) of the Act, Commerce intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above with regard to shipments of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit instructions, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

Disclosure and Public Comment

Commerce will disclose to parties to this proceeding the calculations performed in reaching the preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of these preliminary results.⁵ Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) within 30 days of publication of the preliminary results and rebuttal

comments (rebuttal briefs) within five days after the time limit for filing case briefs.⁶ Rebuttal briefs must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs.⁷ Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; (2) a brief summary of the argument; and (3) a table of authorities.⁸

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing must do so within 30 days of publication of these preliminary results by submitting a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance using Enforcement and Compliance's ACCESS system.⁹ Requests should contain the party's name, address, and telephone number, the number of participants, whether any participant is a foreign national, and a list of the issues to be discussed. If a request for a hearing is made, Commerce will inform parties of the scheduled date of the hearing which will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, at a time and date to be determined.¹⁰ Issues addressed during the hearing will be limited to those raised in the briefs.¹¹ Parties should confirm by telephone the date, time, and location of the hearing two days before the scheduled date.

Parties are reminded that all briefs and hearing requests must be filed electronically using ACCESS and received successfully in their entirety by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on the due date.

Unless the deadline is extended pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, Commerce intends to issue the final results of this administrative review, including the results of our analysis of the issues raised by the parties in their comments, within 120 days after publication of these preliminary results.

Notification to Interested Parties

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213 and 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: December 5, 2019.

Jeffrey I. Kessler,

Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix

List of Topics Discussed in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum

- I. Summary
- II. Background

⁴ See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution; section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit; and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

⁵ See 19 CFR 224(b).

⁶ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(ii) and 351.309(d)(1).

⁷ See 19 CFR 351.309(d)(2).

⁸ See 19 CFR 351.309(c)(2) and 351.309(d)(2).

⁹ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

¹⁰ See 19 CFR 351.310.

¹¹ See 19 CFR 351.310(c).

- III. Period of Review
- IV. Scope of the Order
- V. Subsidies Valuation Information
- VI. Use of Facts Otherwise Available
- VII. Analysis of Programs
- VIII. Recommendation

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens 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 application contains all of the required information and warrants further consideration. This permit would allow Coonamesett Farm Foundation to test the selectivity of alternate gillnet configurations to target haddock while reducing catch of other groundfish species. Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed exempted fishing permits.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 27, 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 Testing Selectivity and Raised Webbing Gillnets on Target and Non-Target Species in the Northeast Haddock Fishery."

- **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 Testing Selectivity of Alternative Gillnet Configurations in the Northeast Haddock Fishery."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Molton, Fishery Management Specialist, 978-281-9236, Kyle.Molton@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Coonamesett Farm Foundation (CFF)

submitted a complete application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) on October 28, 2019, to conduct commercial fishing activities that the regulations would otherwise restrict. The application is a renewal of an EFP originally issued in December 2017 and renewed in March 2019. The original EFP allowed up to 24 trips (with a target of 24 days-at-sea); to date vessels have fished 10 days-at-sea. The EFP would authorize four vessels to test alternative gillnet configurations for haddock and to temporarily retain undersized catch for measurement and data collection. The applicant has requested exemptions from minimum mesh size regulations at 50 CFR 648.80(a)(4)(iv) and § 648.8(b)(2)(iv), and the prohibition on possessing groundfish below the minimum size § 648.83(a). These exemptions are necessary because vessels on commercial groundfish trips are prohibited from using gillnets with mesh size less than 6.5 inches (16.51 cm) and from retaining undersized groundfish. The applicant is also requesting an exemption from the Closed Area I North Georges Bank Spawning Groundfish Closure at § 648.81(c)(3), which NOAA Fisheries does not intend to approve, as further described below.

The project titled “Testing Selectivity and Raised Webbing Gillnets on Target and Non-Target Species in the Northeast Haddock Fishery” would continue to be conducted by CFF. The study would take place on Georges Bank and in southern New England from January 2020 through August 2020, with the 4 participating vessels fishing no more than 14 days-at-sea total. Vessels would fish a maximum of 20 gillnets, each 300 feet (91.44 m) long, in strings made up of 10 to 20 nets each. Nets would alternate between standard 6.5-inch (16.51-cm) mesh and 6.0-inch (15.24-cm) mesh. Half of the nets of each mesh size would be rigged with a 30-inch (76.2-cm) raised webbing section along the bottom. Two to three hauls of the nets are expected during each day at sea with an average soak time of 6 to 8 hours for each set.

A CFF researcher or technician would accompany all trips that occur under this EFP to identify and count all fish caught, as well as measure and weigh cod and haddock. Individual fish of other species would also be measured and weighed if time allows. Undersized fish would be discarded as quickly as possible after sampling. All Northeast multispecies of legal size would be landed, and all catch (including discards) would be attributed to the vessel’s sector annual catch entitlement, consistent with standard catch

accounting procedures. Participating vessels would comply with all protected species regulations, and would not be able to set gillnets in areas otherwise closed to fishing with gillnet gear.

Under a recent court order, NOAA Fisheries is barred from allowing gillnet fishing in the former Nantucket Lightship and Closed Area I Groundfish Closure Areas. Accordingly, we can not approve, nor will we consider, the applicant’s request to allow access to the seasonal Closed Area I North Georges Bank Spawning Groundfish Closure, which falls entirely within the footprint of former Closed Area I. CFF had requested this exemption previously, but the request was denied because of potential negative impacts to spawning groundfish.

If approved, the applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. 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.

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

Dated: December 6, 2019.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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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Notice of Availability of the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill Open Ocean Trustee Restoration Plan 2 and Environmental Assessment: Fish, Sea Turtles, Marine Mammals, and Mesophotic and Deep Benthic Communities and Finding of No Significant Impact

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Oil Pollution Act of 1990 (OPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and a Consent Decree with BP Exploration & Production Inc. (BP),¹ the

¹ Consent Decree among Defendant BP Exploration & Production Inc., the United States of America, and the States of Alabama, Florida,

Deepwater Horizon Federal natural resource trustee agencies for the Open Ocean Trustee Implementation Group (Open Ocean TIG) have prepared a Draft Restoration Plan 2 and Environmental Assessment (Draft RP/EA). The Draft RP/EA describes and proposes restoration project alternatives considered by the Open Ocean TIG to restore natural resources and ecological services injured or lost as a result of the *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill. The Open Ocean TIG evaluated these alternatives under criteria set forth in the OPA natural resource damage assessment regulations, and also evaluated the environmental consequences of the restoration alternatives in accordance with NEPA. The proposed projects are consistent with the restoration alternatives selected in the *Deepwater Horizon* Oil Spill: Final Programmatic Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan/Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PDARP/PEIS). The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the availability of the Final RP II/EA and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI).

ADDRESSES: *Obtaining Documents:* You may download the Final RP/EA and FONSI at: <http://www.gulfspillrestoration.noaa.gov/restoration-areas/open-ocean>. Alternatively, you may request a CD of the Final RP/EA and FONSI (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below). In addition, you may view the document at any of the public facilities listed in Appendix G.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration—Laurie Rounds, Laurie.Rounds@noaa.gov, (850) 934–9284.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

On April 20, 2010, the mobile offshore drilling unit *Deepwater Horizon*, which was being used to drill a well for BP Exploration and Production, Inc. (BP), in the Macondo prospect (Mississippi Canyon 252–MC252), experienced a significant explosion, fire, and subsequent sinking in the Gulf of Mexico, resulting in an unprecedented volume of oil and other discharges from the rig and from the wellhead on the seabed. The *Deepwater Horizon* oil spill is the largest off shore oil spill in U.S. history, discharging millions of barrels of oil over a period of 87 days. In addition, well over one

Louisiana, Mississippi, and Texas entered in “In re: Oil Spill by the Oil Rig ‘Deepwater Horizon’ in the Gulf of Mexico, on April 20, 2010,” MDL No. 2179 in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana.