Section 781(c)(1) of the Act provides that the class or kind of merchandise subject to an AD or CVD order shall include articles that have been ''altered in form or appearance in minor respects . . . whether or not included in the same tariff classification.'' Section 781(c)(2) of the Act provides an exception that section 781(c)(1) of the Act ''shall not apply with respect to altered merchandise if the administering authority determines that it would be unnecessary to consider the altered merchandise within the scope of the {order}.'' Concerning the allegation of minor alterations under section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(j), Commerce may consider criteria including, but not limited to: (1) the overall physical characteristics of the merchandise; (2) the expectations of the ultimate users; (3) the use of the merchandise; (4) the channels of marketing; and (5) the cost of any modification relative to the total value of the imported products.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(m)(2), for companion AD and CVD proceedings, ''the Secretary will initiate and conduct a single inquiry with respect to the product at issue for both orders only on the record of the antidumping proceeding.'' Further, once ''the Secretary issues a final circumvention determination on the record of the AD proceeding, the Secretary will include a copy of that determination on the record of the CVD.'' Accordingly, once Commerce concludes this circumvention inquiry, Commerce intends to place its final circumvention determination on the record of the companion CVD proceeding.

Analysis

Based on our analysis of the requester's circumvention inquiry request and supplemental response, we determine that it has satisfied the criteria under 19 CFR 351.226(c), and thus, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(iii), we are initiating the requested circumvention inquiry. For a full discussion of the basis for our decision to initiate the circumvention inquiry, *see* the Circumvention Initiation Checklist. As explained in the Circumvention Initiation Checklist, the information provided by the requester warrants initiating the circumvention inquiry on a country-wide basis. Commerce has taken this approach in prior circumvention inquiries, where the facts warranted initiation on a country-wide basis.[11]

Consistent with the approach in the prior circumvention inquiries that were initiated on a country-wide basis, Commerce intends to solicit information from certain companies in China concerning their production of bricks with trace alumina and their shipments thereof to the United States.

Suspension of Liquidation

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(1), Commerce will notify U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) of this initiation and direct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of entries of products subject to the circumvention inquiry that were already subject to the suspension of liquidation under the *Orders* and to apply the cash deposit rates that would be applicable if the products were determined to be covered by the scope of the *Orders.*

Should Commerce issue an affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determination, Commerce will follow the suspension of liquidation rules under 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)-(4). In the event that Commerce issues an affirmative preliminary or final circumvention determination that the products are circumventing the *Orders,* Commerce will instruct CBP to continue the suspension of liquidation of previously suspended entries and to apply the applicable cash deposit rate. Commerce will also instruct CBP to begin the suspension of liquidation and application of cash deposits for any unliquidated entries not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, on or after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the circumvention inquiry pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)(ii) and (l)(3)(ii). In addition, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.226(l)(2)(iii)(A) and (l)(3)(iii)(A), Commerce may instruct CBP to begin the suspension of liquidation and application of cash deposits for any unliquidated entries not yet suspended, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption, prior to the date of initiation of the circumvention inquiry, but not for such entries prior to November 4, 2021, the effective date of these provisions in the *Final Rule.*[12] These rules will not affect CBP's authority to take any additional action with respect to the suspension of liquidation or related measures for these entries, as stated in 19 CFR 351.226(l)(5).

Notification to Interested Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(d) and section 781(c) of the Act, Commerce determines that the requester's request for a circumvention inquiry satisfies the requirements of 19 CFR 351.226(c). Accordingly, Commerce is notifying all interested parties of the initiation of the circumvention inquiry to determine whether bricks with trace alumina are circumventing the *Orders.* In addition, we have included a description of the products that are subject to this inquiry, and an explanation of Commerce's decision to initiate the inquiry is provided in the accompanying Circumvention Initiation Checklist.[13]

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.226(e)(1), unless the circumvention inquiry is rescinded, in whole or in part, or extended, Commerce intends to issue its preliminary circumvention determination no later than 150 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of this circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**. Furthermore, in accordance with section 781(f) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(e)(2), unless the circumvention inquiry is rescinded, in whole or in part, or extended, Commerce intends to issue its final determination within 300 days from the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the circumvention inquiry in the **Federal Register**.

This notice is published in accordance with section 781(c) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.226(d)(1)(iii).

Dated: November 5, 2026.

Scot Fullerton,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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[11] *See, e.g., Hydrofluorocarbon Blends from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping Duty Order,* 88 FR 74150 (October 30, 2023).

[12] *See Regulations to Improve Administration and Enforcement of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Laws,* 86 FR 52300, 52345 (September 20, 2021) (*Final Rule*).

[13] *See* Circumvention Initiation Checklist.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of hybrid conference; meetings of the North Pacific Fishery

Management Council and its advisory committees.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet on Monday, November 30, 2026, through Wednesday, December 9, 2026.

DATES: The Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, November 30, 2026, and continue through Thursday, December 3, 2026. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 2, 2026, and continue through Saturday, December 5, 2026. The Charter Halibut Management Committee will meet on December 2, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. The Council will begin at 8 a.m. on Friday, December 4, 2026, and continue through Wednesday, December 9, 2026. All listed times are Alaska Time.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be a hybrid conference. The in-person component of the meeting will be held at the Egan Center, 555 W 5th Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501, or join the meeting online through the links at *https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting/.*

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1007 W 3rd Ave., Anchorage, AK 99501–2252; telephone: (907) 271–2809. Instructions for attending the meeting via video conference are given under the connection information below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diana Evans, Council staff; email: *devans@npfmc.org;* telephone: (907) 271–2809. For technical support, please contact our Council administrative staff, email: *support@npfmc.org.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Monday, November 30, 2026, Through Thursday, December 3, 2026

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

(1) Administrative Issues
(2) Contextual Information for Total Allowable Catches (TACs)
(3) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish specifications
(4) Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab specifications

The SSC will also meet in Executive Session on Monday morning, to discuss internal administrative issues. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/8167* prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

In addition to providing ongoing scientific advice for fishery management decisions, the SSC functions as the Council's primary peer review panel for scientific information, as described by the Magnuson-Stevens Act section 302(g)(1)(e), and the National Standard 2 guidelines (78 FR 43066, July 19, 2013). The peer-review process is also deemed to satisfy the requirements of the Information Quality Act, including the OMB Peer Review Bulletin guidelines.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026, Through Saturday, December 5, 2026

The Advisory Panel agenda will include the following issues:

(1) Administrative Issues
(2) Contextual Information for TACs
(3) BSAI Groundfish Specifications
(4) GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications
(5) BSAI Crab Specifications
(6) Amendment 80 Replacement Vessel Initial Review
(7) Prohibited Species Catch (PSC) Disposition Discussion Paper
(8) Groundfish FMP policy modernization
(9) 2027 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures
(10) Meeting wrap-up and workload updates

The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/8168* prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Wednesday, December 2, 2026

Charter Halibut Management Committee Agenda

The Charter Halibut Management Committee agenda will include (a) 2027 management measures; and (b) other business. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/8169* prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Friday, December 4, 2026, Through Wednesday, December 9, 2026

The Council agenda will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

(1) Approval of Agenda
(2) B Reports (Executive Director [including presentation on fishery disaster insurance programs], NMFS Management Report [including Final 2027 Annual Deployment Plan], NOAA General Counsel [GC], NOAA Enforcement, Alaska Department of Fish and Game [ADF&G], United States Coast Guard [USCG], United States Fish and Wildlife Service [USFWS], U.S. State Department Report, Pacific States Marine Fisheries Commission (PSMFC), Advisory Panel, SSC)
(3) Cook Inlet Salmon proposed specifications
(4) Contextual Information for TACs
(5) BSAI Groundfish Specifications
(6) GOA Groundfish Harvest Specifications
(7) BSAI Crab Specifications
(8) 2027 Charter Halibut Annual Management Measures
(9) Amendment 80 Replacement Vessel Initial Review
(10) PSC Disposition Discussion Paper
(11) Groundfish FMP policy modernization
(12) Meeting wrap-up and workload updates

The Council will also meet in Executive Session on Sunday afternoon, to discuss internal administrative issues. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/8168* prior to the meeting, along with meeting materials.

Connection Information

You can attend the meeting online using a computer, tablet, or smartphone, or by phone only. Connection information will be posted online at: *https://www.npfmc.org/current-or-next-council-meeting.* For technical support please contact our administrative staff, email: *support@npfmc.org.*

Public Comment

Public comment letters will be accepted and should be submitted electronically through the eAgenda at *https://meetings.npfmc.org/Meeting/Details/8168.* The Council strongly encourages written public comment for this meeting to avoid any potential for technical difficulties to compromise oral testimony. The written comment period is open from November 6, 2026, to November 27, 2026, and closes at 12 p.m. Alaska Time on Friday, November 27, 2026.

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

Dated: November 6, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

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

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