

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife in La Grande, OR (ODFW) has applied in due form for a modification to a permit authorizing a take of a threatened species for the purpose of scientific research/enhancement.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application must be received on or before April 22, 1996

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR8, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Environmental and Technical Services Division, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing should be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** ODFW requests a modification to a permit under the authority of section 10 of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and the NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

ODFW (P211I) requests modification 1 to scientific research/enhancement permit 973. Permit 973 authorizes ODFW a take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with a captive broodstock program for three races of threatened chinook salmon in the Grande Ronde River Basin. Permit 973, issued on August 7, 1995 (60 FR 42147, August 15, 1995), authorized the collection, handling, and rearing of juvenile, listed, naturally-produced, chinook salmon for the beginning of the captive broodstock program. For modification 1, ODFW requests a transfer of 1994 brood juveniles of Catherine Creek origin and 1994 brood juveniles of Lostine River origin to the NMFS Manchester Marine Laboratory in Washington. ODFW also requests that the NMFS staff at the laboratory, under the direction of Dr. Conrad Mehnken, be authorized to rear and maintain the listed juvenile fish as an agent of ODFW under permit 973. The objective of the transfer is to dilute the risk of an unanticipated catastrophic event that could cause a decimation of the gene pool at one hatchery location by allocating listed juvenile fish to another hatchery location. The transfer of listed juvenile fish is requested for 1996 only. The authorization for NMFS's responsibility to rear and

maintain listed juvenile fish as an agent of ODFW under permit 973 is requested for the duration of the permit. Permit 973 expires on September 30, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing (see **ADDRESSES**) should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate. The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in these application summaries are those of the applicants and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

Russell J. Bellmer,

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

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### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P66K) and application to modify permit no. 841 (P129J).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, P.O. Box 3-2000, Juneau, AK 99802, has applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research, and Dr. Bruce R. Mate, Professor, Fisheries and Wildlife, Oregon State University, Newport, OR 97365-5296, has requested a modification to permit no. 841.

**DATES:** Submit comments on or before April 18, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and modification requests and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

(P66K)—Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

(P129J)—Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/570-5301).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on these requests should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,

1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject actions are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

The Alaska Department of Fish and Game requests authority to take harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina richardsi*) and spotted seals (*Phoca largha*) for scientific research in the following manner:

**Harbor seals**—Up to 1000 to be captured, restrained, measured (weight, length, girth, blubber thickness by ultrasound, and bioimpedance), sampled (flipper punches, vibrissae, blubber biopsy), flipper tagged, and released. Of these, 225 will be equipped with satellite-linked time-depth recorders (SLTDR) and/or VHF telemetry; 50 muscle biopsied; and 50 injected with deuterium oxide and Evans Blue solution. Additionally up to 1000 may be harassed during collection of scats from haulouts (individual animals may be inadvertently harassed more than once during research activities) and up to 10 may be accidentally killed during capture activities.

**Spotted seals**—Up to 100 to be captured, restrained, measured (weight, length, girth, blubber thickness by ultrasound, bioimpedance), sampled (flipper punches, vibrissae, blubber biopsy), flipper tagged, and released. Of these, 50 will be equipped with a SLTDR or VHF telemetry. Additionally up to 500 may be inadvertently harassed (individual animals may be harassed more than once) and up to 5 may be accidentally killed during capture activities. Samples collected from seals may be exported on a worldwide basis as the need arises. Activities will occur in southeast Alaska and along the west coast of Alaska.

(P129J)—Permit No. 841 authorizes the permit holder to conduct radio

tagging and biopsy sampling on up to 55 blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), and up to 50 each of fin whales (*B. physalus*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*) over a 5-year period and to inadvertently harass up to 200 each during tagging and biopsy sampling cruises. The permit holder requests authorization to tag an additional 50 blue whales through the duration of the Permit (i.e., through 1998). The work in 1996 and 1997 will concentrate on animals feeding in southern California prior to their southward migration.

Dated: March 6, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,  
Office of Protected Resources, National  
Marine Fisheries Service.

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Establishment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Costa Rica

March 18, 1996.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the  
Implementation of Textile Agreements  
(CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs establishing a  
limit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 27, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-4212. For information on the  
quota status of this limit, refer to the  
Quota Status Reports posted on the  
bulletin boards of each Customs port or  
call (202) 927-5850. For information on  
embargoes and quota re-openings, call  
(202) 482-3715. For information on  
categories on which consultations have  
been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The United States Government has decided to continue the restraint limit on Categories 352/652 for an additional twelve-month period, beginning on March 27, 1996 and extending through March 26, 1997.

This action is taken in accordance with the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The United States remains committed to finding a mutual solution concerning Categories 352/652. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Costa Rica, further notice will be published in the Federal Register.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 61 FR 3002, published on January 30, 1996.

Troy H. Cribb,  
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile  
Agreements

March 18, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,  
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC  
20229.

Dear Commissioner: Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854), the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 30, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on March 27, 1996, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 352/652, produced or manufactured in Costa Rica and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on March 27, 1996 and extending through March 26, 1997, in excess of 15,288,569 dozen.

Imports charged to this category limit for the period March 27, 1995 through March 26, 1996 shall be charged against that level of restraint to the extent of any unfilled balance. Goods in excess of that limit will be subject to the limit established in this directive.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.

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## COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

### Procurement List; Additions

**AGENCY:** Committee for Purchase From  
People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled.

**ACTION:** Additions to the Procurement  
List.

**SUMMARY:** This action adds to the  
Procurement List commodities to be  
furnished by nonprofit agencies  
employing persons who are blind or  
have other severe disabilities.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 22, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Committee for Purchase  
From People Who Are Blind or Severely  
Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403,  
1735 Jefferson Davis Highway,  
Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On  
January 19 and 26, 1996, the Committee  
for Purchase From People Who Are  
Blind or Severely Disabled published  
notices (61 FR 1362 and 2494) of  
proposed additions to the Procurement  
List.

After consideration of the material  
presented to it concerning capability of  
qualified nonprofit agencies to provide  
the commodities and impact of the  
additions on the current or most recent  
contractors, the Committee has  
determined that the commodities listed  
below are suitable for procurement by  
the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C.  
46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4. I certify that  
the following action will not have a  
significant impact on a substantial  
number of small entities. The major  
factors considered for this certification  
were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities proposed for addition to the Procurement List.