

5. Standing Committee recommendations

O. Other Business

1. Election of new officers for 1999

P. Supplemental information for agenda items F.4. and J.4  
F.4. (Continued) Possible final action on framework regulatory measure for bank-specific harvest guidelines

1. The Council will be discussing and may be taking final action to establish a process for setting annual bank-specific harvest guidelines for the 1999 NWHI lobster season and beyond.

2. Action is being taken under the framework procedure for new measures in the Crustacean FMP.

3. At its April 1998 meeting, the Council requested the development of options governing the process by which the NMFS Southwest Regional Administrator, in consultation with the Council, allocates the annual harvest guideline among banks or areas to prevent overfishing and achieve optimum yield.

4. At its July 1998 meeting, the Council selected the partial bank-specific harvest guidelines alternative as its preferred option.

5. At its December 1998 meeting, the Council will also consider two new options: (1) full bank-specific harvest guidelines and (2) Necker- Maro-Gardner- bank-specific harvest guidelines. If it continues to endorse its preferred alternative, final Council action can be taken. Selection of a different alternative would be considered initial action under the Crustacean FMP framework process.

6. A background document summarizing this issue, need for framework management measure, and alternative actions is available for public comment (see ADDRESSES) and was distributed to all NWHI limited entry permit holders, Crustacean Advisory Panel, and Crustacean Plan Team members.

J.4. (Continued) Selection of preferred option for Federal management in MHI

1. The Council will be discussing and may be taking action to delegate authority to the State of Hawaii to manage bottomfish in the Federal Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) off the MHI, or other options so the state rules can be enforced in all MHI waters.

2. Other alternatives for the Council to help facilitate the effectiveness of the state's new bottomfish management plan, that will be considered at the meeting, include (1) status quo, (2) Council resolution, (3) regulatory fix, and (4) withdrawal of Federal management.

3. At its July 1998 meeting, the Council requested the development of

options for assisting the state with MHI bottomfish management, including delegation of authority to the state.

4. A background document summarizing this issue and proposed alternative actions is available for public comment (see ADDRESSES).

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: November 16, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111298D]

#### Marine Mammals; Scientific Research and Enhancement Permit (PHF# 116-1477)

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Sea World of Texas, 10500 Sea World Drive, San Antonio, Texas, 78251, has applied in due form for a permit to take Hawaiian monk seals (*Monachus schauinslandi*) for purposes of scientific research and enhancement.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before December 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The application 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);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard,

Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001); and

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 2570 Dole Street, Room 106, Honolulu, HI 9682-2396 (808/973-2987).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is 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 222.23).

The application is for the permanent transfer of ten (10) currently captive, unreleasable female Hawaiian monk seals from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Kewalo Research Facility to Sea World of Texas for research and enhancement purposes. The primary objective of the proposed activity is to make the seals available for scientific research on an opportunistic basis in order to benefit the wild population of Hawaiian monk seals. A secondary objective is to increase public awareness of the status of the Hawaiian monk seal through education efforts and by providing an opportunity to observe the species in captivity.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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

Dated: November 12, 1998.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Telecommunications and  
Information Administration**

**Spectrum Planning and Policy  
Advisory Committee; Notice of Meeting**

**ACTION:** Notice of Recruitment of Private Sector Members, Spectrum Planning and Policy Advisory Committee (SPAC).

**SUMMARY:** The SPAC was established on July 19, 1965 as the Frequency Management Advisory Council (FMAC). The name was changed in April, 1991, and in July, 1993, to reflect the increased scope of its mission. The objective of the Committee is to advise the Secretary of Commerce on radio frequency spectrum planning matters and means by which the effectiveness of Federal Government frequency management may be enhanced. NTIA nominates candidates for membership; selection and appointment is made by the Secretary of Commerce. The Committee consists of nineteen members, fifteen from the private sector, and four from the Federal Government, whose knowledge of telecommunications and spectrum management is balanced in the functional areas of manufacturing, analysis and planning, operations, research, academia and international negotiations.

The membership reflects the Department's commitment to attaining balance and diversity. SPAC members must obtain a background investigation prior to appointment. These clearances are necessary so that members can be permitted access to relevant information needed in formulating recommendations to the U.S. Government. The SPAC meets approximately twice a year, and members are not compensated for their services.

On an as-needed basis, the SPAC seeks private-sector members with frequency management, electromagnetic compatibility, frequency assignment and related experience and expertise in the functional areas listed above. If you would like to be considered for membership on the SPAC, please send a fact sheet describing your company, provide details of your interest/activity in at least one of the functional areas

listed above, and provide a short biographical. Material may be faxed to the number below.

**DEADLINE:** This request remains open for one year from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquires may be addressed to the Executive Secretary, SPAC, Mr. Richard A. Lancaster, National

Telecommunications and Information Administration, Room 4082, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4487, or fax to 202-482-4396.

Dated: November 10, 1998.

**Richard A. Lancaster,**

*Executive Secretary, Spectrum Planning and Policy Advisory Committee, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE  
IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE  
AGREEMENTS**

**Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain  
Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile  
Products Produced or Manufactured in  
Malaysia**

November 13, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** November 19, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

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

The current limits for certain categories are being adjusted, variously, for swing, special swing, special shift, and carryover.

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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also see 62 FR 67834, published on December 30, 1997.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

November 13, 1998.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 22, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported during the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

Effective on November 19, 1998, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
340/640 .....	1,360,813 dozen.
350/650 .....	129,356 dozen.
351/651 .....	353,702 dozen.
645/646 .....	352,476 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall 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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**COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING  
COMMISSION**

**Sunshine Act Meeting**

**AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:00 a.m., Friday, December 4, 1998.

**PLACE:** 1155 21st St., N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Surveillance Matters.