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Dated: November 18, 1998.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110998C]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 738-1454

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Permit No. 738-1454 issued to Ms. Carole Conway, Genomic Variation Laboratory, Department of Animal Science, Meyer Hall, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-3322, was amended to allow export of blue whale samples.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and

(3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 19, 1998.

**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

### Adjustment of Import Limits and Increase of a Guaranteed Access Level for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

November 19, 1998.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits and increasing a guaranteed access level.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, 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 limit for Categories 339/639 is being increased for special shift, reducing the limit for Categories 338/638 to account for the special shift being applied.

Upon the request of the Government of the Dominican Republic, the U.S. Government has agreed to increase the current guaranteed access level for textile products in Category 444.

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 67622, published on December 29, 1997.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 19, 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 19, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on November 19, 1998, you are directed to adjust the current 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>
338/638 .....	950,766 dozen.
339/639 .....	1,195,452 dozen.

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

Also effective on November 19, 1998, you are directed to increase the guaranteed access level (GAL) for Category 444 to 40,000 numbers. The GALs for Categories 338/638 and 339/639 remain unchanged.

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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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Army Science Board; Notice of Open Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Army Science Board (ASB).

*Date of Meeting:* 8 December 1998.

*Time of Meeting:* 0900-1600.

*Place:* 1801 N. Beauregard St., Room 117W, Alexandria, VA 22311.

*Agenda:* The Army Science Board (ASB) Summer Study Panel will meet for discussions on "Enabling Rapid and Decisive Strategic Maneuver for the Army After 2010." This meeting will be open to the public. Any interested person may attend, appear before, or file statements with the committee at the time and in the manner permitted by the committee. For further information, please contact Wayne Joyner at (703) 604-7490.

**Wayne Joyner,**

*Program Support Specialist, Army Science Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651, or should be electronically mailed to the internet address [PatSherrill@ed.gov](mailto:PatSherrill@ed.gov), or should be faxed to 202-708-9346.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office

of the Chief Financial and Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: November 18, 1998.

**Kent H. Hannaman,**

*Leader, Information Management Group,  
Office of the Chief Financial and Chief  
Information Officer.*

*Office of Vocational and Adult  
Education*

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* National Survey to Determine the Need for Special Education Services.

*Frequency:* One time.

*Affected Public:* State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:* Responses: 689; Burden Hours: 668.

*Abstract:* The Office of Correctional Education is conducting a study to determine the number of incarcerated juvenile and youthful offenders with disabilities. This study is being undertaken by the American Institutes for Research. Three surveys and methodology are being presented for review.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Office of Science; Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 99-04: Human Genome Program—Technological Advances

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Notice inviting grant applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy, hereby announces its interest in receiving grant applications in support of the DOE Human Genome Program (HGP). This program is a coordinated, multidisciplinary, goal-oriented research effort to obtain a detailed understanding of the human genome at the molecular level. High throughput sequencing is now a major focus of the program, but needs for supporting resources and technologies remain in several areas.

**DATES:** Potential applicants are encouraged to submit a brief preapplication. All preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-04, should be received by DOE by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., December 3, 1998. A response to the preapplications discussing the potential program relevance and encouraging or discouraging a formal application generally will be communicated within several days of receipt.

Formal applications submitted in response to this notice must be received by 4:30 p.m., E.S.T., February 23, 1999, in order to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in FY 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Preapplications, referencing Program Notice 99-04, should be sent preferable by E-mail to [joanne.corcoran@oer.doe.gov](mailto:joanne.corcoran@oer.doe.gov), however, preapplications will also be accepted if mailed to the following address: Ms. Joanne Corcoran, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, SC-72, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, or transmitted by facsimile to (301) 903-8521.

After receiving notification from DOE concerning successful preapplications, applicants may prepare formal applications and send them to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC-64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874-1290, ATTN: Program Notice 99-04. The above address for formal applications also must be used for transmission by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail, any commercial mail