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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Delaware Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 11 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. on December 15, 1998, at the Brandywine Suites Hotel, 707 King Street, Wilmington, DE 19801. The purpose of the meeting is to review plans and make assignments for development of a citizens' reference guide to civil rights, and to discuss new project concepts and future activity.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, November 17, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111898A]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory bodies.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will meet in Anchorage, Alaska the week of December 6, 1998.

DATES: 1. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Sunday, December 6, continuing through at least Wednesday, December 9, 1998.

2. The Advisory Panel (AP) will begin meeting at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 7, and continue through Friday, December 11, 1998.

3. The Council will meet beginning at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 9, continuing through Monday, December 14, 1998.

Other workgroup or committee meetings may be held during the week. Notices of these meetings will be posted at the hotel. All meetings are open to the public with the exception of Council executive sessions, which may be held during the noon hour during the meeting week, if necessary, to discuss personnel, international issues, or litigation.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Anchorage Hilton Hotel, 503 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports from NMFS and Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G)

on the current status of the fisheries off Alaska, enforcement reports from the United States Coast Guard and NMFS Enforcement, and report from NMFS on seabird bycatch in groundfish fisheries.

2. Receive an update on Section 7 findings for Steller sea lions and provide input or take action as necessary. Discuss necessary follow-up amendments to fishery management plans for 2000.

3. Review progress on 1999 implementation of the American Fisheries Act and provide guidance to staff for follow-up amendments.

4. Receive a status report from the Council's Socioeconomic Data Committee.

5. Approve appointments to the Council's AP and SSC for 1999.

6. Review an initial performance report for the Improved Retention/Improved Utilization Program in the groundfish fisheries and take final action on a regulatory amendment to the program.

7. Groundfish amendments issues scheduled for discussion or action are as follows:

a. Take final action on an amendment for demersal shelf rockfish retention in the Gulf of Alaska individual fishing quotas fisheries.

b. Receive report on an experimental fishery conducted by the Groundfish Forum.

8. The Council will receive the final Stock Assessment and Evaluation (SAFE) reports for the 1999 Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands groundfish fisheries and approve final 1999 harvest and bycatch allocations.

9. The Council will review current staff tasking and provide guidance to staff.

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

Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-

271-2809, at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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 ¹
338/638	950,766 dozen.
339/639	1,195,452 dozen.

¹ 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.