

April 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Joint Mackerel Committee and Mackerel Advisory Panel;

The advisory panel will develop recommendations for setting total allowable catch and bag limits and other framework items as necessary.

April 15, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.—Mackerel Committee; The Committee will meet to hear the status of last year's framework action, Amendment 8 and current landings, develop recommendations on formulating total allowable catches and bag limits, develop recommendations on other framework items as necessary, discuss mackerel Amendment 9, and receive an update on mackerel tournament data.

April 15, 1997, 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Highly Migratory Species Committee;

The Committee will meet to review and comment on Amendment 1 to the Shark Fishery Management Plan, which deals with implementing limited access for the shark fishery, and Amendment 1 to the Swordfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and to hear the status of NMFS highly migratory species advisory panels.

April 16, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—SOPPs Committee; The Committee will meet to discuss the Magnuson-Stevens Act mandates requiring changes to the Council's SOPPs, and will approve necessary changes.

April 16, 1997, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Bluefish Committee;

The Committee will review the Bluefish Assessment, Review Amendment 1 to the Bluefish FMP, and approve Amendment 1 for public hearing.

April 16, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Snapper Grouper Committee;

The Committee will review new material in the Snapper Grouper Amendment document, review the SSC position on the Greater Amberjack Assessment, and approve Amendment 9 for public hearing.

April 17, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.—Habitat and Environmental Protection Advisory Panel;

The Committee will review previous Habitat Advisory Panel recommendations and develop Council options for addressing essential fisheries habitat.

April 17, 1997, 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Advisory Panel Selection Committee (closed session);

The Committee will develop recommendations for advisory panel member appointments.

April 17, 1997, 1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.—Council Session; The full Council

will meet at 1:45 p.m. to hear the Mackerel Committee Report, take public comment on mackerel total allowable catches (TACs), bag limits and other framework actions, set mackerel TACs and bag limits, and take action on other framework items as necessary; at 3:00 p.m., to hear the Highly Migratory Committee Species report and formulate Council comments on Shark Amendment 1 and Swordfish Amendment 1; at 3:30 p.m., to hear the SOPPs Committee report and approve changes in the Council SOPPs for submission to the Secretary of Commerce; at 4:00 p.m., to hear the Habitat Committee report and develop council options for addressing essential fisheries habitat; at 4:30 p.m., to hear the Snapper Grouper Committee report and approve Snapper Grouper Amendment 9 for public hearing.

April 18, 1997, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon—Council Session; The full Council will meet at 8:30 a.m. to hear the Advisory Panel Selection Committee report in closed session and appoint advisory panel members; at 9:00 a.m., to hear the Bluefish Committee report and approve Bluefish Amendment 1 for public hearing; at 9:30 a.m., to hear the Executive Committee report, approve an implementation schedule for Sustainable Fisheries Act provisions; hear a request from the Department of the Navy; and approve guidelines for holding informal meetings with fishermen. From 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon, the Council will hear a status report of the ACCSP, agency and liaison reports, and discuss other business.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) by April 7, 1997.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

#### Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.  
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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an application for modification 3 to incidental take permit 844 (P503I).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Idaho Department of Fish and Game in Boise, ID (IDFG) has applied in due form for modification 3 to permit 844 authorizing an incidental take of a threatened species associated with sport-fishing activities.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the modification application must be received on or before April 28, 1997.

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

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, 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, Environmental and Technical Services Division, Portland.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** IDFG requests modification 3 to permit 844 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 ESA-listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-227).

For modification 3 to permit 844, IDFG (P503I) requests authorization for an increase in the incidental take of adult, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the opening of two sport fisheries on the Little Salmon River and the Clearwater River in Idaho. The fisheries are proposed to target adult, non-listed, hatchery-produced spring chinook salmon in these watersheds. The primary source of take would be the incidental catch and release of ESA-listed spring/summer chinook salmon that may be present in the fishery areas during the fisheries. IDFG will maintain efforts to minimize the impacts to ESA-listed fish, including public information, biological monitoring, and enforcement. An increase in the incidental mortality of adult, ESA-listed, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon is also requested. Modification 3 is requested to be valid in 1997 only. Permit 844 expires on April 30, 1998.

Those individuals requesting a hearing on the permit modification request should set out the specific reasons why a hearing would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant

Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the above application summary are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Dated: March 21, 1997.

**Joseph R. Blum,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Rescission, Amendment and Redesignation of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

March 21, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs cancelling,  
increasing and amending the coverage  
of limits.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 28, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Janet Heinzen, 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) 927-6713. For information on  
embargoes and quota re-openings, call  
(202) 482-3715.

#### 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); Uruguay Round Agreements  
Act.

In a Memorandum of Understanding  
(MOU) dated March 5, 1997, the  
Governments of the United States and  
the Republic of the Philippines agreed  
to rescind the limit for Category 239 for  
the period January 1, 1997 through  
December 31, 1997. Also, the two  
governments agreed to amend the  
coverage of Group II to include  
Categories 361, 369-S and 611 and to  
increase the 1997 Group II limit.

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 61 FR 66263,  
published on December 17, 1996). Also  
see 61 FR 64507, published on  
December 5, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of  
Customs and the actions taken pursuant  
to it are not designed to implement all  
of the provisions of the Uruguay Round  
Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round  
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and  
the MOU, but are designed to assist only  
in the implementation of certain of their  
provisions.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 21, 1997.

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 November 29, 1996, 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 the  
Philippines and exported during the twelve-  
month period beginning on January 1, 1997  
and extending through December 31, 1997.

Effective on March 28, 1997, you are  
directed, to rescind the 1997 limit and import  
charges for textile products in Category 239,  
pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements  
Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on  
Textiles and Clothing and the Memorandum  
of Understanding dated March 5, 1997  
between the Governments of the United  
States and the Republic of the Philippines.

Also, you are directed to amend the Group  
II designation to include the coverage of  
Categories 361, 369-S<sup>1</sup> and 611. Categories  
361, 369-S and 611 shall be sublevels in  
Group II. Import charges already made to  
these categories shall be moved to Group II.  
The 1997 limit for Group II shall be increased  
to 164,785,038 square meters equivalent<sup>2</sup>.

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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<sup>1</sup> Category 369-S: only HTS number  
6307.10.2005.

<sup>2</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for  
any imports exported after December 31, 1996.

## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans; Notice That Delivery Point: Specifications Must Be Amended

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading  
Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of, and request for public  
comment on, response of the Chicago  
Board of Trade to Notification to amend  
delivery specifications.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission (Commission), by  
letter dated December 19, 1996, notified  
the Board of Trade of the City of  
Chicago (CBT), under section 5a(a)(10)  
of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act),  
7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(10), that the delivery  
terms of the CBT corn and soybean  
futures contracts no longer accomplish  
the objectives of that section of the Act.  
Under section 5a(a)(10), the CBT was  
required to respond by March 4, 1997,  
seventy-five (75) days from the date of  
the notice.

By letter dated March 4, 1997, from  
Patrick H. Arbor to Chairperson  
Brooksley Born, the CBT responded by  
providing to the Commission a status  
report of its actions. In that response,  
the CBT reported that a "working  
alternative" had been approved by the  
exchange board and would be  
forwarded to the membership for a vote.

On March 14, 1997, the Commission  
provided notice of the CBT's working  
alternative in order to provide the  
public with an opportunity to comment  
to the Commission on it (62 FR 12156).  
The Commission has determined to  
extend the comment period for an  
additional fifteen (15) days.

**DATES:** Comment must be received by  
April 15, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments should be  
mailed to the Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission, Three Lafayette  
Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20581, attention, Office  
of the Secretariat; transmitted by  
facsimile at (202) 418-5521, or  
transmitted electronically at  
secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be  
made to "Corn and Soybean Delivery  
Points."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT:**  
Blake Imel, Acting Director, or Paul M.  
Architzel, Chief Counsel, Division of  
Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures  
Trading Commission, Three Lafayette  
Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW,  
Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202)  
418-5260, or electronically, Mr.  
Architzel at Parchitzel@cftc.gov.