

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Data Collection Committee.

11:45 a.m. - 12:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

12:00 noon - 12:15 p.m.—Receive a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Advisory Committee.

12:30 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

1:00 p.m. - 1:15 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.—Other business to be discussed.

Committees

May 12

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—Convene the Data Collection Committee to review the procedures that will be used by NMFS in monitoring recreational red snapper landings and closing that fishery when the quota is taken.

2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to review restoration scenarios for the red snapper stock provided that several additional types of bycatch reduction devices are allowed in shrimp trawls and the prognosis for the upcoming brown shrimp season in Louisiana.

4:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Convene the Law Enforcement Committee to review the NOAA Penalty Schedule Meeting Discussion and the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (AP) comments.

May 13

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee (Committee) to review recommendations on Draft Amendment 15 by the public from hearings and letters, the Red Snapper AP, the Reef Fish AP, the Law Enforcement AP, the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and by NMFS. Following its review, the Committee will develop its recommendations to the Council. The Committee will also review a stock assessment panel report on vermilion snapper and public comments on a scoping document for amberjacks.

1:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review the Stock Assessment Panel report, the Socioeconomic Panel report, and the recommendations of the Mackerel AP and SSC before developing its recommendations to the Council. It will also review a preliminary options paper for the next amendment to the fishery management plan for the mackerel fishery and reporting of landings.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by May 5, 1997.

Dated: April 11, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041497B]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modification 1 to permit 991 (P599).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has issued a modification to a permit that authorizes takes of an Endangered Species Act-listed species for the purpose of scientific research, subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to the California Department of Water Resources in Sacramento, CA (CDWR).

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

Protected Species Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404-6528 (707-575-6066).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The modification to a permit was issued 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 217-222).

Notice was published on December 30, 1996 (61 FR 68721) that an application had been filed by CDWR (P599) for modification 1 to permit 991. Modification 1 to permit 991 was issued to CDWR on March 24, 1997. Permit 991 authorizes CDWR takes of juvenile, endangered, Sacramento River winter-run chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with scientific

research. For modification 1 to permit 991, CDWR is authorized an annual take of juvenile, ESA-listed fish associated with a fisheries study of the Yolo Bypass, a floodplain adjacent to the Sacramento River where large numbers of salmon are trapped when high flows recede. Study results will be used to provide recommendations for ecosystem restoration options, to identify actions to minimize adverse effects to juvenile salmon, and to make habitat restoration efforts as harmless to fish as possible. Modification 1 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 991 expires on June 30, 1999.

Issuance of the permit modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such action: (1) Was requested in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that is the subject of the permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: April 14, 1997.

Robert C. Ziobro,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040297B]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 838 (P535)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 838 submitted by Dr. Stephen Insley, Smithsonian Institution, National Zoological Park, Dept. Zoological Research, Washington, DC 20008, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/712-2289); and

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/568-7221).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 27, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 8929) that an amendment of permit no. 838, issued May 17, 1993 (58 FR 29810), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 216.33 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: April 10, 1997.

Ann Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Consolidation and Amendment of Export Visa Requirements to Include the Electronic Visa Information System for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia

April 11, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs consolidating
and amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross
Arnold, International Trade Specialist,
Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S.
Department of Commerce, (202) 482-
4212.

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 exchange of notes, the Governments of the United States and Malaysia agreed to amend the existing visa arrangement for textile products, produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported on and after May 1, 1997. The amended arrangement consolidates existing and new provisions of the export visa arrangement, including provisions for the Electronic Visa

Information System (ELVIS). In addition to the ELVIS requirements, shipments will continue to be accompanied by an original visa stamped on the front of the original commercial invoice issued by the Government of Malaysia. Goods which currently require an exempt certificate shall not require an ELVIS transmission, but will continue to require the exempt certificate.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the existing visa requirements for textile products produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported on and after May 1, 1997.

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 52 FR 32158, published on August 26, 1987.

Interested persons are advised to take all necessary steps to ensure that textile products that are entered into the United States for consumption, or withdrawn from warehouse for consumption, will meet the visa requirements set forth in the letter published below to the Commissioner of Customs.

Troy H. Cribb,

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

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 11, 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 August 20, 1987, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, that directed you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Malaysia for which the Government of Malaysia has not issued an appropriate export visa or exempt certification.

Under the terms of section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); and pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC) and the Export Visa Arrangement, effected by exchange of notes between the Governments of the United States and Malaysia; and in accordance with the provisions of Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on May 1, 1997, entry into the Customs territory of the United States (i.e., the 50 states, the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth

of Puerto Rico) for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products in Categories 200-239, 300-369, 400-469, 600-670 and 831-859, including part categories and merged categories (see Annex A), produced or manufactured in Malaysia and exported on and after May 1, 1997 for which the Government of Malaysia has not issued an appropriate export visa, exempt certification or Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) transmission fully described below. Shipments covering merchandise in Categories 800-810 and 863-899 do not require a visa. Should additional categories, part categories or merged categories become subject to import quota the entire category(s), part category(s) or merged category(s) shall be included in the coverage of this arrangement.

A visa must accompany each commercial shipment of the aforementioned textile products. A circular stamped marking in blue ink will appear on the front of the original commercial invoice. The original visa shall not be stamped on duplicate copies of the invoice. The original invoice with the original visa stamp will be required to enter the shipment into the United States. Duplicates of the invoice and/or visa may not be used for this purpose.

Each visa stamp shall include the following information:

1. The visa number. The visa number shall be in the standard nine digit letter format, beginning with one numeric digit for the last digit of the year of export, followed by the two character alpha country code specified by the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) (the code for Malaysia is "MY"), and a six digit numerical serial number identifying the shipment; e.g., 7MY123456.

2. The date of issuance. The date of issuance shall be the day, month and year on which the visa was issued.

3. The original signature of the issuing official of the Government of Malaysia.

4. The correct category(s), merged category(s), part category(s), quantity(s) and unit(s) of quantity in the shipment as set forth in the U.S. Department of Commerce Correlation and in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, annotated, shall be reported in the spaces provided within the visa stamp (e.g., "Cat. 340-510 DOZ").

Quantities must be stated in whole numbers. Decimals or fractions will not be accepted. Merged category quota merchandise may be accompanied by either the appropriate merged category visa or the correct category visa corresponding to the actual shipment (e.g., Categories 347/348 may be visaed as 347/348 or if the shipment consists solely of Category 347 merchandise, the shipment may be visaed as "Category 347," but not as "Category 348").

U.S. Customs shall not permit entry if the shipment does not have a visa, or if the visa number, date of issuance, signature, category, quantity or units of quantity are missing, incorrect or illegible, or have been crossed out or altered in any way. If the quantity indicated on the visa is less than that of the