

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications for amendments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska SeaLife Center (ASLC), P.O. Box 1329, Seward, AK 99664 has requested an amendment to scientific research and enhancement Permit No. 881-1443; and the Center for Coastal Studies (CCS), 59 Commercial Street, P.O. Box 1036, Provincetown, MA 02657 has requested an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 633-1483.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before May 10, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The amendment requests and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

For the Alaska SeaLife Center (Permit No. 881-1443): Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box 21688, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

For the Center for Coastal Studies (Permit No. 633-1483): Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, One Blackburn Dr., Gloucester, MA 01930-0070 (978/281-9250).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these requests should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular amendment requests 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 other electronic media.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 881-1443 (ASLC), issued on March 27, 1998 (63 FR 14905), and the subject amendment to Permit No. 633-1483 (CCS), issued on March 3, 1999 (64 FR 10276) are 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 222.23).

Permit No. 881-1443 (ASLC) authorizes the Permit Holder to: assess nutritional physiology, metabolic development, and clinical health under captive conditions of six harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and three Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*); conduct stable isotope and lipid metabolism studies on the harbor seals; and conduct a two-week fasting study as part of the controlled dietary studies. The Permit Holder requests authorization to conduct the following experiments on the Steller sea lions: reproductive chemistry and physiology; immunology; organochlorine testing; dive disorders; optimal foraging; and body condition.

Permit No. 633-1483 (CCS) authorizes the Permit Holder to: conduct behavioral observations of, and photo-identify Northern right whales (*Eubalaena glacialis*) during aerial and vessel surveys; place VHF tags on right whales during the course of vessel surveys; collect skin and blubber biopsy samples and sloughed skin; and export skin samples for genetic analysis. The Permit Holder requests authorization to approach, photo-identify, and collect, import and export tissue samples from free-ranging, entangled, and stranded humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) and other balaenopterid species. CCS proposes to conduct this research in the U.S. waters of the Atlantic Ocean.

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: April 1, 1999.

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 for Certain Cotton, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in India

April 2, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 9, 1999.

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 these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. 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 carryforward applied to the 1998 limits and an additional 5% allowance for 100 percent cotton garments made of handloomed fabrics.

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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 68247, published on December 10, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 2, 1999.

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 4, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, man-

made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in India and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on April 9, 1999, 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 ¹
Levels in Group I	
314	8,101,059 square meters.
315	14,108,165 square meters.
334/634	160,923 dozen.
335/635	716,429 dozen.
336/636	958,106 dozen.
338/339	3,931,812 dozen.
340/640	2,127,435 dozen.
341	4,220,145 dozen of which not more than 2,532,085 dozen shall be in Category 341-Y ² .
342/642	1,247,394 dozen.
347/348	711,737 dozen.
351/651	290,544 dozen.
369-D ³	1,350,698 kilograms.
369-S ⁴	736,744 kilograms.
641	1,519,843 dozen.
Group II.	
200, 201, 220-227, 237, 239pt. ⁵ , 300, 301, 331-333, 350, 352, 359pt. ⁶ , 360-362, 600-604, 606 ⁷ , 607, 611-629, 631, 633, 638, 639, 643-646, 649, 650, 652, 659pt. ⁸ , 666, 669pt. ⁹ , 670, 831, 833-838, 840-858 and 859pt. ¹⁰ , as a group.	116,737,121 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

² Category 341-Y: only HTS numbers 6204.22.3060, 6206.30.3010, 6206.30.3030 and 6211.42.0054.

³ Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

⁴ Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

⁵ Category 239pt.: only HTS number 6209.20.5040 (diapers).

⁶ Category 359pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1550.

⁷ Category 606: all HTS numbers except 5403.31.0040 (for administrative purposes Category 606 is designated as 606(1)).

⁸ Category 659pt.: all HTS numbers except 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540.

⁹ Category 669pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040.

¹⁰ Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception to 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

Agricultural Advisory Committee Meeting

This is to give notice, pursuant to Section 10(a) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, § 10(a), that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission's Agricultural Advisory Committee will conduct a public meeting on April 21, 1999 in the first floor hearing room (Room 1000) of the Commission's Washington, DC headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. and last until 5:00 p.m. The agenda will consist of the following:

Agenda

1. Welcoming Remarks.
2. Panel Discussion on Risk Management Strategies for Producers of Agricultural Commodities.
3. Panel Discussion on Legislative Initiatives for Crop Insurance and other Risk Management Proposals.
4. Status Report and Discussion of Potential Modifications of the Agricultural Trade Option Pilot Program.
5. Other Business.

The meeting is open to the public. The Chairman of the Advisory Committee, Commissioner David D. Spears, is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will, in his judgment, facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Any member of the public who wishes to file a written statement with the Advisory Committee should mail a copy of the statement to the attention of: The Agricultural Advisory Committee, c/o Commissioner David D. Spears, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, before the meeting. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should inform Commissioner Spears in writing at the foregoing address at least three business days before the meeting. Reasonable provision will be made, if time permits, for an oral presentation of no more than five minutes each in duration.

Issued by the Commission in Washington, DC on April 2, 1999.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army Corps of Engineers

Intent to Prepare an Integrated Feasibility Report/Environmental Impact Statement for Environmental Restoration and Flood Control in the Sand Creek Watershed near Wahoo, Nebraska

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of intent.

SUMMARY: Congress authorized the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (COE) to conduct a reconnaissance study along the Lower Platte River and Tributaries, Nebraska in the interest of flood control, environmental restoration, and other purposes. The COE has conducted a reconnaissance study pursuant to this authority, and has determined that further study in the Sand Creek Watershed in the nature of a Feasibility-Phase Study is required to fulfill the intent of the study authority and to assess the extent of the Federal interest. The goal of the integrated Feasibility Study/EIS will be to determine the alternative that provides a desired combination of environmental restoration, reduction of sedimentation and water quality improvement, while also providing flood damage reduction and recreation benefits.

Alternatives proposed for consideration are (1) a 637-surface acre multipurpose impoundment one mile north of Wahoo, Nebraska on Sand Creek locally known as the Lake Wanhoo proposal, (2) seven smaller impoundments upstream from the Lake Wanhoo site proposed by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) in 1998, (3) two smaller impoundments upstream that were proposed by the COE back in 1960, (4) a combination of Lake Wanhoo and one of the old COE damsites, (5) a combination of Lake Wanhoo and the seven smaller upstream impoundments, and (6) one or more stream channel grade control structures starting at the Lake Wanhoo location and sized to provide wetlands without creating a structure needing a dam classification. The no COE action alternative will also be considered.