

differences. Requested activities include: tagging, blood and lavage sample collection, VHF and satellite-linked instrumentation, dye-marking, and harassment.

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 27, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041699B]

Marine Mammals; File No. 540-1502-00

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that John Calambokidis has applied in due form for a permit to take several species of marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before June 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The application 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6426); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4027).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application

should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request 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 by other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The applicant is requesting to harass several species of cetaceans during the course of photo-identification, aerial survey, biopsy sampling, and/or tagging activities; and several species of pinnipeds during the course of aerial surveys. Blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*), fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*), humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), gray whales (*Eschrichtius robustus*), and sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) may be harassed during photo-identification, aerial survey, biopsy sampling, and tagging activities. Sei whales (*Balaenoptera borealis*) and Brydes whales (*Balaenoptera edeni*) may be harassed during photo-identification, aerial survey, and biopsy sampling activities. Minke whales (*Balaenoptera acutorostrata*), right whales (*Balaena glacialis*), Baird's beaked whales (*Berardius bairdii*), Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), short-finned pilot whales (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), false killer whales (*Pseudorca crassidens*), and killer whales (*Orcinus orca*) may be harassed during photo-identification and aerial survey activities. Pygmy sperm whales (*Kogia breviceps*), dwarf sperm whales (*Kogia simus*), Mesoplodon beaked whales (*Mesoplodon sp.*), Pacific white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), northern right whale

dolphins (*Lissodelphis borealis*), short-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), long-beaked common dolphins (*Delphinus capensis*), striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Risso's dolphins (*Grampus griseus*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), California seal lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*), harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and elephant seals (*Mirovanga angustirostris*) may be harassed during aerial surveys. The research will be carried out over a 5-year period in the North Pacific Ocean, including the waters off California, Oregon, and Washington.

The purposes of the proposed research are to: determine the abundance and distribution of marine mammals off the coasts of California, Oregon, and Washington; to determine the abundance, movements, population structure, diving behavior and feeding behavior of large whales in the North Pacific. These studies are a continuation of research that the applicant has been conducting over the past several years.

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.

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Dated: April 27, 1999.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

NTIS Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet

on Wednesday, May 19, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., and from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session from 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; will be closed to the Public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will include a progress report on NTIS activities, an update on the progress of FedWorld, and a discussion on NTIS' long range plans. The closed session discussion is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and end at 11:30 a.m. on May 19, 1999. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

DATES: The meeting will convene on May 19, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Room 2029 Sills Building, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to public participation from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on May 19, 1999. Approximately thirty minutes will be set aside on May 19, 1999, for comments or questions from the public. Seats will be available for the public and for the media on a first-come, first-served basis. Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time. Copies of the minutes of the open session meeting will be available within thirty days of the meeting from the address given below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Lucas, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161, Telephone: (703) 605-6400; Fax (703) 605-6700.

Dated: April 27, 1999.

Ron Lawson,
Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Macau

April 27, 1999.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 3, 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 reduced for carryforward used in 1998.

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 59944, published on November 6, 1998.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

April 27, 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 November 3, 1998, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Macau and exported during the twelve-month period

which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on May 3, 1999, you are directed to reduce the limits for the categories listed below, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
336/836	74,332 dozen.
338	392,157 dozen.
339	1,637,779 dozen.
341	247,896 dozen.
345	68,888 dozen.
347/348/847	920,168 dozen.
351/851	85,893 dozen.
633/634/635	674,888 dozen.
638/639/838	2,070,000 dozen.
Sublevel in Group II	
445/446	79,444 dozen.

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

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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Statement of Personal Injury—Possible Third Party Liability CHAMPUS; DD Form 2527; OMB Number 0720-0003.

Type of Request: Reinstatement.
Number of Respondents: 29,500.
Responses Per Respondent: 1.
Annual Responses: 29,500.
Average Burden Per Response: 20 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 9,833.

Needs and Uses: The Federal Medical Care Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. 2651-2653 as implemented by Executive Order Number 11060 and 28 CFR 43 provides for recovery of the reasonable value of medical care provided by the United States to a person who is injured or