

Atlantic, Caribbean, and Gulf of Mexico" (Dolphin/Wahoo FMP) that has been prepared by the South Atlantic, Gulf, and Caribbean fishery management councils. The first 10 actions, with options, of the Dolphin/Wahoo FMP contain measures that are applicable to the dolphin and wahoo stocks in the jurisdictions of all three councils. These include measures to: define the management units; address dealer, vessel, and operator permits; consider data reporting requirements; identify estimates of maximum sustainable yield, optimum yield, and overfishing criteria; and framework options to enable seasonal adjustments to the management structure. Other actions, with options, are separately applicable to each council's area of jurisdiction, and include actions that may be implemented through the framework procedures, e.g. minimum size limits, bag limits, trip limits, and allocations. Based on this review, the Dolphin and Wahoo AP may make recommendations to the Council of preferred actions.

The SSC meeting is scheduled to begin at 1:00 p.m. on January 12, 2000, and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. The SSC meeting will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana; telephone 504-581-1300. The SSC will convene to review the same information and formulate their recommendations based on a scientific perspective. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in these agendas may come before the AP/SSC for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal AP/SSC action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 December 29, 1999.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees in December, 1999 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between Monday, December 13 and Tuesday, December 21, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** Meetings will be held in Portsmouth, NH, Portland, ME and Danvers, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Monday, December 13, 1999, 8:30 a.m.—Joint Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting*

Location: Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

Independent meeting of the Groundfish Advisory Panel from 8:30-9:00 a.m. to discuss its role and responsibilities; the joint meeting convenes at 9:00 a.m.

1. The committee will continue development of recommendations and options regarding exemptions for access to groundfish closed areas; options will be included in the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP) annual adjustment; the committee's recommendations may address exemptions for recreational party/charter vessels, scallop gear, handline gear, and any other fishing gears currently listed as "exempted" with respect to the multispecies fishery.

2. Possible development of recommendations for management

measures for recreational groundfish fisheries also to be included in the multispecies annual adjustment; recommendations may include bag limits, catch restrictions in groundfish closed areas, or any other recreational measures that can be implemented through a framework adjustment to the Multispecies FMP.

3. Discussion and development of recommendations regarding access to the Georges Bank closed areas by scallop vessels; these may include seasons for access, boundaries of the areas to be opened to scallop vessels, multispecies trip limits, and bycatch total allowable catches (TACs) for multispecies.

*Tuesday, December 14, 1999, 10:00 a.m.—Capacity Committee Meeting*  
Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay Hotel, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

Review and prioritization of identified fishing capacity issues; initial identification of options for addressing capacity issues; review of a proposed outline for a report to the Council on fishing capacity issues; preliminary briefing on the development by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center of an economic model that estimates the economic impacts of the fishing industry on a community; discussions on information necessary to support future committee deliberations.

*Tuesday, December 14, 1999, 9 a.m., and Wednesday, December 15, 1999, 8:30 a.m.—Experimental Fisheries and Research Steering Committee*

Location: Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

Discussion of committee organization, purpose, tasks, process and information needs, followed by a brief report on the status of sea scallop TAC research set-aside associated with Framework Adjustment 12 to the Scallop FMP.

*Tuesday, December 21, 1999, 9:30 a.m.—Joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting*

Location: Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone: (978) 777-2500.

Discussion of NMFS' request for comments on the Essential Fisher Habitat interim final rule; discussion of a structured process to designate Habitat Areas of Particular Concern (HAPCs); discussion of issues concerning the development of a dedicated habitat research area, including a review of materials for scoping and a workshop.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting.

Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are accessible to people with physical disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: November 26, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Hong Kong

November 23, 1999.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**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.ustras.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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 are based on limits

notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2000 limits. These limits have been increased, variously, for adjustments permitted under the flexibility provisions of the ATC.

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). Information regarding the 2000 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 23, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States 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 the following categories, produced or manufactured in Hong Kong and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
Group I 200-227, 300-326, 360-363, 369(1) <sup>1</sup> , 369pt. <sup>2</sup> , 400-414, 464, 469pt. <sup>3</sup> , 600- 629, 666, 669pt. <sup>4</sup> and 670, as a group.	254,856,238 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I 219 .....	45,361,264 square meters.
218/225/317/326 .....	77,152,142 square meters of which not more than 4,249,239 square meters shall be in Category 218(1) <sup>5</sup> (yarn dyed fabric other than denim and jac- quard).

Category	Twelve-month restraint limit
611 .....	7,151,815 square me- ters.
617 .....	4,512,292 square me- ters.
Group I subgroup 200, 226/313, 314, 315, 369(1) and 604, as a group Within Group I sub- group	121,450,414 square meters equivalent.
200 .....	391,087 kilograms.
226/313 .....	81,368,365 square meters.
314 .....	21,944,072 square meters
315 .....	10,849,223 square meters.
369(1) (shoptowels)	891,586 kilograms.
604 .....	268,455 kilograms.
Group II 237, 239pt. <sup>6</sup> , 331- 348, 350-352, 359(1) <sup>7</sup> , 359(2) <sup>8</sup> , 359pt. <sup>9</sup> , 431, 433- 438, 440-448, 459pt. <sup>10</sup> , 631, 633-652, 659(1) <sup>11</sup> , 659(2) <sup>12</sup> , 659pt. <sup>13</sup> , and 443/ 444/643/644/843/ 844(1), as a group.	878,157,003 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
237 .....	1,311,724 dozen.
331 .....	4,399,357 dozen pairs.
333/334 .....	319,184 dozen.
335 .....	349,791 dozen.
338/339 <sup>14</sup> (shirts and blouses other than tank tops and tops, knit).	2,973,125 dozen.
338/339(1) <sup>15</sup> (tank tops and knit tops).	2,233,725 dozen.
340 .....	2,847,080 dozen.
345 .....	485,530 dozen.
347/348 .....	6,895,362 dozen of which not more than 6,805,362 dozen shall be in Cat- egories 347-W/348- W <sup>16</sup> ; and not more than 5,157,360 dozen shall be in Category 348-W.
352 .....	7,715,391 dozen.
359(1) (coveralls, overalls and jumpsuits).	668,262 kilograms.
359(2) (vests) .....	1,392,796 kilograms.
433 .....	10,817 dozen.
434 .....	11,612 dozen.
435 .....	78,271 dozen.
436 .....	101,942 dozen.
438 .....	837,232 dozen.
442 .....	95,944 dozen.
443 .....	64,319 numbers.
444 .....	43,444 numbers.
445/446 .....	1,383,834 dozen.
447/448 .....	69,593 dozen.
631 .....	728,026 dozen pairs.