

diseases affect the growth and survival of juvenile salmonids in the estuarine and early ocean environments. This proposed research project is intended to complement the pathogen research that is being conducted by the Environmental Conservation Division, NWFSC, NMFS under scientific research permit 1140 (see 63 FR 18891, April 16, 1998). ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured, handled, and released or taken lethally. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities are also requested. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities are proposed to be retained for research purposes or returned to the water.

The Columbia River Research Laboratory, USGS requests a 5-year permit (1291) for annual takes of SnR sockeye salmon, SnR spring/summer chinook salmon, SnR fall chinook salmon, UCR spring chinook salmon, SnR steelhead, UCR steelhead, and MCR steelhead associated with scientific research at John Day, The Dalles, and Bonneville Dams on the lower Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest. The purpose of the research is to monitor juvenile fish movement, distribution, behavior, and survival from John Day Dam downstream past Bonneville Dam using radiotelemetry technology. The research will benefit ESA-listed fish species by providing information on spill effectiveness, forebay residence times, and guidance efficiency under various flow regimes that will allow Federal resource managers to make adjustments to bypass/collection structures to optimize downriver migrant survival at the hydropower projects. The proposed research is intended to complement the research that is being conducted by USGS under scientific research permit 1130 (see 63 FR 9505, February 25, 1998). ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be obtained from Smolt Monitoring Program (SMP) personnel at Bonneville and/or John Day Dams, handled, and released or implanted with radio transmitters, transported, held for as long as 24 hours, released, and tracked electronically. SMP personnel are authorized to collect ESA-listed juvenile fish under a separate take authorization. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

The Pacific Northwest Research Station of USFS requests a 2-year permit (1292) for annual takes of UCR spring chinook salmon, UCR steelhead, and MCR steelhead associated with research to be conducted in the Yakima River subbasin, the Wenatchee River subbasin, the Entiat River subbasin, and the Methow River subbasin in

Washington. The purpose of the research is to determine the extent and distribution of hybridization between westslope cutthroat trout, rainbow trout, and anadromous steelhead for selected populations in the MCR and UCR Basins. The research will benefit ESA-listed species by providing information on westslope cutthroat trout and rainbow trout/steelhead interactions and could provide insight into possible genetic introgression of introduced rainbow trout stocks in the areas of native rainbow trout/steelhead distribution. USFS also proposes to analyze phenotypic characteristics that may be used by biologists in the future to more definitively distinguish cutthroat trout, rainbow trout/steelhead, and hybrid forms in the field. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured by the use of angling with flies that have barbless hooks. After being captured, the juvenile fish are proposed to be released immediately (in the case of non-target species) or examined for biological information, sampled non-lethally for caudal fin tissue, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

Phil Williams,

*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

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Marine Mammals; File No. 782-1446-03

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 782-1446.

ADDRESSES: The amendment 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);

Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 27, 2000 notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 81844) that an amendment of Permit No. 782-1446, issued May 8, 1998 (63 FR 27265), had been requested by the above-named organization. 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 Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 782-1446 authorizes the permit holder to annually conduct aerial, ground and vessel surveys and capture and tagging studies for stock assessment of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*).

The amendment now authorizes the capture, sampling and local or gas anesthesia for California sea lions of both sexes and ages 1 month through 5 years at hauling and breeding sites and incidental harassment of northern elephant.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

Eugene Nitta,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

February 15, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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.

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on December 29, 2000 (65 FR 82978), established limits for the period January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001, per the Bilateral Textile Agreement, effected by exchange of letters dated January 10, 1997, May 2, 1997 and December 10, 1997, as amended and extended, concerning textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Taiwan. This directive cancels and supersedes that directive.

The Memorandum of Understanding, dated February 9, 2001, between the Governments of the United States and Taiwan establishes new limits for the period January 1, 2001 through December 31, 2001. It also removes Category 622 from Group I and gives it an individual limit.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2001 limits.

These limits may be revised if Taiwan becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the WTO agreement is applied to Taiwan.

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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000).

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 15, 2001.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive cancels and supersedes the directive issued to you on December 26, 2000. 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 Bilateral Textile Agreement, effected by the Memorandum of Understanding, dated February 9, 2001, between the Governments of the United States and Taiwan, you are directed to prohibit, effective on February 21, 2001, 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 Taiwan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001, in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I	
200-224, 225/317/326, 226, 227, 229, 300/301/607, 313-315, 360-363, 369-L/670-L/870 ¹ , 369-S ² , 369-O ³ , 400-414, 464-469, 600-606, 611, 613/614/615/617, 618, 619/620, 621, 623, 624, 625/626/627/628/629, 665, 666, 669-P ⁴ , 669-T ⁵ , 669-O ⁶ , 670-H ⁷ and 670-O ⁸ , as a group.	590,414,162 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I	
218	22,757,291 square meters.
225/317/326	40,394,130 square meters.
226	7,330,245 square meters.
300/301/607	1,766,924 kilograms of which not more than 1,472,437 kilograms shall be in Category 300; not more than 1,472,437 kilograms shall be in Category 301; and not more than 1,472,437 kilograms shall be in Category 607.
363	12,267,896 numbers.
369-L/670-L/870	50,978,346 kilograms.
611	3,280,217 square meters.
613/614/615/617 ..	20,343,581 square meters.
619/620	14,952,847 square meters.
625/626/627/628/629.	19,457,186 square meters.
669-P	353,724 kilograms.
669-T	1,149,681 kilograms.
670-H	19,520,976 kilograms.

Category	Twelve-month limit
Group I subgroup	
200, 219, 313, 314, 315, 361, 369-S and 604, as a group.	150,152,129 square meters equivalent.
Within Group I subgroup	
200	735,331 kilograms.
219	16,735,410 square meters.
313	67,991,225 square meters.
314	29,810,202 square meters.
315	22,842,212 square meters.
361	1,477,119 numbers.
369-S	490,037 kilograms.
604	235,788 kilograms.
Group II	
237, 239, 330-332, 333/334/335, 336, 338/339, 340-345, 347/348, 349, 350/650, 351, 352/652, 353, 354, 359-C/659-C ⁹ , 359-H/659-H ¹⁰ , 359-O ¹¹ , 431-444, 445/446, 447/448, 459, 630-632, 633/634/635, 636, 638/639, 640, 641-644, 645/646, 647/648, 649, 651, 653, 654, 659-S ¹² , 659-O ¹³ , 831-844 and 846-859, as a group.	755,000,000 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group II	
237	718,428 dozen.
239	5,889,744 kilograms.
331	514,862 dozen pairs.
336	122,400 dozen.
338/339	818,999 dozen.
340	1,122,271 dozen.
345	127,893 dozen.
347/348	1,064,931 dozen of which not more than 1,064,931 dozen shall be in Categories 347-W/348-W ¹⁴ .
352/652	3,247,391 dozen.
359-C/659-C	1,447,633 kilograms.
359-H/659-H	4,867,714 kilograms.
433	15,546 dozen.
434	10,796 dozen.
435	25,633 dozen.
436	5,104 dozen.
438	28,807 dozen.
440	5,580 dozen.
442	43,827 dozen.
443	43,526 numbers.
444	61,991 numbers.
445/446	137,462 dozen.
631	5,165,759 dozen pairs.

Category	Twelve-month limit
633/634/635	1,634,440 dozen of which not more than 959,317 dozen shall be in Categories 633/634 and not more than 850,077 dozen shall be in Category 635.
638/639	6,565,058 dozen.
640	1,058,909 dozen of which not more than 281,710 dozen shall be in Category 640—Y ¹⁵ .
642	777,133 dozen.
643	517,986 numbers.
644	779,385 numbers.
645/646	4,107,691 dozen.
647/648	5,248,544 dozen of which not more than 5,248,544 dozen shall be in Categories 647—W/648—W ¹⁶ .
659—S	1,601,702 kilograms.
835	20,483 dozen.
Group II Subgroup	
333/334/335, 341, 342, 350/650, 351, 447/448, 636, 641 and 651, as a group.	78,202,812 square meters equivalent.
Within Group II Subgroup	
333/334/335	314,899 dozen of which not more than 170,571 dozen shall be in Category 335.
341	343,328 dozen.
342	214,478 dozen.
350/650	139,460 dozen.
351	356,821 dozen.
447/448	21,242 dozen.
636	391,224 dozen.
641	732,543 dozen of which not more than 256,390 dozen shall be in Category 641—Y ¹⁷ .
651	447,478 dozen.
Group III	
Sublevel in Group III	
845	853,769 dozen.
Specific Limit not in a Group	
622	2,650,000 square meters.

¹ Category 870; Category 369—L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091 and 6307.90.9905; Category 670—L: only HTS numbers 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907.

² Category 369—S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

³ Category 369—O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.4000, 4202.12.8020, 4202.12.8060, 4202.92.1500, 4202.92.3016, 4202.92.6091, 6307.90.9905 (Category 369—L); and 6307.10.2005 (Category 369—S).

⁴ Category 669—P: only HTS numbers 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020 and 6305.39.0000.

⁵ Category 669—T: only HTS numbers 6306.12.0000, 6306.19.0010 and 6306.22.9030.

⁶ Category 669—O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669—P); 6306.12.0000, 6306.19.0010 and 6306.22.9030 (Category 669—T).

⁷ Category 670—H: only HTS numbers 4202.22.4030 and 4202.22.8050.

⁸ Category 670—O: all HTS numbers except 4202.22.4030, 4202.22.8050 (Category 670—H); 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907 (Category 670—L).

⁹ Category 359—C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659—C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

¹⁰ Category 359—H: only HTS numbers 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060; Category 659—H: only HTS numbers 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090 and 6505.90.8090.

¹¹ Category 359—O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010 (Category 359—C); 6505.90.1540 and 6505.90.2060 (Category 359—H).

¹² Category 659—S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

¹³ Category 659—O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010 (Category 659—C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659—H); 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020 (Category 659—S).

¹⁴ Category 347—W: only HTS numbers 6203.19.1020, 6203.19.9020, 6203.22.3020, 6203.22.3030, 6203.42.4005, 6203.42.4010, 6203.42.4015, 6203.42.4025, 6203.42.4035, 6203.42.4045, 6203.42.4050, 6203.42.4060, 6203.49.8020, 6210.40.9033, 6211.20.1520, 6211.20.3810 and 6211.32.0040; Category 348—W: only HTS numbers 6204.12.0030, 6204.19.8030, 6204.22.3040, 6204.22.3050, 6204.29.4034, 6204.62.3000, 6204.62.4005, 6204.62.4010, 6204.62.4020, 6204.62.4030, 6204.62.4040, 6204.62.4050, 6204.62.4055, 6204.62.4065, 6204.69.6010, 6204.69.9010, 6210.50.9060, 6211.20.1550, 6211.20.6810, 6211.42.0030 and 6217.90.9050.

¹⁵ Category 640—Y: only HTS numbers 6205.30.2010, 6205.30.2020, 6205.30.2050 and 6205.30.2060.

¹⁶ Category 647—W: only HTS numbers 6203.23.0060, 6203.23.0070, 6203.29.2030, 6203.29.2035, 6203.43.2500, 6203.43.3500, 6203.43.4010, 6203.43.4020, 6203.43.4030, 6203.43.4040, 6203.49.1500, 6203.49.2015, 6203.49.2030, 6203.49.2045, 6203.49.2060, 6203.49.8030, 6210.40.5030, 6211.20.1525, 6211.20.3820 and 6211.33.0030; Category 648—W: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0045, 6204.29.2020, 6204.29.2025, 6204.29.4038, 6204.63.2000, 6204.63.3000, 6204.63.3510, 6204.63.3530, 6204.63.3532, 6204.63.3540, 6204.69.2510, 6204.69.2530, 6204.69.2540, 6204.69.2560, 6204.69.6030, 6204.69.9030, 6210.50.5035, 6211.20.1555, 6211.20.6820, 6211.43.0040 and 6217.90.9060.

¹⁷ Category 641—Y: only HTS numbers 6204.23.0050, 6204.29.2030, 6206.40.3010 and 6206.40.3025.

Also effective on February 21, 2001, imports from Taiwan in Category 622 that have already been charged to the Group I limit for the January 1, 2001 through March 31, 2001 restraint period, shall be deducted from the Group I limit and charged to the new one-year restraint limit for Category 622.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement concerning imports of textile and apparel products from Taiwan.

Products in the above categories exported during 2000 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated November 2, 1999) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

These limits may be revised if Taiwan becomes a member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) and the WTO agreement is applied to Taiwan.

The conversion factors are as follows:

Category	Conversion factors (square meters equivalent/category unit)
300/301/607	8.5
333/334/335	33.75
352/652	11.3
359—C/659—C	10.1
359—H/659—H	11.5
369—L/670—L/870	3.8
633/634/635	34.1
638/639	12.5

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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