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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.

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: November 7, 2001.

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. 110501C]

Marine Mammals; File Nos. 482-1653 and 1018-1655.

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for scientific research permits.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of marine mammal species for the purposes of scientific research: NMFS has received scientific research permit applications from: James Gilbert, Ph.D., University of Maine, Department of Wildlife Ecology, 210 Nutting Hall, Orono, ME 04469 (File No. 482-1653); and Luciana Moller, Ph.D., Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology,

Yale University, New Haven, CT 06520 (File No. 1018-1655).

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments on new applications must be received on or before December 14, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the applications should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the applications. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the internet. The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371.

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For Application File No. 482-1653: Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301) 713-2289.

For Application File No. 1018-1655: Amy Sloan or Lynne Barre, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Application File No. 482-1653: Dr. Gilbert proposes to document the extent of harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*) predations on the Atlantic salmon aquaculture industry's pen sites and to understand the pattern of attacks and the behavior of seals near pen sites. From this information, non-lethal approaches to deterring seals will be determined. The specific research objectives are (1) to document the frequency, pattern, and extent of seal depredations at Atlantic salmon aquaculture farms; (2) to determine if this frequency, pattern, and extent is related to the number of seals at nearby

haulout sites throughout the year; and (3) to determine if repeated depredations at a site are the result of the same seal or different seals. To accomplish this research, seals will be captured, marked, sexed, measured, blood sampled, radio-tagged, and monitored via aerial surveys. Blood samples from adult females will be used for pregnancy testing. Patterns of visitation to the pen sites, including age and sex class, will be determined.

Application File No. 1018-1655: Dr. Moller proposes to import biopsy samples taken from bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops aduncus*) in Australia. The purpose(s) of this project are (1) to examine the influence of kinship on dolphin social relationships; (2) to assess sex-bias in dispersal patterns; and (3) to investigate population genetic structure of bottlenose dolphins in New South Wales. Biopsy samples already collected and analyzed in Australia for both mtDNA control region and microsatellites will be imported to the U.S. for screening at additional microsatellite loci. Additional biopsy samples will be taken in Australia and imported to the U.S. for conducting both mtDNA and microsatellite analyses.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).
Title: Native American Tribal Insignia Database.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-00XX.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 74 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 400 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 minutes to gather information, prepare, and submit a request to record an official insignia for a federally-recognized Native American tribe and 12 minutes to gather information, prepare, and submit a request to record an official insignia for a state-recognized Native American tribe.

Needs and Uses: This collection of information supports the establishment of a comprehensive database containing the official insignia of federally- and state-recognized Native American tribes. The database is being created following the USPTO's completion of a study and report to the Judiciary Committees of the United States Senate and House of Representatives concerning the protection of the official insignia of recognized tribes. The report recommended the creation of a database containing the official insignia of all federally- and state-recognized Native American tribes, and the Senate Appropriations Committee directed the USPTO to comply with this recommendation. The public uses this collection to request entry of the official insignia of their recognized Native American tribe into the USPTO database of official tribal insignia. The USPTO uses the information collected from the public to determine whether a trademark for which registration is sought may be similar to an official insignia of a Native American tribe, as evidence of what a Native American tribe considers to be its official insignia and address for correspondence, and to maintain a public search library.

Affected Public: Tribal governments.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC, 20231, by phone at (703) 308-7400, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before December 14, 2001 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 7, 2001.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Management, Data Administration Division.

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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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bahrain

November 8, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2002.

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.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, 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.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the period January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

Pursuant to the provisions of the ATC, the third stage of the integration of textile and apparel products into the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 will take place on January 1, 2002

(see 60 FR 21075, published on May 1, 1995). Accordingly, certain previously restrained categories may have been modified or eliminated and certain limits may have been revised. Integrated products will no longer be subject to quota.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the limits for the 2002 period.

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). Information regarding the availability of the 2002 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 8, 2001.

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, 2002, 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 textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2002 and extending through December 31, 2002, in excess of the following levels of restraint: