

A. American Samoa & Hawaii longline quarterly reports

B. Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish stock assessments

C. Report on Hawaii longline observer program

D. Final report on phase two of chute trials for seabird conservation

E. Turtle conservation and management

- a. Update on Judge Kollar-Kotelly's ruling vacating the June 2002 regulations and 2002 Biological Opinion
- b. Movement and survivorship of turtles released from longline fisheries
- c. Status of Environmental Impact Statements (EISs)
 - i. Supplemental Pelagic EIS
 - ii. MHI Turtle EIS
 - iii. Longline experimental permit EIS
 1. Preferred alternative
 2. Atlantic mitigation experiments
 - d. Turtle Advisory Committee & Database meetings
 - e. Council turtle conservation actions
 - f. Measures to manage Hawaii's longline fishery
- F. Marlin management - Report on public scoping meeting
- G. Private fish aggregation devices - Report on public scoping meetings
- H. Shark management (Action Item)
- I. International meetings
 - a. Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish
 - b. Preparatory Conference
 - c. People and the Sea Conference
 - d. Inter-American Convention on Sea Turtles
- J. Public hearing on measures to manage the Hawaii longline fishery

A public hearing will be held to receive comments on long-term management of the pelagic fishery of the Western Pacific Region, especially the Hawaii-based longline fishery. The Council is developing an amendment to the regulations under the Fishery Management Plan for the Pelagics Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region that would address the fact that an August 31, 2003, Court order vacated NMFS' 2002 Biological Opinion and related regulations, removing any authorization of incidental takes of sea turtles by the fishery that had been provided by the Biological Opinion. At its 119th meeting, the Council took final action to recommend an emergency rule for the short-term management of the longline fishery to conserve sea turtles, and also directed its staff to analyze and document the impacts of a range of alternatives for the long-term management of the fishery. At its 120th meeting, the Council may take final action to recommend a preferred long-term alternative, or it may defer that decision to a later date.

Thursday, October 23, 2003

12. Ecosystems and Habitat
 - A. NWHI/CNMI Archipelago Ecological Assessments
 - B. Status of NWHI Reserve Operations Plan
 - C. NWHI Sanctuary designation process report
 - D. Pacific National Wildlife Refuge expansion
 - a. Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge expansion
 - b. Hawaiian Island National Wildlife Refuge expansion proposal
 - E. Report on the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force meeting
 - a. Pacific regional/local action strategies
 - b. Guam/Hawaii coral reef fisheries management workshops
 13. Bottomfish fisheries
 - A. Report on MHI management program review
 - B. Report on Hawaii public scoping meetings
 - C. Report on CNMI public scoping meetings
 - D. Seamount groundfish moratorium (expires 8/04)
 1. Status of fishery
 2. Management options: continue moratorium, closure, other
 14. Program planning
 - A. Legislation
 - B. Pacific Islands Region Strategic Plan
 - C. CNMI fishery development project
 - D. Report on programmatic grants
 15. Administrative matters
 - A. Financial reports
 - B. Administrative report
 - C. Meetings and workshops
 - D. Advisory Group changes
 16. Election of officers
 17. Other business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the 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 document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or (808)522-8226

(fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 29, 2003.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

September 26, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 2, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Naomi Freeman, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection Web site at <http://www.customs.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel Web site 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 current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Also

see 68 FR 26575, published on May 16, 2003.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 26, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on May 12, 2003, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Vietnam and exported during the twelve-month period which began on May 1, 2003 and extends through December 31, 2003.

Effective on October 2, 2003, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and Vietnam:

| Category | Restraint limit ¹ |
|---------------|------------------------------|
| 332 | 6,667 dozen pairs. |
| 347/348 | 5,320,000 dozen. |
| 352/652 | 1,179,794 dozen. |
| 632 | 13,333 dozen pairs. |
| 647/648 | 1,473,411 dozen. |

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after April 30, 2003.

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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| 340/640 | 1,383,333 dozen. |
| 345 | 224,000 dozen. |
| 448 | 21,713 dozen. |
| 645/646 | 149,333 dozen. |

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Sincerely,

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Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

In accordance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Health Affairs announced the proposed extension of a currently approved collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed extension of collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received on or before December 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the information collection should be sent to TRICARE Management Activity—Aurora, Office of Program Requirements Division, 16401 E. Centretch Parkway, ATTN: Graham Kolb, Aurora, CO 80011-9043.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection, please write to the above address or call TRICARE Management Activity, Office of Program Requirements Division at (303) 676-3580.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Health Insurance Claim Form, HCFA-1500, OMB Number 0720-0001

Needs and Uses: This information collection requirement is used by TRICARE to determine reimbursement for health care services or supplies