

convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, September 27, 1996 from 9:00 until 1:00 at the Monterey Bay Aquarium Research Institute, Moss Landing, California.

EFFECTIVE DATES: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager; reports from the working groups; a presentation of the Sanctuary video; and a presentation of marketing strategies for the Sanctuary license plate.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

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Marine Sanctuary Program

Dated: September 16, 1996.

David L. Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (P772#65)

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Southwest Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Box 271, La Jolla, CA 92038-0271, has requested an amendment to Permit No. 873.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before October 21, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Director, Office of

Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, 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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to permit no. 873, issued on July 28, 1993 (58 FR 34038), is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 873 authorizes the permit holder to harass (i.e., through vessel approach, photogrammetry, photographic identification, and tissue biopsy) several marine mammal species in the Pacific, Southern, and Indian Oceans, over a 5-year period. The permit holder is now requesting authorization to: (1) Expand the location of the research activities to include the U.S. and international waters of the Gulf of Mexico; (2) increase the number of biopsy tissue sample takes from 20 to 50 for northern right whale dolphins (*Lissodelphis borealis*), pilot whales (*Globicephala spp.*), killer whales (*Orcinus orca*), harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), and blue whales (*Balaenoptera musculus*) in the Pacific Ocean; and (3) increase the number of biopsy tissue sample takes for sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*) from 20 to 200.

Dated: September 16, 1996

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Countries

September 16, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending requirements for participation in the Special Access Program for a temporary period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 23, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

This notice identifies a temporary amendment to the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings under the Special Access Program.

Effective on September 23, 1996, by date of export, the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings, including elastic strips of less than one inch in width, under the Special Access Program is temporarily amended to include non-U.S. formed, U.S. cut interlinings, further described below, for men's and boys' and women's and girls' suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 435, 443, 444, 633, 635, 643 and 644. As temporarily amended, the exception still requires that, in the aggregate, such interlinings, findings and trimmings not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled article. As indicated, in order to qualify for the exception as temporarily amended, such interlinings must be cut in the United States.

With respect to men's and boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643, this amendment will terminate on September 22, 1997, by date of export. For women's and girls' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 435, 444, 635 and 644, this amendment will terminate on June 22, 1997, by date of export. Products in these categories exported from the United States for assembly prior to the expiration dates for the temporary amendment shall remain eligible for the exception if re-

exported to the United States after the expiration dates for the temporary amendment.

As described above, non-U.S. formed interlinings may be used in imports of men's and boys' and women's and girls' suit jackets and suit-type jackets entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015) provided they are cut in the United States and are of a type described in (1) through (3) below:

(1) A chest plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or weft-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of men's, boys', women's or girls' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(2) A weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's, boys', women's or girls' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(3) A woven fabric which contains and exhibits properties of resiliency which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's, boys', women's or girls' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

Companies must maintain complete records of the interlining invoices and provide access to the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) at the time of a Compliance Review. These invoices must indicate to Customs that the interlinings meet the above criteria.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 16, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends but does not cancel the directives issued to you on January 11, 1996 for Colombia; January 24, 1996 for Costa Rica, as amended; January 11, 1996 for the Dominican Republic, as amended; December 13, 1995 for El Salvador, as amended; November 29, 1995 for Guatemala, as amended; November 29, 1995 for Honduras; and January 11, 1996 for Jamaica, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, for the Special Access Program.

Effective on September 23, 1996, by date of export, you are directed to treat non-U.S. formed, U.S.-cut interlinings, further described below, for men's and boys' and women's and girls' wool and man-made fiber suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 435, 443, 444, 633, 635, 643

and 644 as qualifying for the exception for findings and trimmings, including elastic strips less than one inch in width, created under the Special Access Program established effective September 1, 1986 (see 51 FR 21208). In the aggregate, such interlinings, findings and trimmings must not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled article.

The amendments implemented by this directive shall be of a temporary nature. With respect to men's and boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643, this amendment will terminate on September 22, 1997, by date of export. For women's and girls' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 435, 444, 635 and 644, the amendment will terminate on June 22, 1997, by date of export.

As described above, non-U.S. formed, U.S.-cut interlinings may be used in imports of men's, boys' and women's or girls' suit jackets and suit-type jackets entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015) provided they are cut in the United States and of a type described in (1) through (3) below:

(1) A chest plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or weft-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of men's, boys', women's or girls' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(2) A weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's, boys', women's or girls' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(3) A woven fabric which contains and exhibits properties of resiliency which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's, boys', women's or girls' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

Companies must maintain complete records of the interlining invoices and provide access to the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) at the time of a Compliance Review. These invoices must indicate to Customs that the interlinings meet the above criteria.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs exception of 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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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Notice of Intent To Prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Siting of a Permanent Weapons Storage Area, the Siting of an Interim Weapons Storage Area, and for Transporting Weapons for B-1B Bomber Aircraft From the Storage Sites to Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA

The United States Air Force and the Air National Guard are announcing their intent to prepare a Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) to analyze the proposed action regarding the siting of a permanent weapons storage area (WSA), an interim WSA, and transportation of weapons for the B-1B bomber aircraft from the storage sites to Robins AFB, Warner Robins, GA. This SEIS is a supplement to the EIS that was prepared for the re-location of B-1B bomber aircraft to Robins AFB, GA. This action will be known as Robins B-1B SEIS.

The proposed actions under consideration would address the potential environmental impacts at alternative sites for a permanent WSA, at alternative sites for an interim WSA during the period when a permanent site is under construction or modification, and transportation of weapons from the storage sites to Robins AFB, GA. Alternative proposed sites for a permanent WSA are located at Robins AFB, GA and at the Northrop Grumman facility in Perry, GA.

During the construction or modification of a permanent WSA facility, an interim WSA facility is proposed to be located either at a site at Fort Stewart in Hinesville, GA or at the Northrop Grumman facility in Perry, GA.

The Air Force and Air National Guard are planning to conduct a series of scoping meetings to discuss the environmental issues to be analyzed. The meetings will be conducted on the following dates and times at the indicated locations:

1. Wellston Center, 155 Maple Street, Warner Robins, Georgia, October 8, 1996, 7:00 PM.

2. Houston Agriculture Building, 733 Carroll Street, Perry, Georgia, October 10, 1996, 7:00 PM.

The purpose of these meetings is to present information concerning the proposed actions and alternatives under consideration and to solicit public input with respect to issues to be addressed, effort to be expended, and alternatives that should be addressed in the SEIS.