

following is a summary of the survey for 1996. Management measures that severely restricted the harvest of striped bass by commercial and recreational fisheries were further relaxed in 1996, as the stocks continued to rebuild.

The 1996 commercial harvest of striped bass was 5,400,000 lb (2,449 mt), an increase of 42 percent above the landings of 3,811,000 lb (1,729 mt) in 1995. The Chesapeake Bay area (Maryland, Virginia, and the Potomac River) accounted for 65 percent of the 1996 commercial landings, while Massachusetts and North Carolina accounted for 13 percent and 8 percent, respectively.

The recreational catch in 1996 was an estimated 14 million striped bass, of which 1.3 million were harvested; the remaining 12.7 million were released. The estimated weight of the recreational harvest was 14.7 million lb (6,668 mt).

Juvenile production varied among the producer areas, in 1996. In New York, the 1996 was lower than in 1995 but near the long term average. In Maryland and Virginia, the 1996 indices were the highest of their respective time-series, while the Delaware Bay index was the third highest on record. The North Carolina juvenile index increased in 1996, from a relative low in 1995, to near record levels, as seen in 1993 and 1994.

Information from sampling the population of striped bass shows an increased relative abundance from recent year classes. Copies of the survey are available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: August 28, 1997.

David L. Evans,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082997B]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 1, 1997, beginning at 9:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Leif Erikson Lodge Hall, 2245 NW 57th Street, Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Garry Loncon, Committee Chairman; telephone: 206-283-6605.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The agenda for the meeting will include the following subjects:

1. Annual report to industry by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G).
2. Update on the ADF&G-managed crab observer program.
3. Review results of the St. Matthew and Pribilof king crab fisheries.
4. Review actions of the Alaska Board of Fisheries regarding management of the Bristol Bay red king crab fishery.
5. Discussion of the crab license limitation program.
6. Discussion of any other crab issues of importance to the committee.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee action during this meeting. Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082997A]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Staff of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting to discuss eligibility criteria for communities under a Western Pacific Community Development Program.

DATES: The meeting will be held on September 22, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-522-8220.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council staff will hold a meeting to discuss eligibility criteria for communities seeking to participate in a Western Pacific Community Development Program. The authority to establish a Community Development Program was provided by the 1996 Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. The intent of the program is to increase the benefits that the indigenous peoples of Hawaii, American Samoa, Guam and the Northern Mariana Islands receive from fisheries within the jurisdiction of the Council.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 meeting date.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Public Comment Period on the Elimination of the Paper Visa Requirement With the Governments of Korea and Singapore

August 29, 1997.

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

ACTION: Seeking public comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement with the Governments of Korea and Singapore.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori Mennitt, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3821.

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).

The Electronic Visa Information System (ELVIS) allows foreign governments to electronically transfer shipment information to the U.S. Customs Service on textile and apparel shipments subject to quantitative restrictions. On November 9, 1995, a notice was published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 56576) seeking public comments on the implementation of ELVIS. Subsequently, documents published on December 31, 1996 (61 FR 69082) and December 13, 1996 (61 FR 65548) announced that, starting on January 1, 1997, the Governments of Korea and Singapore would begin a six-month ELVIS test implementation phase. This test phase does not eliminate the requirement for a valid paper visa to accompany each shipment for entry into the United States.

As a result of successful use of the dual visa system, preparations are under way to move beyond the current dual system to the paperless ELVIS system with Korea and Singapore. However, exempt goods will still require a proper and correct exempt certification.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements is requesting interested parties to submit comments on the elimination of the paper visa requirement for Korea and Singapore and utilization of the ELVIS system exclusively. Comments must be received on or before November 4, 1997. Comments may be mailed to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Troy H. Cribb,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Consolidation and Amendment of Export Visa Requirements to Include the Electronic Visa Information System for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines; Correction

August 29, 1997.

In a notice document published in the **Federal Register** on August 18, 1997 (62 FR 43993) beginning on page 43993, make the following corrections in the letter to the Commissioner of Customs:

1. Third column, 2nd paragraph of letter, line 19, add "200-239."

2. Third column, 2nd paragraph of letter, line 21, delete "(but not Categories 355, 356, 655, 656, 455, 371 and 671)."

3. First column on page 43994, end of last paragraph of letter, add "A replacement visa may be issued by the Embassy of the Philippines in Washington, DC."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Partnership Council Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense (DoD) announces a meeting of the Defense Partnership Council. Notice of this meeting is required under the Federal Advisory Committee Act. This meeting is open to the public. The topics to be covered will include matters related to the enhancement of Labor-Management Partnerships throughout DoD.

DATES: The meeting is to be held October 1, 1997, in room 1E801, Conference Room 7, the Pentagon, from 1:00 p.m. until 3:00 p.m. Comments should be received by September 22, 1997, in order to be considered at the October 1 meeting.

ADDRESSES: We invite persons and organizations to submit written comments or recommendations. Mail or deliver your comments or recommendations to Mr. Kenneth Oprisko at the address shown below.

Seating is limited and available on a first-come, first-serve basis. Individuals wishing to attend who do not possess an appropriate Pentagon building pass should call the below listed telephone number to obtain instructions for entry into the Pentagon. Handicapped individuals wishing to attend should also call the below listed telephone number to obtain appropriate accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth Oprisko, Chief, Labor Relations Branch, Field Advisory Services Division, Defense Civilian Personnel Management Service, 1400 Key Blvd. Suite B-200, Arlington, VA 22209-5144, (703) 696-6301, ext. 704.

Dated: August 29, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before November 4, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or