

meeting. However, proposed items that may be discussed by the GMT in preparation for the Council's November meeting include development of final acceptable biological catch and harvest guideline recommendations for 1998, review and analysis of proposed management options for 1998, inseason catch projections for the remainder of 1997, and preparation of fishery management plan amendments, the Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation document, and the Draft Environmental Assessment for Proposed Harvest Levels.

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

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 8, 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. 090597C]

#### 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:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Bottomfish Task Force.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on October 2, 1997, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Council office, Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, 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:** The Bottomfish Task Force will review a draft amendment for the Mau Zone bottomfish fishery limited entry program in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands. The Task Force will also discuss new entry criteria for the limited entry program and consider other business as needed.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Task Force for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Task Force action during this meeting. Task Force 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 Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 090497B]

#### Marine Mammals; Permit No. 837 (File No. P771#67)

**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 the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, Washington 98115, has requested an amendment to permit no. 837.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before October 14, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment request 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 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907) 586-7221.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, 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 amendment 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 email or 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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject amendment to permit no. 837, issued on June 4, 1993 (58 FR 33085) 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit no. 837 authorizes the permit holder to: harass up to 222,720 northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) and 3500 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) while conducting ground surveys; capture, restrain, shear-mark, sample and handle up to 30,000+ northern fur seals over a 5-year period; and collect parts from dead animals. The permit holder now requests authorization to collect biopsies from 60 additional female northern fur seals, (30 seals on St. Paul, 30 seals on St. George). The permittee is currently authorized to

collect 120 biopsy samples. The total number of biopsy samples would therefore increase to 180 (90 from each island).

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: September 5, 1997.

**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

### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

September 8, 1997.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 15, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Janet Heinzen, 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 or  
call (202) 927-5850. For information on  
embargoes and quota re-openings, call  
(202) 482-3715.

#### 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); Uruguay Round Agreements  
Act.

The current limits for certain  
categories are being adjusted for special  
shift.

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 61 FR 66263,  
published on December 17, 1996). Also

see 61 FR 64505, published on  
December 5, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of  
Customs and the actions taken pursuant  
to it are not designed to implement all  
of the provisions of the Uruguay Round  
Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round  
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but  
are designed to assist only in the  
implementation of certain of their  
provisions.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 8, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive  
amends, but does not cancel, the directive  
issued to you on November 29, 1996, by the  
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements. That directive  
concerns imports of certain cotton, wool,  
man-made fiber, silk blend and other  
vegetable fiber textiles and textile products,  
produced or manufactured in Indonesia and  
exported during the twelve-month period  
which began on January 1, 1997 and extends  
through December 31, 1997.

Effective on September 15, 1997, you are  
directed to adjust the limits for the following  
categories, as provided for under the Uruguay  
Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay  
Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
313 .....	13,758,742 square meters.
315 .....	28,917,774 square meters.
338/339 .....	1,327,732 dozen.
341 .....	977,690 dozen.
347/348 .....	1,798,653 dozen.
350/650 .....	116,465 dozen.
351/651 .....	505,368 dozen.
638/639 .....	1,411,601 dozen.
641 .....	2,281,397 dozen.
647/648 .....	3,231,936 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to ac-  
count for any imports exported after December  
31, 1996.

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,

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Mauritius

September 8, 1997.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the  
Commissioner of Customs increasing a  
limit.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 12, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**  
Janet Heinzen, International Trade  
Specialist, Office of Textiles and  
Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce,  
(202) 482-4212. For information on the  
quota status of this limit, refer to the  
Quota Status Reports posted on the  
bulletin boards of each Customs port or  
call (202) 927-5850. For information on  
embargoes and quota re-openings, call  
(202) 482-3715.

#### 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); Uruguay Round Agreements  
Act.

The current limit for Categories 338/  
339 is being increased for carryforward.

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 61 FR 66263,  
published on December 17, 1996). Also  
see 61 FR 56522, published on  
November 1, 1996.

The letter to the Commissioner of  
Customs and the actions taken pursuant  
to it are not designed to implement all  
of the provisions of the Uruguay Round  
Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round  
Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but  
are designed to assist only in the  
implementation of certain of their  
provisions.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation  
of Textile Agreements.*

### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 8, 1997.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive  
amends, but does not cancel, the directive  
issued to you on October 28, 1996, by the  
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation