

issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112100D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Groundfish Committee and Scientific and Statistical Committee in December, 2000 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will held between Monday, December 18 and Tuesday, December 19, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Newburyport, MA and Portland, ME. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978)465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, December 18, 2000, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, December 19, 2000, 8:30 p.m.- Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn By the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee will continue developing its recommendations for management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. This will include recommendations on rebuilding programs, measures to address capacity issues, and the four broad approaches to management that are under consideration (status quo, adjustments to the status quo, area management, and sector allocation). The committees' recommendations will be reviewed by the Council at a future date. After approval by the Council, the proposed alternatives will be analyzed and a draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement and public hearing document will be prepared. The Committee will meet in a closed session to review advisory panel applications.

The Committee will also identify management alternatives for a framework adjustment to reduced discards of Gulf of Maine cod and ensure mortality objectives are met. The initial meeting for this framework adjustment will be the January 23-25, 2000 Council meeting. The final meeting will not be scheduled until after receipt of an updated Gulf of Maine cod assessment in summer, 2001. Finally, the committee will receive a report from the state of Maine on an experimental halibut fishery.

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2000, 10 A.M. - Scientific and Statistical Committee

Location: New England Fishery Management Council office, 50 Water Street, Mill 12, Newburyport, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

Develop priorities in terms of how the committee might consider or handle the following issues or questions in the next year: review management reference points for monkfish; review management reference points for selected groundfish species; identify scallop assessment, science and management issues that should be addressed in the Council's management of scallops; review of skate overfishing definitions (to be developed); discuss biological-toxin issues such as questions about whether chemical contaminants affect the reproductive potential, survivability, and recruitment of Council-managed species; discuss questions about whether the ecosystem

can support all stocks at B_{msy} simultaneously and the feasibility of a single control rule for the entire multispecies fishery rather than for individual stocks; review of the monkfish assessment update (to be done by the Monkfish Plan Development Team); review a DNA study about monkfish stock delineation. The committee will also elect a Chair and Vice-Chair.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this 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 notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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Dated: November 22, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111700A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of modifications to existing permits (1113).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has issued modifications to scientific research permits to: Dr. Cheryl Woodley, NOS-Marine Forensics Laboratory - Charleston, SC (1113).

ADDRESSES: For permit 1113: Endangered Species Division, Office of

Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 301-713-1401.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (ph: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESU's) are covered in this notice:

Sea Turtles

Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*), Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*), Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Leatherback turtle (*Dermochelys coriacea*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*), and Olive ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys olivacea*).

Fish

All listed ESUs of Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*), Chum salmon (*Oncorhynchus keta*), Coho salmon (*Oncorhynchus kisutch*), Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*), and Steelhead Trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Permits and Modifications Issued

NMFS received an application from Dr. Cheryl Woodley, of NOS - Marine Forensics Laboratory to modify research permit 1113 on August 23, 2000. The applicant currently possesses a permit authorizing the possession of tissue samples from ESA-listed non-marine mammal and non-reptilian species under NMFS jurisdiction associated with genetic research studies and support of law enforcement actions. Law enforcement personnel have an ongoing need for scientific assistance in cases concerning endangered, protected, and managed marine species. The

Marine Forensics Center provides technical/scientific assistance to a variety of law enforcement agencies including NMFS Enforcement, U.S. Customs, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and state wildlife enforcement agencies. Forensics analyses generally involve a biochemical or genetic test when a comparison is made between evidence and voucher samples. Voucher samples which are used in a forensics analysis are collected and maintained under strict criteria that includes documentation (species identification form) from the expert who has authenticated the samples; a chain of custody which originates with the sample collection; and storage under secure conditions. The research will provide species identifications and is expected to extend to addressing other critical genetics information needs that will allow monitoring of recovery, characterization of genetic stocks and various aspects of genetic health for the species.

The applicant is not to conduct any field collection exercises to obtain the samples. All of the samples must be obtained from other previously authorized activities (permitted scientific research activities, or specimens confiscated by law enforcement authorities) and documented as described above.

Although the activities proposed by the applicant will not result in the take of a listed species, NOS - Forensics center has requested a permit to allow them to maintain tissues of species that were taken in violation of the ESA that may be given to them by law enforcement authorities.

Modification 11 requests that marine reptile species under NMFS jurisdiction be added to the authorized species covered under this permit. NMFS has also added newly listed ESUs of Pacific Salmon to the permit per permit special condition 2.e. Modification 11 to Permit 1113 was issued on November 9, 2000, authorizing take of listed species. Permit expires December 31, 2003.

Dated: November 22, 2000.

Margaret Lorenz,

*Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

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

November 21, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the commissioner of customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 29, 2000.

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.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

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 and carryover.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 57865, published on October 27, 1999.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Chairman, Committee for the implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 21, 2000.

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 21, 1999, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period which began on