

*Monday, July 10, 2000, 10:00 a.m.—  
Capacity Committee*

*Location:* Holiday Inn, Mansfield, 31 Hampshire Street, Mansfield, MA 02048; telephone (508) 339-2200.

The Capacity Committee will review analyses of proposals to allow more flexible transfer of fishing permits among fisheries and effort allocations in the multispecies fishery. One proposal would allow multispecies permit holders to acquire additional days-at-sea (DAS) from other permit holders with different rates of reduction of DAS on the transfer of active and inactive DAS. Two other proposals would allow the transfer of fishing permits among different fisheries but not allow vessels in the monkfish, scallop and multispecies to acquire additional DAS. A fourth proposal would reduce unused DAS by a small percentage each year unless the DAS were put under a freeze until groundfish stocks were rebuilt. The committee will make recommendations on these proposals at the Groundfish Committee meeting on July 19, 2000 and at the New England Council meeting on July 25-27, 2000.

*Tuesday, July 11, 2000, 10:00 a.m.—  
Scientific and Statistical Committee*

*Location:* Comfort Inn Airport, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-0470.

The committee will review scientific information and analyses in the draft Stock Assessment and Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) Report for 1999-2000 prepared by the Herring Plan Development Team (PDT). The committee also will review and comment on the annual specifications recommendations of the PDT for the 2001 fishing year.

*Wednesday, July 12, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—  
Atlantic Herring Oversight Committee*

*Location:* Comfort Inn Airport, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 732-0470.

The committee will review the draft annual Herring SAFE Report prepared by the Herring PDT, including the comments of the Scientific and Statistical Committee meeting developed on July 11. The committee also will review the annual specifications recommendations of the PDT on optimum yield from the fishery (OY) and total allowable catch (TACs) for each management area for the 2001 fishing year, and develop recommendations to the Council.

*Thursday, July 13, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—  
Joint Groundfish Oversight Committee  
and Groundfish Advisory Panel*

*Location:* Comfort Inn Airport, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone (401) 732-0470.

The committee and advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. If not completed at the July 6 meeting, they will continue to refine the alternatives developed within the context of the status quo measures. They will also develop area management and sector allocation alternatives.

*Wednesday, July 19, 2000, 9:30 a.m.—  
Joint Groundfish Oversight Committee  
and Groundfish Advisory Panel*

*Location:* Holiday Inn Express, Harborfront Center, 110 Middle Street, Fairhaven, MA 02719; telephone (508) 997-1281.

The committee and advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. They will receive a report from the Council's Capacity Committee that may suggest approaches for addressing excess capacity and latent effort issues in the groundfish fishery. They will review these proposals and determine which should be analyzed for inclusion in Amendment 13. These groups also may receive reports from the Overfishing Definition Panel. The committee and advisors will complete development of alternatives for Amendment 13 that will be presented for Council consideration. Subject to Council approval of the alternatives, these will be further analyzed and developed into a document for public hearings.

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.

#### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids, or other special accommodations, should be directed to

the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least five days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: June 19, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*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, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Sri Lanka**

June 19, 2000.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 23, 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, variously, for swing, carryover, special shift, folklore adjustment, and the recrediting of unused 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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also

see 64 FR 70224, published on December 16, 1999.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

June 19, 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 December 10, 1998, 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 Sri Lanka and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on June 23, 2000, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
237 .....	420,688 dozen.
314 .....	5,196,030 square meters.
331/631 .....	4,210,579 dozen pairs.
333/633 .....	23,344 dozen.
334/634 .....	1,105,018 dozen.
335/835 .....	241,110 dozen.
336/636/836 .....	605,773 dozen.
338/339 .....	1,941,416 dozen.
340/640 .....	1,705,139 dozen.
341/641 .....	2,453,612 dozen of which not more than 1,648,238 dozen shall be in Category 341 and not more than 1,610,749 dozen shall be in Category 641.
342/642/842 .....	925,809 dozen.
345/845 .....	198,651 dozen.
347/348/847 .....	1,956,096 dozen.
350/650 .....	166,641 dozen.
351/651 .....	475,468 dozen.
352/652 .....	1,938,160 dozen.
359-C/659-C <sup>2</sup> .....	1,346,562 kilograms.
360 .....	1,085,802 numbers.
363 .....	17,881,387 numbers.
369-D <sup>3</sup> .....	820,441 kilograms.
369-S <sup>4</sup> .....	1,026,205 kilograms.
434 .....	8,776 dozen.
435 .....	18,807 dozen.
440 .....	9,329 dozen.
611 .....	5,033,220 square meters.
635 .....	573,850 dozen.
638/639/838 .....	1,181,981 dozen.
644 .....	742,390 numbers.
645/646 .....	219,720 dozen.
647/648 .....	1,240,306 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
840 .....	243,428 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

<sup>2</sup> Category 359-C: only HTS numbers 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025 and 6211.42.0010; Category 659-C: only HTS numbers 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017 and 6211.43.0010.

<sup>3</sup> Category 369-D: only HTS numbers 6302.60.0010, 6302.91.0005 and 6302.91.0045.

<sup>4</sup> Category 369-S: only HTS number 6307.10.2005.

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 Navy

#### Public Hearings for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the North Pacific Acoustic Laboratory (NPAL)

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Navy, Office of Naval Research (ONR), has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) a DEIS for the reuse of the sound source and cable previously installed by the Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate (ATOC) Project for the NPAL. Public hearings will be held to provide information and to receive oral and written comments on the DEIS. Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are invited to be present or represented at the hearings.

**DATES AND ADDRESSES:** Public hearings will be held in: (1) Lihue, Kauai, HI on July 5, 2000 from 7 PM—9:30 PM at the Kauai Community College Dining Room, 3-1901 Kaunualii Highway; (2) Honolulu, HI on July 6, 2000 from 7 PM—9:30 PM at the Hawaii Imin

International Conference Center, East-West Center, 2nd Floor, Pacific Room, 1777 East-West Road, and (3) Kilauea, Kauai, HI on July 8, 2000 from 1:30 PM—4 PM at the Kilauea Neighborhood Center, 2460 Keneke Street.

The evening meetings in Lihue and Honolulu will consist of an informational presentation at 7 PM, followed by a public hearing at 8 PM. The afternoon meeting in Kilauea will consist of an informational presentation at 1:30 PM, followed by a public hearing at 2:30 PM.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Kathleen Vigness Raposa, telephone (401) 847-7508.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321-4345) and its implementing regulations (40 CFR parts 1500 to 1508), and in accordance with the Hawaii Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Law (Chapter 343, Hawaii Revised Statutes), ONR has prepared and filed with the EPA a joint state-federal DEIS for the reuse of the sound source and cable previously installed for use in ATOC research for NPAL.

A Notice of Intent for this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on June 15, 1999. Public scoping meetings were held in Hanalei, Kauai, HI, on June 29, 1999; in Lihue, Kauai, HI, on June 30, 1999; and in Honolulu, HI, on July 1, 1999.

The proposed action is reuse of the ATOC sound source and cable for NPAL, an ONR basic research project, which would combine: a second phase of research on the feasibility and value of large-scale acoustic thermometry; long-range underwater sound transmission studies; and marine mammal monitoring and studies.

Under the proposed action, the seabed power cable and sound source would remain in their present locations, and transmissions would continue for a period of five years with approximately the same signal parameters and transmission schedule used in the ATOC project. The action would be carried out by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego, which is the applicant for necessary state and federal permits, and by the Applied Physics Laboratory of the University of Washington.

The DEIS addresses the potential effects of the transmissions on the marine environment, including potential auditory, behavioral, and physiological effects on marine mammals and other marine creatures. Alternatives developed and analyzed in