

regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments on this document must be received on or before July 6, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on this notice may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is DA327A@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line the following document identifier: "Comments on supplemental finfish trawl survey." Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on supplemental finfish trawl survey." Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Perra, Fishery Policy Analyst, phone: 978-281-9153, fax: 978-281-9135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested EFP would expand work allowed under an existing EFP for the vessel to conduct additional research trawls in November along two offshore transects: one each at Alvin and Poor Man's Canyons.

Work under the existing EFP currently allows the vessel to conduct two trawl transects (one east of Hudson Canyon and one south of Baltimore Canyon) in January, May, and November, and along six offshore transects, one each near Alvin, Hudson, Baltimore, Poor Man's, Washington, and Norfolk Canyons in March. NFI and Rutgers have requested that, during November, the transects at Alvin and Poor Man's Canyons also be sampled. This would expand the scope of work under the project's current EFP from two transects to four transects during November. Therefore, a new EFP is required for the November portion of the project.

The EFP would allow for exemptions from summer flounder fishery regulations at 50 CFR 648.101(a) and (b); summer flounder gear restrictions at § 648.104; scup trimester quota closures at § 648.121(a); scup time and area restrictions at § 648.122(a) and (b); scup trawl gear restrictions at § 648.123; black sea bass trip limits at § 648.140(b)(2); black sea bass gear restrictions at § 648.144(a); *Loligo* squid and Atlantic mackerel closures at § 648.22(a) and (c); and bluefish

closures at § 648.161(a) and (b). In addition, in order to collect individual size measurements and other data, the EFP for the research vessel would grant exemptions from the following regulations: Minimum size for summer flounder at § 648.103(a), (b), and (c), for scup at § 648.124(a), for black sea bass at § 648.143, for monkfish at § 648.93, for spiny dogfish at § 648.233, for yellowtail flounder and winter flounder at § 648.83, and for lobster at § 697.20(b); from spiny dogfish closures at § 648.231; and from Northeast multispecies regulated mesh, restrictions on gear, and methods of fishing at § 648.80.

The general trawl sampling procedures in November would remain similar to what is described in the original EFP. Sampling would be conducted at trawl stations along each transect from depths near 40, 60, 80, 125, 150, 200, and 225 fathoms (73, 109, 146, 228, 274, 366, and 411 meters, respectively), with four additional trawl sites added along each of the transects based on the catches of the target species. Primary target species would be summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, monkfish, and spiny dogfish, and secondary target species would be skates, yellowtail flounder, winter flounder, lobster, and *Loligo* squid. One tow would be conducted at each station over a distance of 0.5 to 2 nautical miles, with a tow speed of 3 to 3.2 knots. Careful records would be kept of all gear descriptions so that consistent gear can be used on subsequent surveys. A four-seam box net would be used with a 2.4 inch (6.1 cm) mesh codend. Sampling protocol for handling the catch from the trawl survey would follow standard NOAA Fisheries survey methods. Every effort would be made to weigh the entire catch, or to put in baskets the entire catch and weigh a subsample of the baskets. Lengths would be obtained for target species. If time does not permit sampling between tows, fish sorted for length measurement would be placed in labeled containers and stored until processing can occur. Temperature, salinity, and depth profiles would be taken for each tow. Pre- and post-cruise meetings would be held to confirm study logistics and conduct retrospective analysis of cruise activities. Scientific research personnel would be on board the vessel at all times when the survey is conducted.

The participating vessel would be required to report all landings in its Vessel Trip Reports.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 14, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File Nos. 1065-1749 and 1034-1685

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following individuals have applied in due form for permits or permit amendments to conduct scientific research on marine mammals: Dr. Patrick Butler, University of Birmingham, School of Biosciences, Edgbaston, Birmingham, United Kingdom (File No. 1069-1749); and Dr. Markus Horning, Texas A&M University, Laboratory for Applied Biotelemetry and Biotechnology, Department of Marine Biology, 5007 Avenue U, Galveston, TX 77551 (Permit No. 1034-1685).

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before July 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (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.

Additionally, comments may be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is *NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov*. Include the appropriate File No. (1065-1749 or 1034-1685) as a document identifier in the subject line of the e-mail comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit and permit amendment are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

File No. 1065-1749: The applicant requests a 5-year permit to develop a heart rate logger and surgical procedures for implanting instruments in pinnipeds in general and in Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*) in particular. The applicant proposes to use California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), and Northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) from animals in rehabilitation at The Marine Mammal Center (TMMC) in Sausalito, California, for development and monitoring trials. The purpose of the implantable heart rate logger is to measure heart rate and body temperature over periods of months to years, allowing estimation of field metabolic rates which will enable greatly improved assessment of food requirements of free-ranging individuals over more representative samples of their life histories than has been possible thus far. While actual numbers will vary depending on availability, the total number of marine mammals proposed for the trials is up to six individuals of each species over five years.

Permit No. 1034-1685: Permit No. 1034-1685, issued on March 17, 2003 (68 FR 20117) and which expires on April 30, 2008, currently authorizes the holder to surgically implant transmitters in 30 rehabilitated California sea lions at TMMC to determine long-term post-release survival rates; attach external tags for short-term monitoring; blood sample to assess stress and health; and assess body condition through blubber biopsies, bioelectrical impedance analysis, deuterium dilution determinations, and blubber ultrasound measurements. Researchers may perform blood and blubber sampling, bioelectrical impedance analyses, deuterium dilutions, and blubber

ultrasound measurements on an additional 90 control animals. The permit holder requests an amendment to study the adrenal response of California sea lions. A total of up to six sea lions undergoing rehabilitation at TMMC would be injected intramuscularly with adrenocorticotrophic hormone and have pre-injection and post-injection blood samples taken while under anesthesia for analysis of glucocorticoids. Feces would also be collected for analysis.

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 activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: June 8, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,
Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education
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, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

June 14, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, 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 board of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.cbp.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). Also see 68 FR 65231 published on November 19, 2003.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 14, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 11, 2003, 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 Guatemala and exported during the period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on June 18, 2004, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
340/640	2,650,706 dozen.
347/348	3,336,111 dozen.
351/651	592,538 dozen.
443	84,770 numbers.
448	55,099 dozen.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2003.

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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