

requirements under an IHA in order to conclude that this activity will result in no more than a negligible impacts on species and stocks of marine mammals:

(1) Eglin is working with NMFS to develop and implement a marine species observer-training program. This program will provide expertise to Eglin's testing and training community in the identification of protected marine species during surface and aerial mission activities in the GOM.

Additionally, personnel involved in the surf zone and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training would participate in the proposed species observation training. Observers would receive training in protected species survey and identification techniques through a NMFS-approved training program.

(2) Eglin will track their use of the surf zone and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training for test firing missions and protected resources (marine mammal/sea turtle) observations, through the use of an observer training sheet.

(3) A summary annual report of marine mammal/sea turtle observations and surf zone and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training activities would be submitted to the NMFS Southeast Regional Office and the Office of Protected Resources within 90 days of the expiration of this IHA.

(4) If any marine mammal or sea turtle is observed or detected to be deceased prior to testing, or injured or killed during live fire, a report must be made to the NMFS by the following business day.

(5) Any unauthorized takes of marine mammals (i.e., serious injury or mortality) must be reported immediately to the NMFS representative and to the respective stranding network representative.

#### ESA

On March 18, 2005, NMFS Southeast Regional Office received a letter from the U.S. Air Force (USAF), Eglin AFB, requesting initiation of formal consultation on all potential environmental impacts to ESA-listed species from all Eglin AFB mission activities on SRI and within the surf zone near SRI. These missions include the surf zone detonation and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training. On October 12, 2005, NMFS issued a Biological Opinion, concluding that the surf zone and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training are unlikely to jeopardize the continued existence of species listed under the ESA that are within the jurisdiction of NMFS or destroy or adversely modify

critical habitat. In addition, on March 18, 2005, Eglin AFB provided the FWS with a request for formal section 7 consultation for the SRI programmatic program regarding ESA-listed species and critical habitat under FWS jurisdiction. On December 1, 2005, FWS issued a Biological Opinion and concluded that the proposed mission activities are not likely to adversely affect these ESA-listed species based on Eglin's commitment to incorporate measures to avoid and minimize impacts to these species.

#### NEPA

In March, 2005, the USAF prepared the *Santa Rosa Island Mission Utilization Plan Programmatic Environmental Assessment* (SRI Mission PEA). NMFS reviewed this PEA and determined that it satisfies, in large part, the standards for an adequate statement under the NMFS regulations and is consistent with the Council on Environmental Quality's regulations and NOAA's Administrators Order 216-6 for implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA (40 CFR 1508.3). NMFS supplemented the PEA with our own cumulative impacts analysis to better ascertain the cumulative effects of past, present, and reasonably foreseeable activities conducted within and around Santa Rosa Island. Therefore, NMFS decided to adopt this PEA with the supplemental cumulative impacts analysis for the issuance of the IHA and has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact statement.

#### Determinations

NMFS has determined that the surf zone and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training that are proposed by Eglin AFB off the coast of SRI, is unlikely to result in the mortality or serious injury of marine mammals (see Tables 2 and 3) and, would result in, at worst, a temporary modification in behavior by marine mammals. While behavioral modifications may be made by these species as a result of the surf zone detonation and amphibious vehicle training activities, any behavioral change is expected to have a negligible impact on the affected species or stocks. Also, given the infrequency of the testing/training missions (maximum of once per year for surf zone detonation and maximum of twice per year for amphibious assault training involving live fire), there is no potential for long-term displacement or long-lasting behavioral impacts of marine mammals within the proposed action area. In addition, the potential for temporary hearing impairment is very low and would be mitigated to the lowest level

practicable through the incorporation of the mitigation measures mentioned in this document. There is no subsistence use of these marine mammal species in the action area.

#### Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA, pursuant to MMPA section 101(a)(5)(D), to Eglin AFB for conducting surf zone and amphibious vehicle and weapon testing/training off the coast of SRI in the northern GOM provided the previously mentioned mitigation, monitoring, and reporting requirements are implemented.

Dated: December 18, 2006.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a team workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Aleutian Islands Ecosystem Team will meet in Seattle, WA, Room to be posted on web.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 10, 2007 through January 12, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fishery Science Center, 760 Sand Point Way, NE, (Room to be posted in the web), Seattle, WA.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Diana Evans, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Aleutian Islands Ecosystem Team will be drafting the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan for the Aleutian Islands.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other

auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen, (907) 271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 19, 2006.

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Establishment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and Suspension of Textile Visa Requirements for Ukraine**

December 19, 2006.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection establishing limits for Vietnam and suspending all previous directives concerning visa requirements for Ukraine.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 344-2650. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, 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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of July 17, 2003, as amended on July 22, 2004, between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, establishes limits, until the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and exported during the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and

Border Protection to establish the 2007 limits.

Exports of textile and apparel products from Vietnam subject to the directive below remain subject to visa and ELVIS requirements.

Due to the expiration on December 31, 2006 of the bilateral textile agreement with Ukraine, the United States is suspending visa requirements for textile products from Ukraine exported after that date. It is not yet certain whether there will be negotiations on extension of the bilateral agreement with Ukraine. Visa requirements may be reinstated upon extension of the bilateral agreement. In the letter below, CITA is directing the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to temporarily suspend all textile visa requirements for goods exported from Ukraine on and after January 1, 2007.

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 (refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>).

**Philip J. Martello,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

December 19, 2006.

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); and Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, and the bilateral textile agreement of July 17, 2003, as amended on July 22, 2004, between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2007, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Vietnam and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2007 and extending through December 31, 2007 in excess of the following levels of restraint:

Category	Restraint limit
200 .....	393,239 kilograms.
301 .....	891,341 kilograms.
332 .....	1,310,796 dozen pairs.
333 .....	47,188 dozen.
334/335 .....	845,701 dozen.
338/339 .....	17,551,008 dozen.
340/640 .....	2,603,525 dozen.
341/641 .....	998,277 dozen.
342/642 .....	708,094 dozen.
345 .....	373,397 dozen.

Category	Restraint limit
347/348 .....	8,908,353 dozen.
351/651 .....	625,878 dozen.
352/652 .....	2,384,474 dozen.
359-C/659-C <sup>1</sup> .....	425,783 kilograms.
359-S/659-S <sup>2</sup> .....	688,168 kilograms.
434 .....	17,535 dozen.
435 .....	43,264 dozen.
440 .....	2,706 dozen.
447 .....	56,287 dozen.
448 .....	34,638 dozen.
620 .....	8,341,906 square meters.
632 .....	655,399 dozen pairs.
638/639 .....	1,564,628 dozen.
645/646 .....	252,988 dozen.
647/648 .....	2,544,275 dozen.

<sup>1</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>2</sup> Category 359-S: only HTS numbers 6112.39.0010, 6112.49.0010, 6211.11.8010, 6211.11.8020, 6211.12.8010 and 6211.12.8020; Category 659-S: only HTS numbers 6112.31.0010, 6112.31.0020, 6112.41.0010, 6112.41.0020, 6112.41.0030, 6112.41.0040, 6211.11.1010, 6211.11.1020, 6211.12.1010 and 6211.12.1020.

The limits set forth above are subject to adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam.

Products in the above categories exported during 2006 shall be charged to the applicable category limits for that year (see directive dated December 13, 2005) to the extent of any unfilled balances. In the event the limits established for that period have been exhausted by previous entries, such products shall be charged to the limits set forth in this directive.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs and Border Protection should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

In addition to the above, this directive suspends all previous directives issued to you by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements concerning textile visa requirements for goods produced or manufactured in Ukraine, covering wool textile products subject to the quota limits under the United States - Ukraine bilateral textile agreement. Effective for such goods exported from Ukraine on and after January 1, 2007, you are directed not to require a textile visa for entry into the Customs territory of the United States.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that these actions fall within the foreign affairs