

may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

At this meeting, the AP will discuss revision of the Council's Habitat Policy to include essential fish habitat (EFH) provisions, an update on EFH assessments in Council fishery management plan amendments, an update on the status of the EFH lawsuit, review of the Turkey Creek Development project in south Mississippi, and an update on the Broadwater Casino expansion project.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The AP's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by 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 Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by September 16, 1999.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

**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. 082799C]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of an application to modify an enhancement permit (895); issuance of modifications to an existing scientific research permit (1144).

**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 received an application for a modifications to an existing permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at Walla Walla, WA (Corps) (895); and NMFS has issued a modification to a scientific research permit to Mr. Bruce

D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette and Jonathan C. Gorham (1144).

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for public hearings on the new modification request must be received on or before October 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for review in the following offices, by appointment:

For permit 895: Protected Resources Division, F/NWO3, 525 NE Oregon Street, Suite 500, Portland, OR 97232-4169 (503-230-5400).

For permit 1144: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For permit 895: Robert Koch, Portland, OR (503-230-5424).

For permit 1144: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (301-713-1401).

#### 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).

Those individuals requesting hearings on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why hearings on that application would be appropriate (see ADDRESSES). The holding of such hearings are at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

#### 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*), Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*), Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*).

##### Fish

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Snake River (SnR) fall, SnR spring/summer, upper Columbia River (UCR) spring.

Sockeye salmon (*Oncorhynchus nerka*): SnR.

Steelhead trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): UCR.

#### Modification Request Received

The Corps requests a modification to enhancement permit 895. For the modification, the Corps requests an increase in the take of juvenile, threatened, naturally produced, SR spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the juvenile fish transportation program. The increase in take is requested because an unusually large number of wild juvenile spring/summer chinook salmon smolts survived the winter, due to very favorable rearing conditions, and are migrating out of the Snake River and are being collected and transported at the Corps' projects in 1999. The 1998 supplement to the biological opinion prepared by NMFS for the operation of the Federal hydropower system requires the transportation of all juvenile fish at the Snake River projects with transportation facilities. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be collected at the dams, transported downriver past the dams in aerated barges and trucks, and released below the dams to aid their outmigration to the Pacific Ocean. The Corps is not requesting an increase in ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities. The permit modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit.

#### Status of Previous Modification Request

Notice was published on April 21, 1999 (64 FR 19515), that an application had been filed by the Corps for a modification to enhancement permit 895. Permit 895 authorizes the Corps annual takes of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with the operation of the juvenile fish transportation program at four hydroelectric projects on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. Permit 895 also authorizes the Corps annual incidental takes of ESA-listed adult salmonids associated with fallbacks through the juvenile fish bypass systems at the four dams. The purpose of the modification request was to include takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated, UCR spring chinook salmon in the permit. Since the effective date of the take prohibitions for this endangered species was May 24, 1999, and since the Corps' juvenile fish

transportation program at McNary Dam started in June near the end of the juvenile UCR spring chinook salmon outmigration season, NMFS determined that the take of UCR spring chinook salmon by the Corps would be incidental in 1999 and could be addressed through the section 7 consultation process. Permit 895 expires on December 31, 1999.

**Permit Modification Issued**

Notice was published on May 13, 1999 (64 FR 25873), that Mr. Bruce D. Peery, Michael J. Bresette and Jonathan C. Gorham applied for a modification to permit 1144. Modification #1 authorizes a 1-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles. Up to 75 green, 25 loggerhead and 5 Kemp's ridley turtles will be taken in large mesh tangle nets for the purposes of stock assessment to characterize the sea turtles that utilize the southern Indian River Lagoon System, Florida. Captured turtles will be weighed, photographed, measured, tagged, and released. Notice is hereby given that on June 23, 1998, NMFS issued permit 1144. Modification #1 to Permit 1144 was issued on August 20, 1999, authorizing take of listed species. Permit 1144 expires July 31, 2000.

Dated: September 3, 1999.

**Craig Johnson,**

*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 Limits for Certain Cotton and Wool Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China**

September 8, 1999.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 10, 1999.

**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,

call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.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 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 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Also see 63 FR 67046, published on December 4, 1998.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

September 8, 1999.

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 30, 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 China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1999 and extends through December 31, 1999.

Effective on September 10, 1999, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the current bilateral textile agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
Sublevels in Group I	
336 .....	187,659 dozen.
338/339 .....	2,520,661 dozen of which not more than 1,860,572 dozen shall be in Categories 338-S/339-S <sup>2</sup> .
362 .....	7,682,893 numbers.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
410 .....	1,078,970 square meters of which not more than 856,904 square meters shall be in Category 410-A <sup>3</sup> and not more than 856,983 square meters shall be in Category 410-B <sup>4</sup> .

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1998.

<sup>2</sup> Category 338-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0012, 6109.10.0014, 6109.10.0018 and 6109.10.0023; Category 339-S: all HTS numbers except 6109.10.0040, 6109.10.0045, 6109.10.0060 and 6109.10.0065.

<sup>3</sup> Category 410-A: only HTS numbers 5111.11.3000, 5111.11.7030, 5111.11.7060, 5111.19.2000, 5111.19.6020, 5111.19.6040, 5111.19.6060, 5111.19.6080, 5111.20.9000, 5111.30.9000, 5111.90.3000, 5111.90.9000, 5212.11.1010, 5212.12.1010, 5212.13.1010, 5212.14.1010, 5212.15.1010, 5212.21.1010, 5212.22.1010, 5212.23.1010, 5212.24.1010, 5212.25.1010, 5311.00.2000, 5407.91.0510, 5407.92.0510, 5407.93.0510, 5407.94.0510, 5408.31.0510, 5408.32.0510, 5408.33.0510, 5408.34.0510, 5515.13.0510, 5515.22.0510, 5515.92.0510, 5516.31.0510, 5516.32.0510, 5516.33.0510, 5516.34.0510 and 6301.20.0020.

<sup>4</sup> Category 410-B: only HTS numbers 5007.10.6030, 5007.90.6030, 5112.11.2030, 5112.11.2060, 5112.19.9010, 5112.19.9020, 5112.19.9030, 5112.19.9040, 5112.19.9050, 5112.19.9060, 5112.20.3000, 5112.30.3000, 5112.90.3000, 5112.90.9010, 5112.90.9090, 5212.11.1020, 5212.12.1020, 5212.13.1020, 5212.14.1020, 5212.15.1020, 5212.21.1020, 5212.22.1020, 5212.23.1020, 5212.24.1020, 5212.25.1020, 5309.21.2000, 5309.29.2000, 5407.91.0520, 5407.92.0520, 5407.93.0520, 5407.94.0520, 5408.31.0520, 5408.32.0520, 5408.33.0520, 5408.34.0520, 5515.13.0520, 5515.22.0520, 5515.92.0520, 5516.31.0520, 5516.32.0520, 5516.33.0520 and 5516.34.0520.

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

**Office of the Secretary**

**Meeting of the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel**

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice sets forth the schedule and summary agenda for the initial meeting of the DoD Healthcare Quality Initiatives Review Panel. The