

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102996C]

Incidental Take of Marine Mammals; Bottlenose Dolphins and Spotted Dolphins

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of letters of authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, and implementing regulations, notification is hereby given that letters of authorization to take bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities were issued to Parker & Parsley Petroleum USA, Inc., 555 N. Carancahua, Corpus Christi, TX 78478 on October 17, 1996; Amoco Production Company, P.O. Box 50879, New Orleans, LA 70150 on October 24, 1996; and Oryx Energy Company, P.O. Box 2880, Dallas, Texas 75221-2880 on November 6, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The application and letter are available for review in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and the Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive N, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055 or Charles Oravetz, Southeast Region (813) 570-5312.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region, if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible

methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat, and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to oil and gas structure removal activities in the Gulf of Mexico were published on October 12, 1995 (60 FR 53139) and remain in effect until November 13, 2000.

Summary of Request

NMFS received requests for letters of authorization on October 15, 1996, from Parker & Parsley Petroleum USA, and on October 23, 1996, from Amoco Production Company and the Oryx Energy Company. These letters requested a take by harassment of a small number of bottlenose and spotted dolphins incidental to the described activity. Issuance of these letters of authorization are based on a finding that the total takings will have a negligible impact on the bottlenose and spotted dolphin stocks of the Gulf of Mexico.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

Patricia Montanio,
Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Demersal Species Committee, together with its Summer Flounder Advisors and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Board will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 25, 1996, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Days Inn, 4101 Island Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153; telephone: 215-492-0400.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to discuss alternatives for summer flounder management to be included in Amendment 10 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 6, 1996.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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[I.D. 110596D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on November 25, 1996, beginning at 11:00 a.m. and will continue until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene on November 26, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. and will adjourn when business for the day is concluded.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Council office.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to develop options for long term management of the limited entry fixed gear sablefish fishery.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heather M. Munro at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 6, 1996.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Restraint Limit for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

November 7, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Category 448 is being increased for special carryforward, based on exchange of letters dated October 24, 1996 and November 4, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and Guatemala.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 62398, published on December 6, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all

of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 7, 1996.

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 29, 1995, 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 twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 1996 and extending through December 31, 1996.

Effective on November 7, 1996, you are directed to increase the limit for Category 448 to 49,642 dozen¹, as provided for by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing and based on exchange of letters dated October 24, 1996 and November 4, 1996 between the Governments of the United States and Guatemala.

The guaranteed access level for Category 448 remains unchanged.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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Announcing Establishment and Adjustment of Import Limits and Amendment of Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

November 7, 1996.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs announcing the establishment and adjustment of limits and amendment of visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 13, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, International Trade

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

In a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated November 6, 1996, the Governments of the United States and Nepal agreed to establish a limit for cotton shoptowels in Category 369-S for four consecutive one-year periods beginning on January 1, 1997 and extending through December 31, 2000. Also, the two governments agreed to increase the 1996 limit for Category 340 for special carryforward.

Effective on January 1, 1997, textile products in Category 369 which are produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported from Nepal on and after January 1, 1997 shall require a 369-S or 369-O visa. There will be a grace period from January 1, 1997 through January 31, 1997 during which goods exported from Nepal in Category 369 may be accompanied by a 369, 369-S or 369-O visa. Textile products exported in Category 369 on and after February 1, 1997 must be accompanied by an appropriate part-category visa.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to amend the visa requirements to require a 369-S or 369-O part category visa and to increase the current limit for Category 340. As a result of the increase to Category 340, the limit, which is currently filled, will re-open.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 52 FR 11724, published on April 3, 1987; and 60 FR 62410, published on December 6, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the bilateral agreement and the November 6, 1996 MOU, but are designed to assist only in