

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on: Monday, November 9, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Tuesday, November 10, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 11, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and Thursday, November 12, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Panel's agenda includes reviewing the 1998 award process and final judging of 1998 applicants, including a review of each of the 1998 site visits. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene November 9, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on November 12, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number 301-975-2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on April 30, 1998, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(d) for those portions of the meeting which involve examination of records and discussion of matters mentioned above, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since those portions of the meeting are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a

person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: October 14, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

[FR Doc. 98-28122 Filed 10-19-98; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-13-M**

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 101398A]

**Western 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 Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold its 70th meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in Honolulu, HI.

**DATES:** The SSC meeting will be held on November 11-13, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The 70th SSC meeting will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: 808-522-8220. *Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

*Wednesday, November 11, 1998, 8:30 a.m.*

A. Precious corals fishery management plan (FMP) issues

1. Status of fishery; and
2. Findings of recent research in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

B. Crustaceans FMP issues (Northwestern Hawaiian Islands [NWHI] lobster fishery)

1. Update on the 1998 commercial fishing season;
2. Results from the 1998 research cruise;
3. Status of NMFS tagging project; and
4. Status of draft regulatory measure for bank-specific harvest guidelines.

Presentation: "Guidelines for limited entry programs"

C. Ecosystem & Habitat issues

1. Comments on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Farallon de Mendinilla, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI);
2. Other issues/activities; and
3. Development of Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP, including goals and objectives, draft outline, proposed initial regulations, and research and assessment needs.

*Thursday, November 12, 1998, 8:30 a.m.*

Presentation: "Linear programming model of Hawaii's multifishery"

D. Pelagic FMP issues

1. 2nd/3rd quarter 1998 longline fishery report (for Hawaii and American Samoa);

2. Research & issues update: Secretariat of the Pacific Community-Oceanic Fisheries Program (SPC-OFP), Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC);

3. NMFS review of area closure framework measure for American Samoa;

4. Outline for a comprehensive data amendment;

5. Blue marlin management options;

6. Bigeye tagging workshop outputs;

7. Protected species interactions/Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) Expert Consultations, considering: 3rd quarter 1998 turtle takes and research, 1998 bird takes, bird mitigation project and population dynamics workshop, and reports of FAO Rome meeting for shark, birds and capacity;

8. Sharks, including finning update and research initiatives;

9. Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) meeting - Honolulu - October; and

10. Upcoming meetings: Interim Scientific Committee (ISC) - Honolulu - January, and Fourth Multilateral High Level Conference (MHL4) - Honolulu - February.

*Wednesday, November 13, 1998, 8:30 a.m.*

E. Bottomfish FMP issues

1. Status of onaga, ehu and hapuupuu, and request to NMFS to remove from overfished list;

2. Status of Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (HIMB) and NMFS research activities;

3. Report on state management in Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI); and

4. Options for Federal management in MHI: including delegation of authority to state and other options.

F. Review of Council's Programs

G. Other Business

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance

with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: October 14, 1998.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

[FR Doc. 98-28110 Filed 10-19-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-22-F

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

#### Meeting of the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs

**AGENCY:** Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Patent and Trademark Office is announcing, in accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), an open meeting of the Public Advisory Committee for Trademark Affairs.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. on Monday, November 2, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, South Tower Building, Arlington and Alexandria Conference Rooms, 2900 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3513.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sharon Marsh by mail marked to her attention and addressed to Office of the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks, Patent and Trademark Office, 2900 Crystal Drive, South Tower Building, Suite 10B10, Arlington, VA 22202-3513; by telephone at (703) 308-9100, ext. 45; by fax at (703) 308-9395; or by e-mail to sharon.marsh@uspto.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be open to public observation. Accordingly, seating will be available to members of the public on a first-come-first-served basis. Members

of the public will be permitted to make oral comments of three (3) minutes each. Written comments and suggestions will be accepted before or after the meeting on any of the matters discussed. Copies of the minutes will be available upon request. The agenda for the meeting is as follows:

- (1) Trademark Operation Issues
- (2) Policy Issues
- (3) TTAB Issues
- (4) Finance
- (5) Automation
- (6) Domestic Legislation
- (7) International Trademark Issues

Dated: October 15, 1998.

**Bruce A. Lehman,**

*Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.*

[FR Doc. 98-28179 Filed 10-19-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-16-P

## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Hungary

October 14, 1998.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 21, 1998.

**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 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:** 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 Categories 435 and 448 are being increased for 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 62 FR 66057, published on December 17, 1997). Also

see 62 FR 63521, published on December 1, 1997.

**D. Michael Hutchinson,**

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

## Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 14, 1998.

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 24, 1997 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 Hungary and exported during the period which began on January 1, 1998 and extends through December 31, 1998.

Effective on October 21, 1998, you are directed to increase the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted limit <sup>1</sup>
435 .....	28,893 dozen.
448 .....	25,534 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1997.

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.*

[FR Doc. 98-28081 Filed 10-19-98; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-DR-F

## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Republic of Korea

October 14, 1998.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ross Arnold, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S.