

completion of the restoration planning process for this Site, the current document also includes an evaluation of the terrestrial resource injuries and ecological losses after 1999, and their corresponding restoration requirements, based on an anticipated final remedy. The need for a future Draft DARP/EA to complete restoration planning will be determined based on the final remedy decision for the Site and the consistency of this evaluation with that decision. The Trustees will consider comments received during the public comment period, including this evaluation, before finalizing the DARP/EA for these ecological losses.

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft DARP/EA must be submitted in writing on or before August 14, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Draft DARP/EA should be sent to Richard Seiler of TNRCC, MC142, P.O. Box 13087, Austin, TX 78711-3087 or John Kern of NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, Suite 134, St. Petersburg, FL 33702. Written comments on the plan should be sent either to Richard Seiler of TNRCC or John Kern of NOAA at the addresses listed above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay NPL Site is located in Point Comfort, Calhoun County, Texas and encompasses releases of hazardous substances from Alcoa's Point Comfort Operations facility. Between 1948 and the present, Alcoa has constructed and operated several types of manufacturing processes at this facility, including aluminum smelting, carbon paste and briquette manufacturing, gas processing, chlor-alkali processing, and alumina refining. Past operations at the facility have resulted in the release of hazardous substances into the environment, including through the discharge of mercury-containing wastewater into Lavaca Bay from 1966 to 1970 and releases of mercury into the bay through a groundwater pathway. In April 1988, the Texas Department of Health (TDH) issued a "closure order" prohibiting the taking of finfish and crabs for consumption from a specified area of Lavaca Bay near the facility due to elevated mercury concentrations found in these species.

The Alcoa Point Comfort/Lavaca Bay Site was added to the National Priorities List (NPL), pursuant to Section 105 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9601 *et seq.*, on March 25, 1994 (59 FR 8724; February 23, 1994). The Site was listed primarily due to the presence of

mercury in several species of finfish and crabs in Lavaca Bay, the fishing closure imposed by TDH, and the presence of mercury and other hazardous substances in bay sediments adjacent to the facility. Alcoa, the State of Texas and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) signed an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) under CERCLA in March 1994 for the conduct of a remedial investigation and feasibility study (RI/FS) for the Site.

NOAA, DOI, TPWD, TGLO and TNRCC (collectively, the Trustees) are designated natural resource trustees under section 107(f) of CERCLA, section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (FWPCA), 33 U.S.C. 1321, and other applicable federal or state laws, including Subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR 300.600-300.615. The Trustees are authorized to act on behalf of the public under these authorities to protect and restore natural resources injured or lost as a result of discharges or releases of hazardous substances.

Paralleling the RI/FS process for the Site, the Trustees have undertaken an assessment of the natural resource injuries and service losses attributable to hazardous substances at the Site. The assessment for this Site has been aided and supported by Alcoa's cooperation pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between Alcoa and the Trustees, which was effective January 14, 1997. The Draft DARP/EA released today has been developed under the cooperative assessment framework outlined in the MOA. It is focused on natural resource injuries or services losses of an ecological nature caused by the hazardous substances at the Site based on known contamination and response actions initiated at the Site as of the end of 1999. The Draft DARP/EA released today embodies the second stage of the assessment and restoration planning process for the Site. The first stage focused on the recreational fishing service losses resulting from the closure area and is covered by a Draft DARP/EA for Recreational Service Losses released on September 28, 1999, and a Revised Draft DARP/EA for Recreational Service Losses released on May 12, 2000. Finalization of the DARP/EA for Recreational Service Losses is anticipated to occur in July 2000.

The Draft DARP/EA released today identifies the information and methods being used to define the natural resource injuries and losses of an ecological nature, including the scale of restoration actions, and identifies the restoration actions which are preferred for use to restore, replace or acquire

resources or services equivalent to those lost. The current document also includes an evaluation of the terrestrial resource injuries and remaining ecological losses, including their corresponding restoration requirements, based on an anticipated final remedy. If the final remedy differs from that which the Trustees' have anticipated, then the analysis may not be appropriate and a third and final stage Draft DARP/EA may be required. However, if the analysis is consistent with the actual choice of final remedy, then by including this information for public review in the current document, there will be no need to develop any further Draft DARP/EAs to complete the assessment and restoration planning process for this Site.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Seiler at (512) 239-2523, email: rseiler@tnrcc.state.tx.us or John Kern, at (727) 570-5391 x 158, email: john.kern@noaa.gov

Dated: July 10, 2000.

**Captain Ted I. Lillestolen,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals; File No. 782-1446

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit amendment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 782-1446.

**ADDRESSES:** The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Alaska Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, P.O. Box. 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

Northwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 7600 Sand

Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6150).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Simona Roberts or Ruth Johnson, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 22, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 32077) that an amendment of Permit No. 782-1446, issued May 8, 1998 (63 FR 27265), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Permit No. 782-1446 authorizes the permit holder to annually conduct aerial, ground and vessel surveys and capture and tagging studies for stock assessment of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*).

The amendment now authorizes the chemical immobilization of 6 adult male California sea lions in Oregon, Washington, and California for the removal of Satellite-Linked Time Depth Recorders.

Dated: July 10, 2000.

**Ann Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits and Documentation 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 Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Singapore; Republication**

June 30, 2000.

**Editorial Note:** FR Doc. 00-17161 was originally scheduled to be published in the issue of Friday, July 7, 2000, at page 41962. It was inadvertently omitted. It is published below in its entirety.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 7, 2000.

**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, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.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 carryover, carryforward and swing.

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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 54874, published on October 8, 1999.

**William J. Dulka,**

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

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

June 30, 2000.

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 October 4, 1999, 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 Singapore and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on July 7, 2000, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
222 .....	702,393 kilograms.
331 .....	657,384 dozen pairs.
338/339 .....	1,728,914 dozen of which not more than 1,053,038 dozen shall be in Category 338 and not more than 1,127,744 dozen shall be in Category 339.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit <sup>1</sup>
347/348 .....	1,362,563 dozen of which not more than 846,912 dozen shall be in Category 347 and not more than 621,213 dozen shall be in Category 348.
604 .....	1,072,871 kilograms.
639 .....	4,123,826 dozen.
642 .....	354,086 dozen.
648 .....	1,765,424 dozen.

<sup>1</sup> The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1999.

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,

**William J. Dulka,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request**

**ACTION:** Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Title, Form Number, and OMB Number:* Professional Qualifications, Medical and Peer Reviewers; CHAMPUS For 780; OMB Number 0720-0005.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement.  
*Number of Respondents:* 60.  
*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.  
*Annual Responses:* 60.  
*Average Burden Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 30  
*Needs and Uses:* The information collection requirement is necessary to obtain and record the professional qualifications of medical and peer reviewers utilized within CHAMPUS. The form is included as an exhibit in an appeal or hearing case file as evidence of the reviewer's professional