

Wednesday and Thursday, April 28–29, 2004, 8:30 a.m.

3. Format of the Recreational Module and other annual report changes
4. Blue marlin catch-per-unit-effort (CPUE) analysis
5. Localized depletions of pelagic stocks
6. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA) National Standard 1 revisions
7. Planned NOAA-Fisheries longline fishery research in American Samoa
8. Private fish aggregating devices (FADs) in Hawaii
9. Other business

The BPT will meet on May 4–6, 2004, at the Council Conference Room to discuss the following agenda items:

Tuesday, May 4, 2004, 8:30 a.m.

1. Introduction
2. Annual Report review
 - a. Review 2002 Annual Report modules and recommendations
 - b. 2002 Annual Report region-wide recommendations

Wednesday, May 5, 2004, 8:30 a.m.

3. Overfishing control rule
 - a. Report on Dunedin Deep-slope fishery Workshop
 - b. Status of new control rules
 - c. Report on Stock Assessment Workshop and review of Recommendations
 - d. Federal fishery data collection program

4. Archepelagic Ecosystem-based management plan
5. Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) bottomfish fishery management

Thursday, May 6, 2004, 8:30 a.m.

6. Hawaii Bottomfish management
 - a. National Ocean Service (NOS) Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) Sanctuary Designation Process
 - b. NWHI bottomfish observer coverage
 - c. Status of State of Hawaii Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) bottomfish program
7. Essential Fish Habitat and Habitat of Particular Concern
8. Program Planning
 - a. Council 3–5 year plan
 - b. Regional Strategic Plan
9. Other Business

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The PPT and

BPT will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the PPT and BPT for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Plan Team action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issue arising after publication of this document that requires emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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 the meeting date.

Dated: March 31, 2004.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)

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

ACTION: Notification of a proposal for EFP to conduct experimental fishing; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued in response to an application submitted by Kelo Pinkham in collaboration with Dana Morse (Darling Marine Center). The EFP would allow an exemption from the seasonal GOM Rolling Closure Areas III and IV restrictions. The Assistant Regional Administrator has made a preliminary determination that the application contains all of the required information

and warrants further consideration and that the activities to be authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue an EFP.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 21, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Positively Buoyant Ground Cables." Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281–9135, or submitted via e-mail to the following address: da424@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Heather Sagar, Fishery Management Specialist, phone: 978–281–9341, fax: 978–281–9135, e-mail: heather.sagar@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Kelo Pinkham, in collaboration with Dana Morse (Darling Marine Center), submitted a complete EFP application on March 2, 2004. The purpose of this study is to decrease bottom contact of trawl gear and improve the selectivity of groundfish trawls through modifications to increase the buoyancy of the ground cables and the trawl frame. Although the trawl would be modified, the gear would still be compliant with all current regulations. Exemptions would be necessary to relieve vessels from the seasonal GOM Rolling Closure Areas III and IV restrictions in order to provide a greater opportunity to access the appropriate mix of roundfish for effective gear selectivity testing, when compared to open areas.

The proposed study would occur inside the area defined by the following coordinates: 43°40' N. lat., 69°50' W. long.; 43°40' N. lat., 69°30' W. long.; 43°20' N. lat., 69°50' W. long.; and 43°20' N. lat., 69°30' W. long. At no time would fishing operations be conducted inside year-round closure areas. There would be one vessel participating in this study for a total of 10 days. The study would occur from May 15, 2004, through June 15, 2004, during which time the vessel would complete 2 days devoted to work with underwater cameras, and 8 days of gear trials. During all 10 days, the vessel would alternate tows with its modified 70-ft (23.3 m) otter trawl net, and its standard New England rigged net. No fish would be landed during the days dedicated to

camera work. The vessel would be required to fish under its days-at-sea throughout the study. The vessel would complete 4 to 6 tows per day, and each tow would last up to 2 hours, for a maximum of 60 tows for this study. Other than the exemption from the Rolling Closure restriction, this study would be conducted in accordance with normal fishing practices. All fish landed would be subject to existing minimum size and trip limit requirements. Darling Marine Laboratory would be responsible for developing a full report of results and would provide this report to NMFS.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 31, 2004.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Indonesia

March 31, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2004.

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 Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927-5850, or refer to the Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.cbp.gov>. 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 current limits for certain categories are being adjusted for swing, carryover, special shift, and the recrediting of unused 2003 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 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). Also see 68 FR 65254, published on November 19, 2003.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 31, 2004.

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on November 11, 2003, 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 Indonesia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.

Effective on April 6, 2004, you are directed to adjust the limits for the categories listed below, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

| Category | Twelve-month restraint limit ¹ |
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| Levels in Group I | |
| 200 | 1,640,190 kilograms. |
| 219 | 18,219,902 square meters. |
| 225 | 12,758,657 square meters. |
| 300/301 | 7,331,996 kilograms. |
| 313-O ² | 34,007,290 square meters. |
| 314-O ³ | 112,802,509 square meters. |
| 315-O ⁴ | 44,473,885 square meters. |
| 317-O ⁵ /617/326-O ⁶ | 35,661,309 square meters of which not more than 7,485,760 square meters shall be in Category 326-O. |
| 331pt./631pt. ⁷ | 2,053,935 dozen pairs. |
| 334/335 | 430,161 dozen. |
| 336/636 | 1,201,542 dozen. |
| 338/339 | 2,418,315 dozen. |
| 340/640 | 2,932,054 dozen. |
| 341 | 1,797,447 dozen. |

| Category | Twelve-month restraint limit ¹ |
|--|---|
| 342/642 | 715,200 dozen. |
| 345 | 876,474 dozen. |
| 347/348 | 3,276,042 dozen. |
| 351/651 | 989,569 dozen. |
| 359-C/659-C ⁸ | 2,693,495 kilograms. |
| 359-S/659-S ⁹ | 3,014,055 kilograms. |
| 360 | 2,432,435 numbers. |
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| 369-S ¹⁰ | 1,740,405 kilograms. |
| 433 | 12,565 dozen. |
| 443 | 93,220 numbers. |
| 445/446 | 69,961 dozen. |
| 447 | 19,559 dozen. |
| 448 | 26,871 dozen. |
| 604-A ¹¹ | 1,360,774 kilograms. |
| 611-O ¹² | 3,488,777 square meters. |
| 613/614/615 | 48,057,601 square meters. |
| 618-O ¹³ | 6,341,029 square meters. |
| 619/620 | 17,578,593 square meters. |
| 625/626/627/628/629-O ¹⁴ | 49,136,300 square meters. |
| 634/635 | 572,159 dozen. |
| 638/639 | 2,555,293 dozen. |
| 641 | 4,285,055 dozen. |
| 643 | 630,845 numbers. |
| 644 | 824,392 numbers. |
| 645/646 | 1,492,112 dozen. |
| 647/648 | 5,956,332 dozen. |
| Group II | |
| 201, 218, 220, 224, 226, 227, 237, 239pt. ¹⁵ , 332, 333, 352, 359-O ¹⁶ , 362, 363, 369-O ¹⁷ , 400, 410, 414, 434, 435, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 459pt. ¹⁸ , 469pt. ¹⁹ , 603, 604-O ²⁰ , 624, 633, 652, 659-O ²¹ , 666pt. ²² , 845, 846 and 852, as a group | 181,962,672 square meters equivalent. |
| Subgroup in Group II | |
| 400, 410, 414, 434, 435, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 459pt. and 469pt., as a group | 3,684,947 square meters equivalent. |
| In Group II subgroup | |
| 435 | 57,853 dozen. |

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2003.

² Category 313-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.3035, 5208.52.4035 and 5209.51.6032.

³ Category 314-O: all HTS numbers except 5209.51.6015.

⁴ Category 315-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.52.4055.

⁵ Category 317-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2085.

⁶ Category 326-O: all HTS numbers except 5208.59.2015, 5209.59.0015 and 5211.59.0015.