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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

### Applicants

Alaska Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, Seattle, WA 98115 (File No. 782-1446) requests a permit to conduct aerial, ground and boat surveys annually for stock assessment of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*), Steller sea lions (*Eumetopias jubatus*), and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*). California sea lions and harbor seals will be: captured, tagged and branded for long term identification of individuals for information on reproductive success, survival and longevity; blood and biopsy sampled for contaminant analysis; tissue sampled for genetic analysis; and instrumented with VHF radio transmitters and/or time-depth recorders or satellite tags to document movements activity and foraging patterns. Elephant seals will be captured, tagged, marked and released. Animals will be incidentally harassed during these activities and accidental mortalities are requested for each species to be captured. Activities will occur in Washington, Oregon and Alaska.

University of Alaska Museum, 907 Yukon Drive, Fairbanks, AK 99775-6960 (File No. 704-1444) requests a permit to obtain and archive specimens from all species of Cetacea and Pinnipedia (except walrus) for scientific research purposes. Samples will be obtained from marine mammals taken by Alaska Native subsistence hunters, and scientists involved in marine mammal research under other permit. Samples will also be imported and exported.

Alaska Department of Fish and Game, P.O. Box 3-2000, Juneau, AK 99802 (Principal Investigators: Lloyd Lowry, Kathryn Frost, Jonathan Lewis, and Kenneth Pitcher), (File No. P66K) requests an amendment to Permit No. 1000. The original permit authorizes capture, tagging and sampling of harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and spotted seals (*P. largha*) in Alaska. The Permittee wants to amend the permit by increasing the number of animals that may be injected with deuterium oxide, and the number of animals may be incidentally harassed during the conduct of the authorized activities and increased scat collection activities.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: February 6, 1998.

### Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

#### Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

February 13, 1998.

**ACTION:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

**SUMMARY:** The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest obligations of digital broadcasters. The Committee will study and recommend which public interest obligations should accompany broadcasters' receipt of digital television licenses. The President designated the National Telecommunications and Information

Administration as secretariat for the Committee.

**AUTHORITY:** Executive Order 13038, signed by President Clinton on March 11, 1997.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, March 2, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting is scheduled to take place at the Annenberg School of Communications of the University of Southern California at 3502 Watt Way, Los Angeles, CA 90089-0281. This location is subject to change. If the location changes, another **Federal Register** notice will be issued. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's homepage at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm) or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov).

### Media Inquiries

Please contact Paige Darden at the Office of Public Affairs, at 202-482-7002.

### Agenda

Monday, March 2  
 Opening remarks  
 Briefings by producers on programming and access in the digital age  
 Briefings on and discussion of free air time for political candidates  
 Committee deliberations  
 Public comment  
 Committee business  
 Closing remarks

This agenda is subject to change. For an updated, more detailed agenda, please check the Advisory Committee homepage at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm).

### Public Participation

The meeting will be open to the public, with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Karen Edwards at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at 202-482-8056 or at [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov).

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. The Secretariat's guidelines for public comment are described below and are available on the Advisory Committee website ([www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm)) or by calling 202-482-8056.

#### Guidelines for Public Comment

The Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters welcomes public comments.

**Oral Comment:** In general, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker and no more than thirty (30) minutes total at each meeting.

**Written Comment:** Written comments must be submitted to the Advisory Committee Secretariat at the address listed below. Comments can be submitted either by letter addressed to the Committee (please place "Public Comment" on the bottom left of the envelope and submit at least thirty-five (35) copies) or by electronic mail to [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov) (please use "Public Comment" as the subject line). Written comments received within three (3) working days of a meeting and comments received shortly after a meeting will be compiled and sent as briefing material to Committee members prior to the next scheduled meeting.

#### Obtaining Meeting Minutes

Within thirty (30) days following the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting may be obtained over the Internet at [www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm), by phone request at 202-482-8056 or 202-501-6195, by email request at [piac@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:piac@ntia.doc.gov) or by written request to Karen Edwards; Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.; Washington, DC 20230.

#### Larry Irving,

*Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.*

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### COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

#### Establishment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Cambodia

February 9, 1998.

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

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 18, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen L. LeGrande, 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. For information on categories on which consultations have been requested, call (202) 482-3740.

#### 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.

A notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 1997 (62 FR 62290) announces that if no solution is agreed upon in consultations between the Governments of the United States and Cambodia on Categories 331/631 the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements may establish a limit for the twelve-month period beginning on October 29, 1997 and extending through October 28, 1998 at a level of not less than 1,250,841 dozen pairs.

Inasmuch as no agreement was reached during consultations on a mutually satisfactory solution, the United States Government has decided to control imports in Categories 331/631 for the period October 29, 1997 through October 28, 1998, as authorized by Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The United States remains committed to finding a solution concerning Categories 331/631. Should such a solution be reached in consultations with the Government of Cambodia,

further notice will be published in the **Federal Register**.

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).

**Troy H. Cribb,**

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

#### Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 9, 1998.

Commissioner of Customs,  
*Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.*

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); and Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended, you are directed to prohibit, effective on February 18, 1998, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton and man-made fiber textile products in Categories 331/631, produced or manufactured in Cambodia and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on October 29, 1997 and extending through October 28, 1998, in excess of 1,250,841 dozen pairs<sup>1</sup>.

Textile products in Categories 331/631 which have been exported to the United States prior to October 29, 1997 shall not be subject to this directive.

Textile products in Categories 331/631 which have been released from the custody of the U.S. Customs Service under the provisions of 19 U.S.C. 1448(b) or 1484(a)(1) prior to the effective date of this directive shall not be denied entry under this directive.

Import charges will be provided at a later date.

In carrying out the above directions, the Commissioner of Customs should construe entry into the United States for consumption to include entry for consumption into the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

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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<sup>1</sup> The limit has not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after October 28, 1997.