

sablefish season, chosen by the Administrator, Alaska Region, and the halibut season, chosen by the IPHC. The directed fishing season for sablefish with fixed gear managed under the IFQ program will open 1200 hrs, A.l.t., March 15, 2000, and will close 1200 hrs, A.l.t., November 15, 2000. This period runs concurrently with the IFQ season for Pacific halibut announced by the IPHC. The IFQ halibut season is announced by publication in the **Federal Register**.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021600D]

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 14-16, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: All meetings will be held at the Villa Parguera Hotel, 304 St., Km. 3.3, La Parguera, Lajas, Puerto Rico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577; telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 100th regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

Conflict of Interest Presentation

Essential Fish Habitat

-Side Scan Sonar Work, La Parguera
-Fishing Gear Impact Study La Parguera

Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan (FMP)

-Gear Impact Update

Queen Conch FMP

-Option Paper for Amendment Number 1

Coastal Pelagics FMP (Wahoo/Dolphin)

-Committees Meetings Report

Enforcement

-Federal Government
-Puerto Rico
-U.S. Virgin Islands

Administrative Committee Recommendations

Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

Other Business

Next Council Meeting

The Council will convene on Wednesday, March 15, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., through Thursday, March 16, 2000, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, approximately.

The Administrative Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 14, 2000, from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to discuss administrative matters regarding Council operation.

The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. However, simultaneous interpretation (Spanish-English) will be available during the Council meeting (March 15-16, 2000). Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require 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. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021700C]

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's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will hold a workshop to study the productivity of West Coast groundfish species and to evaluate the Council's harvest rate (F) policy.

DATES: The meeting will begin on Monday, March 20, 2000 at 1 p.m. and end on Friday, March 24, 2000. On Tuesday, March 21, 2000; Wednesday, March 22, 2000; Thursday, March 23, 2000, and Friday, March 24, 2000, the workshop will convene at 8:00 a.m. and will continue until business for the day is completed. An opportunity for public comment will be provided each day at 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in building nine (9) at NMFS 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dan Waldeck, Fishery Management Analyst; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the workshop is to review past work on spawning potential per recruit (SPR) harvest rate proxies (e.g., F_{35}); determine their appropriateness with respect to West Coast groundfish stocks; and, if appropriate, recommend changes to existing policies. Based on information presented at the workshop, a panel of scientists will write a report to the Council that summarizes the results of the workshop and makes specific recommendations regarding the formulation of default harvest rate policies for West Coast groundfish.

The workshop will be divided into three phases. During the first half-day

(March 20, 2000) participants will review the Council's groundfish harvest policy history, as well as published material pertinent to the specific harvest rate proxies that have been used. During the second and third days of the meeting (March 21–22, 2000), presentations will be made that will contribute to the overall understanding of West Coast groundfish productivity and the determination of appropriate harvest rates; particularly, the estimation of F_{MSY} and/or its proxy. The last phase of the workshop (March 23–24, 2000) will be devoted to consensus building and report writing by the panel. Active discussion of research results following each presentation will be promoted, as will on-site analyses designed to explore different model assumptions and/or configurations.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may arise during the workshop, those issues will not be the subject of formal SSC action during this meeting. SSC action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the SSC's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326–6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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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 Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in the Philippines

February 23, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 29, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Heinzen, 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.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota reopenings, 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 reduced for carryforward used and special carryforward used.

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 54872, published on October 8, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

February 23, 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 textiles and textile products and silk blend and other vegetable fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in the Philippines and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on February 29, 2000, you are directed to reduce the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Levels in Group I	
338/339	2,328,744 dozen.
342/642	637,294 dozen.
345	162,992 dozen.
347/348	2,232,723 dozen.

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
351/651	695,098 dozen.
361	2,122,231 numbers.
433	3,253 dozen.
443	39,330 numbers.
638/639	2,306,860 dozen.
647/648	1,255,169 dozen.
Group II	
200–227, 300–326, 332, 359–O ² , 360, 362, 363, 369–O ³ , 400–414, 434–438, 440, 442, 444, 448, 459pt. ⁴ , 464, 469pt. ⁵ , 600–607, 613–629, 644, 659–O ⁶ , 666, 669–O ⁷ , 670–O ⁸ , 831, 833–838, 840–846, 850–858 and 859pt. ⁹ , as a group.	206,848,958 square meters equivalent.

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

² Category 359–O: all HTS numbers except 6103.42.2025, 6103.49.8034, 6104.62.1020, 6104.69.8010, 6114.20.0048, 6114.20.0052, 6203.42.2010, 6203.42.2090, 6204.62.2010, 6211.32.0010, 6211.32.0025, 6211.42.0010 (Category 359–C); and 6406.99.1550 (Category 359pt.).

³ Category 369–O: all HTS numbers except 6307.10.2005 (Category 369–S); 5601.10.1000, 5601.21.0090, 5701.90.1020, 5701.90.2020, 5702.10.9020, 5702.39.2010, 5702.49.1020, 5702.49.1080, 5702.59.1000, 5702.99.1010, 5702.99.1090, 5705.00.2020 and 6406.10.7700 (Category 369pt.).

⁴ Category 459pt.: all HTS numbers except 6405.20.6030, 6405.20.6060, 6405.20.6090, 6406.99.1505 and 6406.99.1560.

⁵ Category 469pt.: all HTS numbers except 5601.29.0020, 5603.94.1010 and 6406.10.9020.

⁶ Category 659–O: all HTS numbers except 6103.23.0055, 6103.43.2020, 6103.43.2025, 6103.49.2000, 6103.49.8038, 6104.63.1020, 6104.63.1030, 6104.69.1000, 6104.69.8014, 6114.30.3044, 6114.30.3054, 6203.43.2010, 6203.43.2090, 6203.49.1010, 6203.49.1090, 6204.63.1510, 6204.69.1010, 6210.10.9010, 6211.33.0010, 6211.33.0017, 6211.43.0010 (Category 659–C); 6502.00.9030, 6504.00.9015, 6504.00.9060, 6505.90.5090, 6505.90.6090, 6505.90.7090, 6505.90.8090 (Category 659–H); 6406.99.1510 and 6406.99.1540 (Category 659pt.).

⁷ Category 669–O: all HTS numbers except 6305.32.0010, 6305.32.0020, 6305.33.0010, 6305.33.0020, 6305.39.0000 (Category 669–P); 5601.10.2000, 5601.22.0090, 5607.49.3000, 5607.50.4000 and 6406.10.9040 (Category 669pt.).

⁸ Category 670–O: all HTS numbers except 4202.12.8030, 4202.12.8070, 4202.92.3020, 4202.92.3031, 4202.92.9026 and 6307.90.9907 (Category 670–L).

⁹ Category 859pt.: only HTS numbers 6115.19.8040, 6117.10.6020, 6212.10.5030, 6212.10.9040, 6212.20.0030, 6212.30.0030, 6212.90.0090, 6214.10.2000 and 6214.90.0090.

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).