

New Applications Received

SCDNR (1245) has requested a 3-year permit to establish scientifically valid indices of abundance for the northern sub-population of the loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, green and leatherback sea turtles which occur in the Atlantic Ocean off the southeastern United States. This study is intended to capture juveniles and adults, thereby providing a more comprehensive assessment of total population abundance and an assessment of the health of individual animals.

Modification Requests Received

NWFSC requests a modification to ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific research permit 1194. Permit 1194 authorizes NWFSC annual takes of adult artificially propagated SnR spring/summer chinook salmon and adult artificially propagated UCR steelhead associated with an evaluation of passive integrated transponder (PIT) tag interrogation systems at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River in the Pacific Northwest. The objectives of the study are to evaluate the ability of the prototype tag detection systems to detect PIT-tagged adult salmon passing through the facility and evaluate the effects of the detection system on adult behavior as they approach and pass through the system. For the modification, NWFSC requests an annual take of adult UCR spring chinook salmon associated with the research. ESA-listed adult chinook salmon are proposed to be captured, tagged with PITs and non-permanent visual markers, released, and monitored from above or underwater with video cameras. The modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2003.

NWFSC requests a modification to ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific research permit 1212. Permit 1212 authorizes NWFSC annual takes of juvenile SnR sockeye salmon; juvenile naturally produced and artificially propagated SnR spring/summer chinook salmon; juvenile SnR fall chinook salmon; and juvenile naturally produced and artificially propagated UCR steelhead associated with four studies at the hydropower dams on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. The goal of Study 1 is to provide up-to-date survival estimates of juvenile salmonids as they migrate past McNary Dam on the Columbia River. The goal of Study 2 is to evaluate the specific trouble areas in the juvenile fish bypass system at Lower Monumental Dam on the Snake River.

The goal of Study 3 is to compare the performance of juvenile salmonids tagged with Sham radiotransmitters with juvenile salmonids tagged with PITs at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River. The goal of Study 4 is to determine tailrace residence times of radio-tagged hatchery chinook salmon under varying operational conditions at Lower Monumental Dam and to identify spill conditions that utilize the smallest volumes of water to maximize fish passage efficiency at Ice Harbor Dam on the Snake River. The research will provide information that will be used to develop corrective measures to improve juvenile fish passage at the dams. For the modification, NWFSC requests a take of juvenile MCR steelhead associated with Study 1. ESA-listed juvenile steelhead are proposed to be captured at McNary Dam, sampled for biological information, and released. ESA-listed juvenile steelhead indirect mortalities associated with the research are also requested. The modification is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2003.

Amendment to Modification Request Received

On September 25, 1998, NMFS published a notice in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 51340) that an application was received from ICFWRU for a modification to ESA section 10(a)(1)(A) scientific research permit 994. Permit 994 authorizes ICFWRU annual takes of adult SnR sockeye salmon; adult SnR spring/summer and fall chinook salmon; and adult UCR steelhead associated with scientific research designed to assess the passage success and homing behavior of adult salmonids that migrate upriver past the eight dams and reservoirs in the lower Columbia and lower Snake Rivers, evaluate specific flow and spill conditions, and evaluate measures to improve adult anadromous fish passage. For the modification, ICFWRU requested a take of adult SnR steelhead associated with the scientific research. The modification to permit 994 has not yet been issued because a final rule providing take prohibitions for SnR steelhead under section 4(d) of the ESA has not been published by NMFS. NMFS has received an amendment of ICFWRU's application for modifications to permit 994. In the application amendment, ICFWRU requests an increase in the take of adult SnR sockeye salmon associated with a new study designed to monitor the passage of adult sockeye salmon returning to the upper Salmon River in Idaho. ESA-listed adult sockeye salmon are

proposed to be captured at Lower Granite Dam on the Snake River, tagged with radiotransmitters and identifier tags, released, and tracked electronically. Also for the application amendment, ICFWRU requests takes of adult UCR spring chinook salmon; adult LCR chinook salmon; adult MCR steelhead; and adult LCR steelhead associated with the sampling effort at Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River. The modification as amended is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2000.

Dated: March 14, 2000.

Wanda L. Cain,

Chief, Endangered Species 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, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Dominican Republic

March 15, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 21, 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.ustreas.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 recrediting of unused 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 64 FR 71982, published on December 22, 1999). Also see 64 FR 50495, published on September 17, 1999.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 15, 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 September 13, 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 the Dominican Republic and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2000 and extends through December 31, 2000.

Effective on March 21, 2000, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
338/638	1,156,475 dozen.
339/639	1,212,631 dozen.
340/640	1,190,527 dozen.
342/642	837,801 dozen.
351/651	1,352,548 dozen.
442	84,552 dozen.
443	143,928 numbers.
444	84,552 numbers.
448	43,558 dozen.
633	174,685 dozen.

¹The 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 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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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Petition Requesting Rule Declaring Natural Rubber Latex a Strong Sensitizer

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission has received a petition from Debi Adkins, editor of *Latex Allergy News*, requesting that the Commission issue a rule declaring that natural rubber latex ("NRL") and products containing NRL are strong sensitizers under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act ("FHSA"). The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

DATES: The Office of the Secretary should receive comments on the petition by May 22, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Comments, preferably in five copies, on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to cpsc-os@cpsc.gov. Comments should be captioned "Petition HP 00-2, Petition on Natural Rubber Latex." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1232.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission has received correspondence from Debi Adkins, editor of *Latex Allergy News*, that requests the Commission to declare that natural rubber latex ("NRL") and products containing NRL are strong sensitizers under the Federal Hazardous Substances Act ("FHSA"). The petitioner asserts that a portion of the population has developed an allergy to NRL that can cause serious allergic reactions, even death. NRL may be in such consumer products as gloves, adhesives, shoes, balloons, pacifiers, and carpet backing, as well as many medical products. Ms. Adkins asks the Commission to add NRL and products containing NRL to its list of strong sensitizers so that these products would require labeling. The Commission is docketing the correspondence as a petition under provisions of the FHSA, 15 U.S.C. 1261-1277.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800. A copy of the petition is also available for inspection from 8:30 a.m.

to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, in the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,

Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Availability of Funds for AmeriCorps*VISTA Grants Nationwide

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter "the Corporation") announces the availability of funds for fiscal year 2000, for new AmeriCorps*VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) program grants throughout the United States, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands. Project applications will be written to cover a 12-month period and grants will be awarded for a 12-month period with a renewal option. As part of this effort, the Corporation is soliciting applications from public or private non-profit organizations, including current AmeriCorps*VISTA project sponsors. Approximately 10 to 12 grants are expected to be awarded in summer 2000, subject to the availability of FY 2000 funding.

DATES: Applications must be received by 5 p.m. April 17, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Application instructions and kits are available from the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps*VISTA, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20525, (202) 606-5000, ext. 134; TDD (202) 565-2799, or TTY via the Federal Information Relay Service at (800) 877-8339. Five original signature copies of the application should be submitted to the Corporation for National and Community Service, 1201 New York Avenue, NW, Room 9207, Attn: Matt Dunne, Director, AmeriCorps*VISTA, Washington, DC, 20525. The Corporation will not accept applications that are submitted via facsimile or e-mail transmission. Applications submitted via overnight mail that arrive after the closing date will be accepted if they are postmarked at least two days prior to the closing date. Otherwise, late applications will not be accepted.