

J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: April 28, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Northern Anchovy Fishery

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) and request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces receipt of an application for an EFP that would allow an experimental fishery for northern anchovy in an area off San Francisco ordinarily closed to vessels fishing to reduce the catch into products such as fish meal and oil. Reduction fishing is prohibited in the Farallon Islands closure by the regulations implementing the Coastal Pelagic Species Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The purpose of the proposed fishery is to investigate the consequences of conducting at least a small-scale reduction fishery in the area. If granted, the permit would allow fishing that otherwise would be prohibited by the FMP and its implementing regulations.

DATES: Comments must be received by June 2, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Rodney R. McInnis, Acting Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Morgan at 310-980-4036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FMP and implementing regulations at 50 CFR 660.516 and 50 CFR 600.745(b) specify that EFPs may be issued to authorize fishing that otherwise would be prohibited. Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) set forth procedures for issuing such permits.

NMFS has accepted an application for review and has forwarded copies to the U.S. Coast Guard and the Director of the

California Department of Fish and Game. The applicant proposes to harvest northern anchovy off the coast of California in the area of the Farallon Islands. This area has been closed to reduction fishing since implementation of the FMP in 1978 and, like other area closures in the FMP, was meant to avoid conflict between recreational vessels and what was then a growing high-volume reduction fishery located in southern California. Fishing operations would most likely take place in the summer and fall of 2000 with roundhaul gear.

Others wanting to participate in the fishery must submit applications to the Regional Administrator (**SEE ADDRESSES**), which must provide the required information specified at 50 CFR 600.745(b). Exempted fishing permits may require that the permittee carry an observer at the permittee's expense, keep accurate records of bycatch, and make other necessary reports.

Applications will be discussed at the June 23-26, 2000, meeting of the Pacific Fishery Management Council, which will be held at the Doubletree Hotel Columbia River in Portland OR, 1401 N. Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217. The decision on whether to issue any EFP and determinations on appropriate permit conditions will be based on a number of considerations, including recommendations made by the Council and comments received from the public. A copy of the application is available for review at the NMFS Southwest Regional Office. (**SEE ADDRESSES**).

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

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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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Singapore

April 27, 2000.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 4, 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 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 54874, published on October 8, 1999.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

April 27, 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 May 4, 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 ¹
338/339	1,521,618 dozen of which not more than 931,892 dozen shall be in Category 338 and not more than 993,045 dozen shall be in Category 339.