

short-range strategies for research, education, and application of science to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The SAB was originally chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2., on September 25, 1997, with the General Services Administration's concurrence.

DATES: Resumes should be sent to the address specified and must be received by June 13, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Michael S. Uhart, Executive Director; NOAA Science Advisory Board; 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11142; Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Michael Uhart at the address given above; telephone (301) 713-9121 or fax (301) 713-3515.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that NOAA science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management and environmental assessment and prediction. The panel provides advice to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on such matters as:

- (a) climate monitoring, assessment, and prediction;
- (b) recovering protected and endangered species;
- (c) R & D leading to advances in short-term weather warning and forecast services;
- (d) the effective collection, management, and utilization of environmental data;
- (e) assessment, development, utilization, and conservation of ocean and coastal resources;
- (f) the integration of technology and scientific information into decision-making and operational processes; and
- (g) such other matters as the Under Secretary refers to the panel for review and advice.

The SAB is to consist of 15 members reflecting the full breadth of NOAA's areas of responsibility. The SAB meets at least twice each year, exclusive of subcommittee, task force, and working group meetings. Panel members must be willing to participate in periodic reviews of the conduct, support, and use of science in NOAA laboratories and programs. Panel members are appointed for a 3-year term.

Dated: May 7, 2001.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 042601F]

Marine Mammals; File No. 633-1483-02

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Center for Coastal Studies (CCS), P.O. Box 1036, Provincetown, MA 02657 (Executive Director: Mr. Peter Borrelli, Principal Investigator: Dr. Charles A. Mayo) has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 633-1483-01

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9200; fax (978) 281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Tammy Adams (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 31, 2000, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (65 FR 64932) that an amendment of Permit No. 633-1483-01, issued June 14, 1999, and published June 22, 1999 (64 FR 33270), had been requested by the above-named organization. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Project I: Amendment No. 2 authorizes attachment of a non-invasive optical device ("critter cam") to seven North Atlantic right whales in Cape Cod Bay for collecting video documentation of the zooplankton stream passing by feeding whales in order to better assess the decision-making of the whales during foraging and the quality of the food layer supporting the whales. This

documentation will provide a subsurface tool for supplementing CCS' on-going oceanographic surveys and for "ground-truthing" current estimates of prey patch density and area in Cape Cod Bay.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: May 8, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation 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, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

May 9, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 16, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://www.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 and carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS