

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 072301A]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings of the Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP) and the Standing and Special Shrimp Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The AP will meet on August 13, 2001, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and will conclude by 2:30 p.m. The SSC will meet on August 13, 2001, beginning at 3 p.m. and will conclude by 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the New Orleans Airport Hilton, 901 Airline Highway, Kenner, Louisiana; telephone: 504-469-5000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The SSC and AP will meet to review and Draft Amendment 10 to the Fishery Management Plan for the Shrimp Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico, U.S. Waters with Environmental Assessment, Regulatory Impact Review, Initial Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, and Social Impact Assessment. This amendment contains alternatives for requiring additional measures to reduce bycatch in the shrimp fishery on the west coast of Florida, south and east of Cape San Blas (85°30' W. long.) Measures being considered include area and/or seasonal closures, as well as requiring bycatch reduction devices.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the SSC/AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SSC/AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency. Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 7, 2001.

Dated: July 23, 2001.

Theophilus Brainerd,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 071801E]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit 1316; Issuance of modification #1 to permit 1299; and amendment #2 to permit 1133.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued permit 1316 to Dr. Jeff Schmid, of The Conservancy of Southwest Florida; NMFS has issued modification t1 to permit #1299 to Dr. Raymond Carthy, of the Florida Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research Unit; and NMFS has issued amendment t2 to permit #1133 to Dr. Andre Landry of Texas A&M University at Galveston.

ADDRESSES: The permits, applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone:301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-1401, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Terri.Jordan@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under Section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered Green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered Hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempi*)

Threatened Loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

Permits, Modified Permits and Amended Permits Issued*Permit #1316*

Notice was published on May 21, 2001 (66 FR 27940), that Dr. Jeff Schmid, Conservancy of Southwest Florida applied for a scientific research permit (1316). The goal of this research is to characterize the essential habitat associations of subadult Kemp's ridley turtles in the nearshore waters of the upper Ten Thousand Islands. The objectives are: (1) to monitor the movements of Kemp's ridley turtles via radio and sonic telemetry and to quantify their habitat utilization from the geographical position data, (2) to produce a geographic information system (GIS) database of benthic habitats and subsequently map the habitat types within the study area, and (3) to test for habitat preferences of Kemp's ridley turtles in this region by comparing the amount of time a turtle spends in a given habitat relative to the availability of all other habitat types. Permit 1316 authorizes the non-lethal take of 20 Kemp's ridley turtle. After capture, the turtles will be handled, measured, flipper and PIT tagged, have a radio/sonic transmitter attached and be released near the capture site. Permit 1316 was issued on July 19, 2001, and expires July 31, 2006.

Permit #1299

Dr. Raymond Carthy, of the Florida Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Research

Unit currently possesses a 3-year scientific research permit to non-lethally take up to 100 loggerhead, 100 green, and 100 Kemp's ridley sea turtles annually from St. Joseph Bay, Florida. Under permit #1299, Dr. Carthy is authorized to examine the interesting movements and habitat usage of adult loggerhead turtles along the northwestern coast of Florida, while also examining species composition, population densities and habitat utilization in coastal bays in the same area. Activities currently authorized under permit #1299 are: capture of turtles in tended, straight-set, large-mesh tangle nets. After capture turtles are weighed, measured, photographed, and flipper and PIT tagged, have a tissue sample collected and be released.

For modification #1, the permit holder is authorized to attach a time/depth recorder and a sonic/radio transmitter to a maximum of 3 green or loggerhead turtles (in aggregate) over the life of the permit. Modification #1 to Permit 1198 was issued on July 17, 2001, and expires December 31, 2003.

Permit #1133

Andre M. Landry currently possesses a 5-year scientific research permit to take listed sea turtles for the purpose of conducting studies on population status and recovery potential, habitat preference, movement and migration, foraging patterns, and impact of man's activities such as commercial and recreational fishing, dredging and habitat alteration/pollution. Dr. Landry is currently authorized to non-lethally take endangered green, Kemp's ridley and hawksbill and threatened loggerhead turtles annually from locations within the Western Gulf of Mexico, through the use of entanglement nets.

Due to a recent incidental mortality associated with the research, NMFS has amended permit 1133 to add a special condition to reduce the likelihood of additional mortalities associated with research activities in the Gulf of Mexico. Amendment #2 to Permit 1133 was issued on July 19, 2001, authorizing the continued non-lethal take of 100 green, 200 Kemp's ridley, 100 loggerhead and 20 hawksbill turtles annually. Permit 1133 expires January 31, 2003.

Dated: July 20, 2001.

Donna Brewer,

Acting 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 Textiles and Textile Products and Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Apparel Produced or Manufactured in Malaysia

July 20, 2001.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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 reopenings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://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 carryover and the 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 65 FR 82328, published on December 28, 2000). Also see 65 FR 69914, published on November 21, 2000.

J. Hayden Boyd,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 20, 2001.

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 November 15, 2000, 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 Malaysia and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2001 and extends through December 31, 2001.

Effective on July 26, 2001, 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
Sublevel within Fabric Group	
620	9,360,103 square meters.
Other specific limits	
200	379,289 kilograms.
300/301	4,043,926 kilograms.
331/631	2,799,960 dozen pairs.
333/334/335/835	356,419 dozen of which not more than 213,851 dozen shall be in Category 333 and not more than 213,851 dozen shall be in Category 835.
336/636	642,274 dozen.
338/339	1,545,593 dozen.
340/640	1,998,350 dozen.
342/642/842	620,346 dozen.
347/348	655,025 dozen.
350/650	223,721 dozen.
435	17,894 dozen.
438-W ²	14,644 dozen.
445/446	34,614 dozen.
604	1,914,277 kilograms.
634/635	1,208,800 dozen.
638/639	701,609 dozen.
647/648	2,309,009 dozen of which not more than 1,616,304 dozen shall be in Category 647-K ³ and not more than 1,616,304 dozen shall be in Category 648-K ⁴ .
Group II	
201, 222-224, 239pt. ⁵ , 332, 352, 359pt. ⁶ , 360-362, 369pt. ⁷ , 400-431, 433, 434, 436, 438-O ⁸ , 440, 443, 444, 447, 448, 459pt. ⁹ , 464, 469pt. ¹⁰ , 600-603, 606, 607, 618, 621, 622, 624-629, 633, 643, 644, 649, 652, 659pt. ¹¹ , 666, 669pt. ¹² , 670, 831, 833, 834, 836, 838, 840, 843-858 and 859pt. ¹³ , as a group.	57,862,540 square meters equivalent.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2000.