

development trade mission focusing on women or minority-owned and/or -managed businesses to Rome and Milan, Italy, and Barcelona and Madrid, Spain. This Business Development Mission is being organized to coincide with the Global Summit of Women, to be held July 11–13, in Barcelona, Spain. The Global Summit of Women will bring together many high-level female private and public sector participants from around the world. While the trade mission and summit focus on women or minority-owned and/or managed companies, participation in the mission is not limited to such businesses and all interested U.S. companies are encouraged to apply to this four-city, two country trade mission. Recruitment closes on May 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Selina Marquez, U.S. Department of Commerce. Telephone 202–482–4799, e-mail Trade.Missions@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: March 7, 2002.

Thomas H. Nisbet,

Director, Export Promotion Coordination, Office of Planning, Coordination and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Reopening of comment period; Notice of Availability and request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS is reopening the comment period for the Routine Road Maintenance Program (RMP) submitted jointly by the State of Washington through Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT), King, Pierce, Snohomish, Clallam, Kitsap, Mason, and Thurston Counties, and the Cities of Bellevue, Bremerton, Burien, Covington, Edgewood, Everett, Kenmore, Kent, Lake Forest Park, Lakewood, Maple Valley, Newcastle, Renton, SeaTac, Sammamish, Shoreline, Tacoma, and University Place pursuant to protective regulations promulgated under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). NMFS is also modifying the list of Evolutionarily

Significant Units (ESUs) in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section. The RMP would affect 10 Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of threatened salmonids identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section, not 12 as stated in the previous notice. The comment period is being reopened because there were delays in notifying the public about the availability of the RMP. This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the RMP for review and comment before a final approval or disapproval is made by NMFS.

DATES: Written comments on the draft RMP must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on April 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Laura Hamilton, Habitat Conservation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 510 Desmond Drive, Suite 103, Lacey, Washington 98503. Comments may also be faxed to 360–753–9517. Copies of the entire RMP are available on the Internet at <http://www.metrokc.gov/roadcon/bmp/pdfguide.htm>. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via email or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Hamilton at phone number 360–753–5820, or e-mail: Laura.Hamilton@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is relevant to the following 10 threatened salmonid ESUs: Puget Sound, Lower Columbia River, Upper Willamette River chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*); Hood Canal summer-run and Columbia River chum salmon (*O. Keta*); Ozette Lake sockeye salmon (*O. Nerka*); Snake River Basin, Lower Columbia River, Upper Willamette River, and Middle Columbia River steelhead (*O. mykiss*).

Background

WSDOT and the counties and cities named here, submitted the RMP for routine road maintenance activities that might affect certain salmonid ESUs listed as threatened in Washington State. The RMP was designed to be intentionally protective of salmonids and their habitat in the conduct of routine road maintenance activities.

In Part 1, the RMP describes the program framework including the 10 program elements that comprise the program (Regional Forum, Program Review, Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Conservation Outcomes (element 3), Training, Compliance Monitoring, Research, Adaptive

Management, Emergency Response, Biological Data Collection, and Reporting). In Part 2, the RMP elaborates on element 3, the BMPs, in much greater detail and provides detailed instructions to crews, supervisors, environmental support staff, design personnel and managers. Part 3 describes a process by which additional counties, cities, and ports in Washington State may develop routine road maintenance programs by adopting RMP parts 1 and 2, and then submit their RMP to NMFS for review, public comment, and approval or disapproval.

The RMP defines what activities are routine road maintenance. These consist of maintenance activities that are conducted on currently serviceable structures, facilities, and equipment, involve no expansion or change in use, and do not result in significant negative hydrological impact.

Finally, the RMP includes a biological review of the RMP prepared by WSDOT and the other entities named above. The biological review analyzes the effects of the RMP on listed salmonids and their habitat statewide. The biological review concludes that the identified routine road maintenance activities conducted throughout Washington State under the RMP will neither impair properly functioning habitat, nor appreciably reduce the functioning of already impaired habitat, nor retard the long-term progress of impaired habitat toward PFC. Approval or disapproval of the RMP will depend on NMFS' findings after public review and comment.

As specified in the July 10, 2000, ESA 4(d) rule for salmon and steelhead (65 FR 42422), NMFS may approve a routine road maintenance program of any state, city, county, or port, provided that NMFS finds the activities to be consistent with the conservation of listed salmonids' habitat by contributing to the attainment and maintenance of properly functioning condition. Prior to final approval of a routine road maintenance program, NMFS must publish notification in the **Federal Register** announcing the program's availability for public review and comment.

Authority

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary of Commerce is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of species listed as threatened. The ESA salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000) specifies categories of activities that contribute to the conservation of listed salmonids and

sets out the criteria for such activities. The rule further provides that the prohibitions of paragraph (a) of the rule do not apply to activities associated with routine road maintenance provided that a state or local program has been approved by NMFS to be in accordance with the salmon and steelhead 4(d) rule (65 FR 42422, July 10, 2000).

Dated: March 8, 2002.

Phil Williams,

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 Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala

March 8, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 13, 2002.

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, 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 increased for carryover.

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 66 FR 65178, published on December 18, 2001). Also

see 66 FR 54983, published on October 31, 2001.

William J. Dulka,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 8, 2002.

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 25, 2001, 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 Guatemala and exported during the period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on March 13, 2002, you are directed to increase 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
340/640	2,235,436 dozen.
347/348	2,676,676 dozen.
351/651	471,552 dozen.
443	76,980 numbers.
448	52,943 dozen.

¹The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 2001.

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,
William J. Dulka,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

New York Mercantile Exchange's Proposal To Permit Exchange of Futures for, or in Connection With, Futures Transactions in Brent Crude Oil Futures Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Request for public comment on a proposed exchange rule to permit Exchange of Futures for Futures ("EFF") transactions.

SUMMARY: The New York Mercantile Exchange ("NYMEX" or "Exchange") has requested that the Commission

approve proposed new Rule 6.21D to permit EFF transactions in the Exchange's Brent Crude Oil ("Brent") futures contract. The proposed new rule would establish a non-competitive trading procedure that would operate in a manner that is analogous in some respects to block trading rules and in other respects to exchange of futures for physicals ("EFP") rules currently in operation at some exchanges. NYMEX intends for the proposal to enable "eligible contract participants," as that term is defined by section 1a(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act, to liquidate open positions in Exchange-specified substantially equivalent contracts at another exchange and to establish comparable positions in the Exchange's Brent contract. The proposed rule essentially provides a mechanism to transfer Brent futures positions from another exchange to NYMEX. NYMEX proposes to implement the rule on a one-year pilot program basis.

Acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96(b), the Division of Trading and Markets, in concurrence with the Division of Economic Analysis and the Office of General Counsel, has determined to publish NYMEX's proposal for public comment. The Division believes that publication of the proposal is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 12, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the NYMEX proposal to adopt EFF procedures for the Brent Crude Oil futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Please contact Jane H. Croessmann, Staff Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5433. Electronic mail: jcroessmann@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

NYMEX began trading its Brent futures contract on September 5, 2001. NYMEX represents that a number of market participants have expressed