

Applications for Permit

Belinda L. Rubinstein (File No. 1026-1671) requests a permit to take five species of seals found in waters off the northeast U.S. coast. These include the harbor seal (*Phoca vitulina*), harp seal (*Phoca groenlandica*), gray seal (*Halichoerus grypus*), hooded seal (*Cystophora cristata*) and ringed seal (*Phoca hispida*). Seals will be captured, tagged, sampled (including tooth extraction, biopsy, milk collection and anal swabs), and released. In addition to taking wild animals, the applicant also requests authority to sample conspecifics held in rehabilitation facilities. The purposes of the research are to: study habitat utilization using satellite telemetry and flipper tagging, determine stock association, and monitor health.

Michael A. Castellini, Ph.D., (File No. 1033-1683) requests a permit to take Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*) in the Antarctic. Seals will be captured, instrumented, sampled and released. The applicant proposes to study the nutrient metabolism in predatory carnivores by examining how Weddell seals process nutrients while foraging, examining the kinetics of lipid uptake and utilization during active foraging, use labeled tracer experiments to quantify lipid turnover rates and separate the lipid pool into its various components. Other species such as leopard, crabeater, Ross, southern elephant, and Antarctic fur seals occur in the study area and may be incidentally harassed during capture operations.

Amendment Request

Permit No. 358-1565-01 authorizes the Alaska Department of Fish and Game scientists to capture, sample, handle, tag, collect samples from subsistence harvested animals and export samples for analysis. The Permit also authorizes two accidental mortalities per year not to exceed 500 over five years.

The Holder now requests authority to amend the Permit to allow implantation of subcutaneous radio-telemetry transmitters in harbor seals. In the initial pilot project, the Holder proposes to perform implant surgery on 10 of the seals already authorized to be taken. Pending a successful pilot season, individuals already authorized in the permit will receive subcutaneous implants of radio transmitters.

Additionally, the Holder requests authority to increase the number of accidental mortalities allowed per year from 2 during capture operations to 6 annually [which includes mortalities

associated with tag implant and capture operations], not to exceed 10 over the next three years.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activities proposed are categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on these applications should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on these particular requests would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Documents are available for review in the following offices:

All files are available in the Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

File No. 1026-1671: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371;

Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

File No. 1033-1683: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018.

File No. 358-1585-01: Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Eugene T. Nitta,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service. [FR Doc. 02-19689 Filed 8-2-02; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 2002-C-003]

Request for Comments on Agenda for the National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council

AGENCIES: Department of Justice and United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce, as Co-Chairs, National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council.

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (the Council) seeks public comments relating to the agenda and mission of the Council. Interested members of the public are invited to present written comments on how to improve overall coordination and the topics outlined in the Supplementary Information section of this Notice.

DATES: All comments are due by September 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to offer written comments should address comments to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231, marked for the attention of Elizabeth Shaw. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-7575, or by electronic mail through the internet to *Elizabeth.shaw2@uspto.gov*. All comments will be maintained for public inspection in Room 902, Crystal Park II, 2121 Crystal Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Shaw by telephone at (703) 305-1033, by fax at (703) 305-7575, or by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Box 4, Washington, DC 20231.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Intellectual Property Law Enforcement Coordination Council (the Council) was created pursuant to 15

USC 1128. The Council's mission is "to coordinate domestic and international intellectual property law enforcement among federal and foreign entities." The Council consists of the Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, co-chair of the Council (The Honorable James E. Rogan); the Assistant Attorney General, Criminal Division, co-chair of the Council (The Honorable Michael Chertoff); the Under Secretary of State for Economic, Business, and Agricultural Affairs (The Honorable Alan P. Larson); the Deputy United States Trade Representative (Ambassador Peter Allgeier); the Commissioner of Customs (The Honorable Robert C. Bonner); and the Under Secretary of Commerce for International Trade (The Honorable Grant Aldonas). By statute, the Council shall also consult with the Register of Copyrights (The Honorable Marybeth Peters).

The work of the Council is a United States Government effort aimed at coordinating domestic and international intellectual property law enforcement among Federal and foreign entities. This coordinating role may be divided into two parts. The first is to provide a vehicle for agencies to share information on their activities relating to enforcement of intellectual property rights and related training activities. The second role involves projects that the Council itself may undertake.

The Council has identified the following areas of focus in fulfilling its mission: law enforcement liaison, training coordination, industry and other outreach, and increasing public awareness.

On June 5, 2000, the Council published a notice in the **Federal Register** seeking public comment on issues associated with the Council's mission (65 FR 35611 (2000)). A summary of comments previously received is published in the Council's 2000 Annual Report, available on the internet at <http://www.uspto.gov>.

Issues for Public Comment

How the Council may best address the areas of focus listed above;

Activities the private sector is engaged in relating to public awareness campaigns involving intellectual property rights protection;

How the Council may be effective in coordinating a public awareness campaign.

Guidelines for Written Comments

Written comments should include the following information: the name, affiliation, and title of the individual providing the written comment; and if applicable, an indication of whether the comments offered represent the views of the respondent's organization or personal views.

Parties offering written comments should also provide comments in an electronic format. Such submissions may be provided via internet electronic mail or on a 3.5" floppy disk formatted for use in either a Macintosh or MS-DOS based computer. Electronic submissions should be provided as unformatted text (e.g. ASCII or plain text) or as formatted text in one of the following formats: Microsoft Word (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions); or WordPerfect (Macintosh, DOS or Windows versions).

Information provided pursuant to this notice will be made part of the public record and may be made available via the internet. In view of this, parties should not submit information that they do not wish to be publicly disclosed or made electronically accessible. Parties who rely on confidential information to illustrate a point are requested to summarize, or otherwise submit, the information in a way that permits its public disclosure.

Dated: July 19, 2002.

James E. Rogan,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: July 25, 2002.

Michael Chertoff,

Assistant Attorney General for the Criminal Division, United States Department of Justice.
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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 Taiwan

July 30, 2002.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 9, 2002.

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://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, swing and special shift.

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 67232, published on December 28, 2001.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 30, 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 December 20, 2001, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in Taiwan and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2002 and extends through December 31, 2002.

Effective on August 9, 2002, you are directed to adjust the current limits for the following categories, as provided for under the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing: