

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0460.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 1,739.

Number of Respondents: 13,350.

Average Hours Per Response: 10 minutes for a registration and 15 minutes to mark buoys.

Needs and Uses: This program for the Pacific halibut subsistence fishery includes requirements for registration to participate in the fishery, and the marking of certain types of gear used in this fishery. The registration requirement is intended to allow qualified persons to practice the long-term customary and traditional harvest of Pacific halibut for food in a non-commercial manner. The gear-marking requirement aids in enforcement and in actions related to gear damage or loss. The registration information may be submitted by an individual or as a list of multiple individuals from an Alaska Native tribe. Submissions may be made by mail, FAX, e-mail, or on-line.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Frequency: On occasion, every 2 or 4 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number 202-395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 030905221-3249-02]

**National Weather Service
Modernization and Associated
Restructuring; Final Certification of No
Degradation of Service for the Closure
of One Weather Service Office (WSO)**

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: On September 26, 2003, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere certified that closure of the Meridian, Mississippi, Weather Service Office (WSO) will not cause a degradation in service to the affected service area. On September 26, 2003, the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere transmitted to Congress notice of approval of the closure certification for WSO Meridian, Mississippi. Public Law 102-567 requires final certifications be published in the **Federal Register**. This notice satisfies that requirement.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the final certification packages should be sent to John Sokich, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Sokich, 301-713-0258.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

John E. Jones,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100703A]

Endangered Species; Permit No. 1123

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit modification.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that requests for modifications of scientific research permits No. 1123 submitted by U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Edgard O. Espinoza, Primary Investigator),

Office of Law Enforcement, National Fish and Wildlife Forensics Laboratory, 1490 East Main Street, Ashland, Oregon 97520, have been granted.

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

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); and, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested modifications have been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of § 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

NFWFL is authorized to possess samples of ESA-listed non-marine mammal and non-reptilian species under NMFS jurisdiction associated with genetic research studies and support of law enforcement actions. Law enforcement personnel have an ongoing need for scientific assistance in cases concerning endangered, protected, and managed marine species. The Fish and Wildlife Forensics Center provides technical/scientific assistance to a variety of law enforcement agencies including NMFS Enforcement, US Customs, US Fish and Wildlife Service as well as state wildlife enforcement agencies. Forensics analyses generally involve a biochemical or genetic test when a comparison is made between evidence and voucher samples. Voucher samples which are used in a forensics analysis are collected and maintained under strict criteria that includes documentation (species identification form) from the expert who has authenticated the samples; a chain of custody which originates with the sample collection; and storage under secure conditions. The issuance of this modification will extend the authorized activities through December 31, 2004.

Issuance of these modifications, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of these permits; and (3) are consistent

with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 10, 2003.

Carrie W. Hubbard,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Agency Information Collection

ACTION: Request for information.

SUMMARY: In furtherance of its implementation of the new U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking public comment with regard to NOAA's licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems, including existing Federal regulations, current licensing conditions, and possible alternative approaches. This Request for Information extends the comment period of a previous NOAA request which was published on July 15, 2003.

DATES: Submit comments on or before November 19, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway SSMC1, Room 7311, Silver Spring, MD 20910, attn: Timothy Stryker, Chief, Satellite Activities Branch.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new U.S. National Space Policy, as authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, establishes guidance and implementation actions for commercial remote sensing space capabilities. A fact sheet regarding the new policy directive may be found in the "What's New" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. The policy's goal is "to advance and protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by maintaining the nation's leadership in remote sensing space activities, and by sustaining and enhancing the U.S. remote sensing industry."

As part of the implementation of the new policy, NOAA is seeking public comment on all aspects of its licensing program for commercial remote sensing satellite systems. NOAA is seeking comments on topics such as:

- The current NOAA regulations on commercial remote sensing satellite systems (15 CFR 960);
- The current thresholds for commercial operations of U.S. systems;
- The U.S. Government's manner of conditioning operations of U.S. system operators;
- Issues of foreign availability and competition; and,
- Possible alternative approaches to address U.S. national security, foreign policy, and commercial interests.

For public reference, the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992, NOAA regulations, and other relevant materials may be found in the "Reference Materials" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. Comments should be received by NOAA no later than November 19, 2003 by postal service to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy Stryker, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-2024 x205, fax (301) 713-2032, e-mail Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov, or Bernard Crawford at telephone (301) 713-2024 x204, e-mail Bernard.Crawford@noaa.gov.

Gregory W. Withee,

Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Bahrain

October 14, 2003.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2004.

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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection 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 import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Bahrain and exported during the period January 1, 2004 through December 31, 2004 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to establish the limits for the 2004 period.

These limits are subject to adjustment pursuant to the provisions of the ATC and administrative arrangements notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body. However, as the ATC and all restrictions thereunder will terminate on January 1, 2005, no adjustment for carryforward (borrowing from next year's limits for use in the current year) will be available.

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 68 FR 1599, published on January 13, 2003). Information regarding the availability of the 2004 Correlation will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 14, 2003.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2004, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or