

8226 (fax), at least five days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

**Dated:** August 15, 2007.

**James P. Burgess,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XC11**

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 1128-1922

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

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Eduardo Mercado III, Ph.D., Department of Psychology, 350 Park Hall, University at Buffalo, SUNY, Buffalo, New York, 14260, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before September 20, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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) 427-2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, Saint Petersburg, Florida 33701; phone (727) 824-5301; fax (727) 824-5320.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application 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 this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 427-2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for

providing e-mail comments is [NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov](mailto:NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1128-1922.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Amy Hapeman or Carrie Hubard, (301) 713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 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 parts 222-226).

Dr. Mercado is requesting a five-year scientific research permit to expose humpback whales to playback sessions in the coastal waters of Puerto Rico. The purpose of this research is to develop methods for testing the hearing and auditory perceptual capabilities of humpback whales in order to better predict when anthropogenic sounds may interfere with social behaviors, particularly mating and group feeding. Up to 200 humpback whales would be harassed by playback experiments (active acoustics) and up to 30 additional humpbacks would be harassed by close approach during vessel surveys for passive acoustic recordings annually. In addition, up to 45 Stenellid dolphins (*Stenella* spp.), 45 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*), 5 sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*), and 5 Cuvier's beaked whales (*Ziphius cavirostris*) may be incidentally harassed annually during playback sessions.

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

**Dated:** August 15, 2007.

**P. Michael Payne,**

*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

**RIN XC06**

#### U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 4.4: "Preliminary Review of Adaptation Options for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources"

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability for public comments for the draft document titled, U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.4: "Preliminary Review of Adaptation Options for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources." This Synthesis and Assessment Product (SAP) analyzes information on the state of knowledge of adaptation options for key, representative ecosystems and resources that may be sensitive to climate variability and change.

This draft document is being released solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by NOAA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. Any public comments submitted in accordance with this notice will be considered when revising the document.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft of Synthesis and Assessment Product 4.4: "Preliminary Review of Adaptation Options for Climate-Sensitive Ecosystems and Resources" is posted on the CCSP Web site at: [www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap4-4/default.php](http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap4-4/default.php). Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Report is provided on the SAP 4.4 webpage (see link here). Comments should be prepared and submitted in accordance with these instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419 3481.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Climate Change Science Program (CCSP)

was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that promote climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. This report has been prepared by a team of experts from academia, governmental and nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector in response to the mandate of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program's Strategic Plan (2003). SAP 4.4 reviews the state of knowledge of adaptation options for key, representative ecosystems and resources that may be sensitive to climate variability and change. It is designed to serve resource managers and decision makers interested in using science to inform adaptation to the impacts of climate variability and change. The report examines (1) the combined effects on ecosystems of climate changes and non-climate stressors, and consequent implications for achieving specific management goals; (2) adaptation approaches that reduce the risk of negative impacts on management goals; and (3) ways to overcome barriers or take advantage of opportunities to improve the likelihood of successful adaptation implementation.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

**William J. Brennan,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, and Acting Director, Climate Change Science Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN XC07

#### **U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Draft Report 3.3: "Weather and Climate Extremes in a Changing Climate. Regions of Focus: North America, Hawaii, Caribbean, and U.S. Pacific Islands"**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for public comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes

this notice to announce the availability for public comments for the draft report titled, U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.3: "Weather and Climate Extremes in a Changing Climate. Regions of Focus: North America, Hawaii, Caribbean, and U.S. Pacific islands."

This draft document is being released solely for the purpose of pre-dissemination peer review under applicable information quality guidelines. This document has not been formally disseminated by NOAA. It does not represent and should not be construed to represent any Agency policy or determination. After consideration of comments received on the draft Prospectus, the final Prospectus along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by October 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The draft Synthesis and Assessment Product 3.3: "Weather and Climate Extremes in a Changing Climate. Regions of Focus: North America, Hawaii, Caribbean, and U.S. Pacific island" is posted on the CCSP Web site at: [www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap3-3/default.php](http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap3-3/default.php). Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Report is provided on the SAP 3.3 webpage (see link here). Comments should be prepared and submitted in accordance with these instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Fabien Laurier, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419 3481.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CCSP was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that promote climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues.

Dated: August 14, 2007.

**William J. Brennan,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary of Commerce for International Affairs, and Acting Director, Climate Change Science Program.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### **Solicitation of Public Comments Regarding Possible Safeguard Action on Imports from Honduras of Cotton, Wool, and Man-Made Fiber Socks**

August 16, 2007.

**AGENCY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (the Committee)

**ACTION:** Solicitation of public comments regarding possible safeguard action on imports from Honduras of cotton, wool, and man-made fiber socks (merged Category 332/432 and 632 part).

**SUMMARY:** The Committee has decided, on its own initiative, to consider whether imports of Honduran cotton, wool, and man-made fiber socks (merged Category 332/432 and 632 part) are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for such socks, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage, or actual threat thereof, to the U.S. industry producing such socks. The Committee is soliciting public comments to assist it in considering this issue and in determining whether safeguard action is appropriate. Comments must be submitted by **September 20, 2007** to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001A, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sergio Botero, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Authority: Title III, Subtitle B, Section 321 through Section 328 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement ("CAFTA-DR" or the "Agreement") Implementation Act; Article 3.23 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

#### **BACKGROUND:**

The CAFTA-DR textile and apparel safeguard applies when, as a result of the elimination of a customs duty under the Agreement, a textile or apparel article of the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, or Nicaragua ("CAFTA-DR country"), is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities, in absolute terms or relative to the domestic market for that article, and under such conditions as to cause serious damage,