

(*Megaptera novaeangliae*), finback whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), and minke whale (*Galeorhinus galeus*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before May 15, 2000.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130,

Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978/281-9250).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson, 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 222-226).

The applicant proposes to continue and extend photo-identification and biopsy sampling program of large whales. The following table outlines the animals to be taken and types of take requested annually primarily in the Gulf of Maine and occasionally from the New York Bight to the U.S./Canada border.

Species	# Photo-ID	#Animals Biopsy Sampled	#Takes per animal	#Incidental harassment of target species	#Biopsy samples Import/ Canada
Humpback whale	200	50	5	300	50
Finback whale	200	50	5	400	50
Minke whale	50	15	5	75	50

Non-Target Species	# Non-Target Animals Incidentally harassed
Harbor porpoise	Unlimited
Atlantic white-sided dolphin	"
Harbor seal	"
Gray seal	"

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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) 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 this application to the Marine Mammal

Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 4, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,
Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040300D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 522-1569

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Randall S. Wells, Ph.D., Sarasota Dolphin Research Program, c/o Mote Marine Laboratory, 1600 Ken Thompson Parkway, Sarasota, Florida 34236, has applied in due form for a permit to take bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops*

truncatus) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before May 15, 2000.

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

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (727/570-5312).

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation 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.

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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 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.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant seeks authorization to harass up to 120 bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) annually during the conduct of capture, examination, sampling, marking, and release activities. The research will take place over a five year period in the shallow coastal waters of central west Florida. Individual animals may be recaptured and released up to three times annually.

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 activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

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: April 5, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

*Chief, Permits and Documentation Division,
Office of Protected Resources, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Implementation of an Import Sublimit for Certain Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Belarus

April 7, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs
implementing a sublimit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 2000.

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 this limit, 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, call
(202) 482-3715.

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.

Pursuant to the Memorandum of
Understanding (MOU) between the
Governments of the United States and
Belarus, dated February 17, 2000, a
notice published in the **Federal Register**
on March 22, 2000 (65 FR 15315)

established a new limit for Category 622
of 11,500,000 square meters, effective
for the period January 1, 2000 through
December 31, 2000. This notice
cancelled and superseded the limit set
forth in **Federal Register** notice 64 FR
71982, published on December 22, 1999.

In addition, both governments agreed
to establish a sublimit of 1,000,000
square meters for the entry for
consumption and withdrawal from
warehouse for consumption of glass
fiber fabric in Category 622-L weighing
185 grams or less per square meter. This
directive implements the Category 622-
L sublimit for the period that began on
January 1, 2000 and extends through
December 31, 2000.

This sublimit may be revised if
Belarus becomes a member of the World
Trade Organization (WTO) and the
United States applies the WTO
agreement to Belarus.

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 64 FR 71982,
published on December 22, 1999).

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile
Agreements**

April 7, 2000.

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 March 16, 2000. That
directive concerns imports of certain man-
made fiber textile products in Category 622,

produced or manufactured in Belarus and
exported during the twelve-month period
which began on January 1, 2000 and extends
through December 30, 2000.

Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural
Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854);
Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972,
effective on April 14, 2000, you are directed
to prohibit entry into the United States for
consumption and withdrawal from
warehouse for consumption of glass fiber
fabric products in Category 622-L, produced
or manufactured in Belarus and exported
during the twelve-month period which began
on January 1, 2000 and extends through
December 31, 2000, in excess of 1,000,000
square meters¹.

Textile products in Category 622-L which
have been exported to the United States prior
to January 1, 2000 shall not be subject to the
sublimit established in this directive.

This sublimit may be revised if Belarus
becomes a member of the World Trade
Organization (WTO) and the United States
applies the WTO agreement to Belarus.

Import charges to the sublimit will be
provided at a later date.

In carrying out the above directions, the
Commissioner of Customs should construe
entry into the United States for consumption
to include entry for consumption into the
Commonwealth of Puerto Rico.

The Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements has determined that this
action falls within the foreign affairs
exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5
U.S.C.553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Ocean Research Advisory Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Ocean Research Advisory
Panel (ORAP) will meet to discuss
National Oceanographic Partnership
Program (NOPP) activities. All sessions
of the meeting will remain open to the
public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on
Wednesday, 26 April, 2000 from 8:30
a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at
The Brookings Institution, Somers
Room, 1775 Massachusetts Avenue,
NW, Washington, DC.

¹ Category 622-L (within Category 622): only HTS
numbers 7019.51.9010, 7019.52.4010, 7019.52.9010,
7019.59.4010, and 7019.59.9010. The sublimit has
not been adjusted to account for any imports
exported after December 31, 1999.