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Dated: January 4, 2007.

William Corso,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010407D]

Marine Mammals; File No. 775-1875

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), National Marine Fisheries Service (Dr. Richard Merrick, Principal Investigator), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct scientific research on and import/export specimens collected from marine mammals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before February 9, 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;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978) 281-9300; fax (978) 281-9394; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727) 824-5312; fax (727) 824-5309.

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. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 775-1875.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brandy Hutnak 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 222-226).

The NEFSC seeks permission to conduct research on seven species of baleen whales, twenty-five species/stocks of odontocetes, and four species of pinnipeds over a period of five years. This application includes the following endangered species: sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), sei whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*), blue whale (*B. musculus*), fin whale (*B. physalus*), humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), and right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*). The principal purpose of the research is estimation of distribution, abundance, and determination of stock structure in supporting NOAA's mandates under both the MMPA and ESA. Types of take include Level B harassment during vessel and aircraft line transect and photo-identification surveys, biopsy sampling, instrument attachment (suction-cup tags on cetaceans), and pinniped capture/tag/release. For cetaceans, the proposed research would be conducted on all age classes, except neonates. The pinniped research would be conducted on all ages, including pups. The proposed study area for the permit includes waters within or

proximal to the US Exclusive Economic Zone from Florida to Maine. Permission is also sought to import and export specimens (including soft and hard tissue, blood, extracted DNA, and whole dead animals or parts thereof) to/from any country.

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: January 5, 2007.

Tammy C. Adams,

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

[I.D. 010507A]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Controlled Access Committee in Charleston, SC.

DATES: The meeting will take place January 23-24, 2007. See

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel Airport/Convention, 5055 International Boulevard, North Charleston, SC 29418; telephone: (800) 362-2779 or (843) 747-1882; fax: (843) 725-1300.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Controlled Access Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on January 23, 2007, and from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. on January 24, 2007. The meeting is being convened to address issues relevant to the Council's consideration

of implementing a Limited Access Privilege Program (LAP) for the commercial snapper grouper fishery in the South Atlantic region.

Items for discussion at the meeting include: (1) Review of the revised Sustainable Fisheries Act and implications for LAPs; (2) Presentations on the experiences of other LAPs and their success and drawbacks; (3) Development of LAP program goals and objectives for the snapper grouper fishery in the South Atlantic; (4) Creation of an advisory panel to help address LAP issues; and (5) Review and approval of an action plan.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see ADDRESSES) 3 days prior to the meetings.

Dated: January 5, 2007.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of the 2007 Quota Period and Elimination of Quota, and Visa and ELVIS Requirements to Account for the Accession of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam into the World Trade Organization

January 8, 2007.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection concerning the adjustment of the 2007 quota period and elimination of quota, visa and ELVIS

requirements to account for the accession of Vietnam into the world Trade Organization (WTO).

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 11, 2007.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross Arnold, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call (202) 344-2650. 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 Bilateral Textile Agreement of July 17, 2003, as amended on July 22, 2004, between the Governments of the United States and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, establishes limits, until the Socialist Republic of Vietnam's entry into the World Trade Organization (WTO), for certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the Socialist Republic of Vietnam and exported during the period January 1, 2007 through December 31, 2007, as described in the document published in the **Federal Register** on December 22, 2006 (71 FR 76998), and amended in the document published on December 29, 2006 (71 FR 78409).

Vietnam will enter the WTO on January 11, 2007. As a result, in the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection to change the 2007 quota period to January 1 through January 10, 2007, and eliminate quota, and visa and ELVIS requirements for goods exported from Vietnam on and after January 11, 2007. The quota levels set forth and amended in the aforementioned documents remain the same in the adjusted period.

Goods exported from Vietnam prior to January 11, 2007 will continue to be charged to the applicable quota (either 2006 or January 1 through January 10, 2007), and paper visa and ELVIS requirements will remain in effect for goods exported from Vietnam prior to January 11, 2007.

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 (refer to

the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>).

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

January 8, 2007

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

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 19, 2006, amended by the document issued to you on December 22, 2006, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. Those directives concern imports of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textiles and textile products produced or manufactured in Vietnam and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2007 and extending through December 31, 2007.

Vietnam will enter the World Trade Organization (WTO) on January 11, 2007. Effective on January 11, 2007, you are directed to change the 2007 quota period to January 1 through January 10, 2007 and eliminate quota, and visa and ELVIS requirements for goods exported from Vietnam on and after January 11, 2007. The quota levels set forth and amended in the aforementioned documents remain the same in the adjusted period.

Shipments exported from Vietnam on and after January 11, 2007 will not be charged to the adjusted 2007 quota limits. The paper visa and ELVIS transmission will not be required for shipments exported from Vietnam on and after January 11, 2007. Goods exported from Vietnam prior to January 11, 2007 will continue to be charged to the applicable quota (either 2006 or January 1 through January 10, 2007), and paper visa and ELVIS requirements will remain in effect for goods exported from Vietnam prior to January 11, 2007.

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,
R. Matthew Priest,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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