

stock has been restored to a level above the overfishing threshold. If the stock has been restored, the Panel will develop an estimate of the range of acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the stock. The Council will review the Panel's report at its September meeting and may specify a total allowable catch (TAC) within the range of ABC for the fishery. Implementation of a TAC will, however, require an amendment to the fishery management plan for red drum. The amendment action would require approximately 9 months for implementation.

The red drum stock was classified as overfished in 1986 and harvest and possession of red drum in Federal waters was prohibited in 1987. Most actions to restore the stock have been taken by the individual Gulf states.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by July 22, 1996.

Dated: July 2, 1996.
Richard W. Surdi,
*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
Conservation and Management, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*
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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Bluefish Advisory Panel (together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Advisory Panel) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 24, 1996, from 1:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn at the Crossings, 801 Greenwich Avenue, Warwick, RI; telephone: (401) 732-6000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director; telephone: (302) 674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is for discussion of technical/assessment report, Amendment #1 overfishing definition, and Amendment #1 management measures.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 2, 1996.
Richard W. Surdi,
*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
Conservation and Management, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*
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Pacific Halibut Fisheries; 1996 Halibut Landing Report No. 4

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

ACTION: Inseason action.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA, on behalf of the International Pacific Halibut Commission (IPHC), publishes these inseason actions pursuant to IPHC regulations approved by the U.S. Government to govern the Pacific halibut fishery. These actions are intended to enhance the conservation of the Pacific halibut stock.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Pennoyer, 907-586-7221; William W. Stelle, Jr., 206-526-6140; or Donald McCaughran, 206-634-1838.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IPHC, under the Convention between the United States of America and Canada for the Preservation of the Halibut Fishery of the Northern Pacific Ocean and Bering Sea (signed at Ottawa, Ontario, on March 2, 1953), as amended by a Protocol Amending the Convention (signed at Washington, DC, on March 29, 1979), has issued this inseason action pursuant to IPHC regulations governing the Pacific halibut fishery. The regulations have been approved by NMFS (60 FR 14651, March 20, 1995, and amended at 61 FR 11337, March 20, 1996). On behalf of the IPHC, this inseason action is published in the Federal Register to provide additional notice of its effectiveness, and to inform

persons subject to the inseason action of the restrictions and requirements established therein.

Inseason Action

1996 Halibut Landing Report No. 4

Area 2B Commercial Fishery Update

Halibut landings from Area 2B total 4.45 million pounds (2,018.50 metric tons (mt)) through June 17, leaving 5.07 million pounds (2,299.73 mt) of the catch limit to be caught. The fishery will continue until all Individual Vessel Quotas (IFQ) have been filled, or November 15, whichever is earlier. Annette Island Reserve Fishery in Area 2C.

The Metlakatla Indian community has been authorized by the U.S. Government to conduct a commercial halibut fishery within the Annette Island Reserve. Four 48-hour fishing periods occurred between April 27 and June 10, producing a total catch of 21,400 pounds (9.70 mt).

Alaskan Commercial Fishery Update

It is estimated that the following catches and number of landings were made in the Alaskan IFQ and Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries through June 12, 1996.

Area	Catch limit (000's pounds)	Catch (000's pounds)	Number of landings
2C	9,000	4,803	1,334
3A	20,000	8,196	1,139
3B	3,700	806	131
4A	1,950	268	40
4B	2,310	314	16
4C	770	1	2
4D	770	157	7
4E	20	34	45
Total	38,620	14,579	2,714

During the same time period in 1995, March 15 through June 9, 8.0 million pounds (3,628.77 mt) were landed in the Alaskan IFQ and CDQ fisheries.

Dated: July 2, 1996.
Richard W. Surdi,
*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries
Conservation and Management, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*
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Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permits (P607 and P614)

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Cynthia K. Riseling, 12659 16th Street, Chino, CA 91710 (P607), and Dr. David R. Young, Oregon State University College of Oceanography, Hatfield Marine Science Center, Newport, OR 97365-5260 (P614), have applied in due form for a permit to take marine mammals for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before August 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): (P607 and 614): Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

(P607 and 614): Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4001); and

(P614): Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg., 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070.

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on these requests, should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, 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.

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.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Cynthia Riseling (P607) requests authority to sample up to 35 juvenile California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) annually for three years. Animals sampled will be from stranded rehabilitated stocks at marine mammal stranding centers in California. Three cultures will be taken from the skin, throat, and vaginal/urethral area to study the normal bacteria flora of this animal. If fecal samples are available, they will be collected. The question the applicant seeks to answer is are normal bacterial flora of these animals causing disease in humans?

David R. Young (P614) requests authority to import from Russia blubber, liver, muscle and composited seal blubber oil taken from Baikal seals (*Phoca sibirica*). Samples will be taken from eight carcasses which were either beached, stranded, or hunted under Russia's legal culling system from areas of Lake Baikal. The researchers seek to establish the level of toxic contaminants [PCBs; DDTs; PAHs; Organic Mercury; Trace Metals] in indicator tissues of the Baikal seal, and also components of the animal's food web.

Date: July 1, 1996.

Ann Hochman,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Turkey

July 2, 1996.

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 3, 1996.

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 these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Category 611 is being increased for swing and carryover, reducing the Fabric Group limit to account for the swing being applied.

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 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 57576, published on November 16, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of their provisions.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 2, 1996.

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 November 9, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Turkey and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on July 3, 1996, you are directed to adjust the limits for the following categories, as provided for in the Uruguay Round Agreements Act and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Fabric Group 219, 313, 314, 315, 317, 326, 617, 625/626/627/628/629, as a group.	148,042,490 square meters.
Limit not in a group 611	53,998,884 square meters.

¹ The limits have not been adjusted to account for any imports exported after December 31, 1995.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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