

the take of ESA-listed adult fish associated with Study 1 is authorized annually for the duration of the permit. The take of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with Study 1 continues to be authorized for the three specific years approved by the Director of the Office of Protected Resources, NMFS in Silver Spring, MD for such take. Permit 946 expires on December 31, 1999.

Notice was published on February 28, 1997 (62 FR 9178) that an application had been filed by CZESD for modification 2 to scientific research permit 914 (P770#67). Modification 2 to permit 914 was issued to CZESD on April 25, 1997. Permit 914 authorizes CZESD annual takes of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer and fall chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with the conduct of a dissolved gas supersaturation study in Priest Rapids Reservoir and the Hanford reach of the Columbia River, Ice Harbor Reservoir and tailrace on the Snake River, and downstream from Bonneville Dam. For modification 2 to permit 914, CZESD is authorized an increase in the take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with the dissolved gas supersaturation research. Also for modification 2, CZESD is authorized an additional annual take of juvenile, threatened, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with a new study designed to determine whether the signs of gas bubble disease change as a result of changing hydrostatic pressures experienced by juvenile salmonids during their passage through the turbine intakes and gateways at John Day Dam on the Columbia River. Modification 2 is valid for the duration of the permit. Permit 914 expires on December 31, 1998.

Issuance of the modifications to permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such actions: (1) Were requested/proposed in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the ESA-listed species that are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing ESA-listed species permits.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

Nancy Chu,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

Competitive Technology Stimulation Experimental Program; Meeting

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Postponement of public meeting on the proposed experimental program to stimulate competitive technology (EPSCot).

SUMMARY: The open meeting that was announced at 62FR 24422, May 5, 1997 to occur on May 29, 1997 to solicit input on the proposed until further notice.

DATES: The meeting will be postponed until further notice.

ADDRESSES: The meeting was originally scheduled to be held at the National Research Center for Coal and Energy at the West Virginia University in Morgantown, West Virginia.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

Gary Bachula,

Deputy Under Secretary for Technology.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment of Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in El Salvador

May 9, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs amending visa requirements.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 15, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

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.

Effective on May 15, 1997, for goods produced or manufactured in El Salvador, a visa will no longer be required for textile products in Categories 351/651, regardless of the date of export.

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 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also see 60 FR 2740, published on January 11, 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

May 9, 1997.

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 January 6, 1995, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directs you to prohibit entry of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in El Salvador which were not properly visaed by the Government of El Salvador.

Effective on May 15, 1997, you are directed to no longer require a visa for shipments of goods in Categories 351/651 which are produced or manufactured in El Salvador regardless of the date of export.

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 Defense

Notice of Availability of Record of Decision on Alaska Military Operations Areas Final Environmental Impact Statement

On March 5, 1997, the United States Air Force signed the Record of Decision (ROD) for the proposed improvements to Alaska Military Operations Areas (MOAs). The decisions rendered by the U.S. Air Force are as follows: (1) Create

permanent MOAs in the geographic areas previously used for Temporary Military Operations Areas (TMOAs); (2) Modify some existing permanent MOAs; (3) Create some new permanent MOAs; (4) Conduct supersonic aircraft operations in certain MOAs; (5) Conduct routine flying training, joint/combined flying training, and Major Flying Exercises (MFEs) in certain MOAs; and (6) Authorize use of chaff and flares for routine and MFE training in selected permanent MOAs in accordance with 11th Air Force directives for safe employment. The ROD is based on findings contained in a Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) made available September 8, 1995, through notification in the **Federal Register**.

The Office of the Secretary of the Air Force recognizes the many unique and sensitive resources prominent with Alaska. These resources have been effectively identified by the public, special interest organizations, and federal, state, and local officials throughout the study process. The Air Force acknowledges that flying operations over these areas must be strictly managed and accomplished with great sensitivity.

Any questions regarding this matter should be directed to: Mr. Jim Hostman, 611 CES/CEV, 6900 9th Street, Suite 360, Elmendorf Air Force Base, AK 99506-2270, (907) 552-4151.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

The 1997 Summer Study Panel Meeting on Integration and Cost Assessment of the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board will meet at Scott Air Force Base, IL on June 18-19, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

The purpose of the meeting is to gather information and receive briefings for the 1997 Summer Study topic on Air Expeditionary Forces.

The meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b of Title 5, United States Code, specifically subparagraphs (1) and (4) thereof.

For further information, contact the HQ USAF Scientific Advisory Board Secretariat at (703) 697-8404.

Carolyn A. Lunsford,

Air Force Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Logistics Agency

Membership of the Defense Logistics Agency (DLA) Performance Review Board (PRB)

AGENCY: Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of membership of the DLA PRB.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the appointment of the members of the PRBs of the Defense Logistics Agency. The publication of PRB composition is required by 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4).

The PRB provides fair and impartial review of Senior Executive Service performance appraisals and makes recommendation to the Director, Defense Logistics Agency, with respect to pay level adjustments and performance awards.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ms. Donna Arellano, Workforce Effectiveness and Development Group, Human Resources, Defense Logistics Agency, Department of Defense, Ft Belvoir, Virginia, (703) 767-6427.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314(c)(4), the following are the names and titles of Defense Logistics Agency personnel appointed to serve as members of the PRBs. Members will serve a 1-year renewable term, effective upon publication of this notice.

1st Level PRB

Ms. Christine Gallo, Executive Director, Strategic Programming and Contingency Operations, Corporate Administration

Ms. Roberta Eaton, Special Assistant for Integrity in Contracting, General Counsel

Mr. Frank Lotts, Deputy Commander, Defense Supply Center, Richmond Virginia

2nd Level PRB

Mr. Alton Ressler, Deputy Director, Corporate Administration

Ms. Jill Pettibone, Executive Director, Contract Management Policy, Acquisition

Mr. George Allen, Deputy Commander, Defense Personnel Support Center

A.C. Ressler,

Deputy Director, Corporate Administration, Defense Logistics Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Corps of Engineers

Draft Integrated Interim Report and Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Restoration of Assateague Island, as Part of the Ocean City, Maryland, and Vicinity Water Resources Study.

AGENCY: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Baltimore District Corps of Engineers, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, the National Park Service (Assateague Island National Seashore), Worcester County, and the Town of Ocean City, sponsors of the project, propose the implementation of a short-term plan to restore the sediment-starved barrier island of Assateague. This sediment starvation has been directly caused by the construction of the jetties at the inlet located north of Assateague Island at Ocean City, Maryland. The short-term plan involves placing approximately 1.4 million cubic meters (1.8 million cubic yards) of sand on Assateague Island. The borrow area to be used for the project is Great Gull Bank, an offshore shoal, and possibly a small portion of the ebb shoal at the mouth of the inlet. The area of Assateague Island to be renourished is between 2.5 km (1.6 miles) and 11.3 km (7 miles) south of the inlet. A low berm will be constructed to an elevation of 3.3 m (10.8 feet) NGVD (averaging 0.8 m in height) in the portion of the beach between 2.5 km and 10 km (1.6 miles and 6.2 miles) south of the inlet. The placement will be configured such that the impacts to Piping Plovers, a threatened species, is minimal, and the integrity of the island is restored. A plan for a long-term project is being developed to manage the sand flow in and around the inlet. One of the project's purposes will be to supply to Assateague Island an amount of sand that would naturally be transported, should the jetties and inlet not exist. This plan will be documented in a second report and EIS.