

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The AP will convene to tentatively discuss the Houston-Galveston Ship Channel barge lane expansion, the monitoring plan for Wild Cow Bayou, the Corpus Christi Ship Channel deepening project, the new bridge project across LaVaca Bay, and the Nature Conservancy's EcoRegion planning efforts. The AP will also review the Council's Submerged Aquatic Vegetation Policy and the Council's Wetland Management Policy.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

The Texas Habitat AP is part of a three-unit Habitat Protection AP of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council). The principal role of the advisory panels is to assist the Council in addressing issues related to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) and other habitat and ecological relationships supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Advisory panels serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting habitat. The APs may also provide advice to the Council on EFH, as well as policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

Copies of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

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 September 12, 2000.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020500A]

Marine Mammals; Scientific Research Permit (PHF#sign; 707-1531-00)

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

ACTION: Issuance of Permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the University of Hawaii at Manoa, College of Social Sciences, Hawaii Hall 105, Honolulu, HI 96822, has been issued a permit to take North Pacific humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeannie Drevenak, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 24, 1999, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (64 FR 51739) that a request for a scientific research permit to take the above-references species had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (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 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR parts 222 - 226).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Addresses: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001);

Protected Species Program Manager, Pacific Islands Area Office, 1601 Kapiolani Boulevard, Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700;

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, 709 W. 9th Street, Federal Building, Room 461, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7235); and

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Bin C15700, Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-4489).

Dated: August 11, 2000.

Ann D. Terbush,

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

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for September 21, 2000, at 10:00 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20001-2728. Items of discussion will include designs for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, D.C., including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, D.C., August 24, 2000.

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

August 29, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending

participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

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 Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that M. Fine & Sons has violated the requirements for participation in the Special Access Program, and has suspended M. Fine & Sons from participation in the Program for the period September 1, 2000 through February 28, 2002.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of M. Fine & Sons during the period September 1, 2000 through February 28, 2002, and to prohibit entry by or on behalf of M. Fine & Sons under the Program of products manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during that period.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

August 29, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended M. Fine & Sons from participation in the Special Access Program for the period September 1, 2000 through February 28, 2002. You are therefore directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of M. Fine & Sons during the period September 1, 2000 through February 28, 2002. You are further directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of M. Fine & Sons manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during the period September 1, 2000 through February 28, 2002.

Sincerely,
Richard B. Steinkamp,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

[CPSC Docket No. 00-C0012]

**L. L. Bean, Inc., a Corporation,
Provisional Acceptance of a
Settlement Agreement and Order**

AGENCY: Consumer Product Safety Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: It is the policy of the Commission to publish settlements which it provisionally accepts under the Consumer Product Safety Act in the **Federal Register** in accordance with the terms of 16 CFR 1115.20. Published below is a provisionally-accepted Settlement Agreement with L. L. Bean, Inc., containing a civil penalty of \$750,000.

DATES: Any interested person may ask the Commission not to accept this Agreement or otherwise comment on its contents by filing a written request with the Office of the Secretary by September 18, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to comment on this Settlement Agreement should send written comments to "Comment 00-C0012", Office of the Secretary, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anthony Murawski, Trial Attorney, Office of Compliance, U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207; telephone (301) 504-0626, ext. 1207.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The text of the Agreement and Order appears below.

Dated: August 29, 2000.

Sadye E. Dunn,
Secretary.

Settlement Agreement and Order

1. L.L. Bean, Inc. ("L.L. Bean"), a corporation, enters into this Settlement Agreement and Order with the United States Consumer Product Safety Commission ("the CPSC") in accordance with 16 CFR 1118.20 of the Commission's Procedures for Investigations, Inspections, and Inquiries under the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA").

I. The Parties

2. The Commission is an independent Federal regulatory agency responsible for the enforcement of the Consumer Product Safety Act ("CPSA"), 15 U.S.C. 2051-2084.

3. L.L. Bean is a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Maine. Its principal offices are located at Casco Street, Freeport, Maine 04033.

II. Staff Allegations

The AC25 Backpack Child Carrier

4. The AC25 Backpack Child Carrier ("the AC25") is a backpack used by adults to carry small children. As an importer and catalog retail seller of the AC25, L.L. Bean imported and, through its catalog, sold approximately 13,000 units of this carrier from January 1997 through October 1998. The AC25 is used in or around a household or residence, or in recreation, and is a "consumer product" as that term is defined in section 3(a) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a), and L.L. Bean is a manufacturer and retailer of this consumer product, distributed in commerce, pursuant to sections 3(a)(1), (4), and (6) of the CPSA, 15 U.S.C. 2052(a)(1), (4), and (6).

5. Some children who were carried in the AC25 were able to remove the unit's shoulder straps and stand up, allowing them to fall out of the top of the AC25. In addition, some children who were carried in the AC25 were able to slip a leg out of one leg hole and into the opposite leg hole of the unit, which allowed them (a) to slide out of a leg hole and strike the ground, or (b) to slide out of a leg hole and become entangled in the unit's shoulder straps, creating a risk of strangulation.

6. From October 1997 through August 1998, L.L. Bean learned of approximately twelve incidents in which children fell out of the top or slid through a leg hole in the AC25. Seven children fell out of the carrier and landed on the ground. Two of these children suffered bruises, or minor facial abrasions, contusions, or lacerations. In addition, two children became entangled in the unit's shoulder straps, creating a risk of strangulation.

7. As a result of these incidents, from September 2 to September 16, 1998, L.L. Bean sent supplemental warnings and instructions concerning proper adjustment of the straps in the AC25 to customers who had purchased the unit.

8. From early September through October 1998, after the supplemental instructions were sent, L.L. Bean received eleven more customer reports of children falling out of the AC25, which resulted in bruises and three