

foraging strategies, searching behavior, searching mechanics, modes of swimming, metabolic costs of foraging and foraging efficiency for different environmental conditions and prey type will be tested. Activities will occur in Antarctica.

PROJECT II — Stock Assessment: Up to 28 species of cetaceans will be taken by photo-id/photogrammetry, behavioral observation, biopsy sampling and satellite tagging. The goals of this research are to study cetacean behavior through direct observation and by attaching SLTDRs and video camera/data recorders to certain species.

PROJECT III — Physiological Adaptations and Genetics Using Tissues of Marine Mammals: Import/export specimen materials from South Africa, Canada, and other locations as specimens may become available. This study of diving adaptations of marine mammals muscle, skeletal material, and other related samples will be obtained from South Africa, Canada, and possibly other locations.

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: November 7, 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. 110300C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 731-1509-01

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Robin Baird, Ph.D., 2 Supanee Court, French's Road, Cambridge CB4 3LB, UNITED KINGDOM, has requested an amendment to Scientific Research Permit No. 731-1509-01.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before December 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The amendment request 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 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Regional Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070 (206/526-6426);

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, California 90802-4213, (562/980-4021); and

Regional Administrator, Alaska Region, Federal Building, Room 461, 709 West 9th Street, Juneau, Alaska 99802, (907/586-7235).

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 other electronic media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jill Lewandowski, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject amendment to Permit No. 731-1509-01, issued on November 24, 1999 (64 FR 67563-67564) is requested 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.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered

and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Permit No. 731-1509-01 authorizes the applicant to conduct radio tagging via suction-cup attachment, photo-identification, and behavioral observations of species of cetaceans in the waters of Washington, Southeast Alaska, Oregon, California, Hawaii, and the Mediterranean and Ligurian Seas in order to study diving behavior of the subject cetacean species. The authority of this permit expires on July 31, 2004.

The applicant is now forwarding three requests. (1) Increase suction cup tagging takes of Humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in Hawaii from 15 to 35 annually. (2) Increase harassment takes incidental to suction cup tagging of Humpback whales (*Megaptera novaeangliae*) in Hawaii from 25 to 50 annually. (3) Allow for biopsy sampling of cetacean species in the following waters:

(a) Mediterranean and Ligurian Seas- 30 takes for each species of Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), Short-finned pilot whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), Striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*); 15 takes for Fin whales (*Balaenoptera physalus*); and 45 takes for Sperm whales (*Physeter macrocephalus*).

(b) Hawaii- 60 takes for each species of Killer whale (*Orcinus orca*), Short-finned pilot whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), Melon-headed whale (*Peponocephala electra*), False killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*), Pygmy killer whale (*Feresa attenuata*), Spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*), Pantropical spotted dolphin (*Stenella attenuata*), Striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), Rough-toothed dolphin (*Steno bredanensis*), Bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), Dwarf sperm whale (*Kogia simus*), Pygmy sperm whale (*Kogia breviceps*), Bottlenose whale (*Hyperoodon sp.*), Baird's beaked whale (*Berardius bairdii*), Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Blainville's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Bryde's whale (*Balaenoptera edeni*); and 45 takes for each species of Sperm whale (*Physeter macrocephalus*), Sei whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*), Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), Fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), and Northern right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

(c) California, Oregon, Washington and Alaska- 60 takes for each species of Killer whale (*Orcinus orca*), Short-

finned pilot whale (*Globicephala macrorhynchus*), Melon-headed whale (*Peponocephala electra*), False killer whale (*Pseudorca crassidens*), Pygmy killer whale (*Feresa attenuata*), Spinner dolphin (*Stenella longirostris*), Pantropical spotted dolphin (*Stenella attenuata*), Striped dolphin (*Stenella coeruleoalba*), Long-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus capensis*), Short-beaked common dolphin (*Delphinus delphis*), Risso's dolphin (*Grampus griseus*), Northern right whale dolphin (*Lissodelphis borealis*), Pacific white-sided dolphin (*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), Rough-toothed dolphin (*Steno bredanensis*), Bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*), Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*), Harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*), Dwarf sperm whale (*Kogia simus*), Pygmy sperm whale (*Kogia breviceps*), Bottlenose whale (*Hyperoodon sp.*), Baird's beaked whale (*Berardius bairdii*), Cuvier's beaked whale (*Ziphius cavirostris*), Hubbs' beaked whale (*Mesoplodon carlhubbsi*), Stejneger's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon stejnegeri*), Ginkgo-toothed whale (*Mesoplodon ginkgodens*), Blainville's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon densirostris*), Hector's beaked whale (*Mesoplodon hectori*), Gray whale (*Eschrichtius robustus*); and 45 takes for each species of Sei whale (*Balaenoptera borealis*), Humpback whale (*Megaptera novaeangliae*), Fin whale (*Balaenoptera physalus*), Blue whale (*Balaenoptera musculus*), and Northern right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*).

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.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted 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 amendment request would be appropriate.

Dated: November 15, 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

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

November 14, 2000.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner of Customs establishing a
limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2001.

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.

The Bilateral Textile Memorandum of
Understanding dated February 17, 2000
between the Governments of the United
States and Belarus establishes a limit for
the period January 1, 2001 through
December 31, 2001.

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

In the letter published below, the
Chairman of CITA directs the
Commissioner of Customs to establish
the 2001 limits.

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).

Information regarding the 2001
CORRELATION will be published in the
Federal Register at a later date.

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

November 14, 2000.

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

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section
204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as
amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order
11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; you are
directed to prohibit, effective on January 1,
2001, entry into the United States for
consumption and withdrawal from
warehouse for consumption of glass fiber
fabric products in Category 622, produced or
manufactured in Belarus and exported during
the twelve-month period beginning on
January 1, 2001 and extending through
December 31, 2001, in excess of 12,190,000
square meters of which not more than
1,060,000 square meters shall be in Category
622-L.¹

Products in the above categories exported
during 2000 shall be charged to the
applicable category limit for that year (see
directives dated March 16, 2000 and April 7,
2000) to the extent of any unfilled balance.
In the event the limit established for that
period has been exhausted by previous
entries, such products shall be charged to the
limit set forth in this directive.

The limit set forth above is subject to
adjustment pursuant to the current bilateral
agreement between the Governments of the
United States and Belarus.

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

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,

Richard B. Steinkamp,

Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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¹ Category 622-L: only HTS numbers
7019.51.9010, 7019.52.4010, 7019.52.9010,
7019.59.4010, and 7019.59.9010.