

impacts of the permanent removal of four sub-adults from this population/stock.

Additionally, NMFS is concerned that holding this species in captivity may involve a significant risk to the health and welfare of the animals held.

Historically, study results conclude that due to a number of factors this species has fared poorly in captivity in the United States, with an average longevity of 32.6 months for the 35 animals for which data was available. (See *Inia geoffensis in Captivity in the United States*, Melba C. Caldwell, David K. Caldwell and Randall L. Brill. 1989. Proc. Workshop on Biology and Conservation of the Platanistoid Dolphins, Wuhan, People's Republic of China. The World Conservation Union (IUCN), Occasional Papers of the IUCN Species Survival Commission, Number 3. 35-41.) The applicant has addressed, in part, some of the survivability factors raised in the Caldwell study, citing successful behavioral experiences with this species at the J.V. Seijas Aquarium in Valencia, Venezuela. The applicant submitted additional information on August 4, 1997, to address the concerns cited above; however, several aspects of these concerns persist. As a result, before decision is made to issue or deny issuance of a permit, NMFS is soliciting information that will assist the agency in determining whether: (1) The applicant meets the three public display criteria; (2) the proposed activity is humane and does not present any unnecessary risks to the health and welfare of the marine mammals; (3) the proposed activity by itself or in combination with other activities, will not likely have a significant adverse impact on the species or stock; and (4) the applicant's expertise, facilities, and resources are adequate to accomplish successfully the objectives and activities stated in the application.

Dated: August 8, 1997.

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Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, 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 Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania; Correction

August 8, 1997.

In the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on July 23, 1997 (62 FR 39501), column 2, under the heading "Adjusted twelve-month limit," the unit of measure for Category 410 should be corrected from "dozen" to "square meters."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Notice of Availability; Chicago Mercantile Exchange Proposed Amendments to the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures and Futures Option Contracts and the E-Mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index Futures and Option Contracts

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to the multiplier and minimum price fluctuation provisions in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures and futures option contracts and the minimum price fluctuation provisions in the E-Mini Standard and Poor's 500 Stock Price Index futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) has submitted proposed amendments to halve the multiplier in the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index (S&P 500) futures contract and to double the minimum price fluctuation in the S&P 500 futures and option contracts. The CME also has submitted proposed amendments to increase the minimum price fluctuation limit in the E-Mini Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Price Index (E-Mini S&P 500) futures and futures option contracts. The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering

the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before August 29, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the index multiplier and minimum tick provisions of the S&P 500 futures and futures option contracts and the minimum tick provisions of the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Thomas Leahy of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, telephone 202-418-5278. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: tleahy@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CME proposes to halve the contract size of the S&P 500 futures contract by reducing the index multiplier to \$250 times the S&P 500 from \$500 times the S&P 500. The CME also proposes to increase the S&P 500 futures and option minimum price fluctuations to 0.10 index point from 0.05 index point, thus maintaining the dollar value of the minimum tick at \$25.00 per contract. Under the proposal, the unit of trading in the S&P 500 futures option contract would be two S&P 500 futures contracts. Thus, the S&P 500 futures option would be exercisable into two futures contracts. The CME has represented that it intends to implement these amendments in October or November 1997 for application to existing and newly listed contract months beginning with the December 1997 contracts.

Separately, the CME proposes to increase the size of the minimum price fluctuation in the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts to 0.25 index point (\$12.50 per contract) from 0.10 index point (\$5.00 per contract). Those amendments would be implemented, for newly listed contract months only, at the time the E-Mini S&P 500 futures and option contracts are listed for trading.

In support of its proposal to apply the proposed S&P 500 futures and option contract amendments to existing contracts, the CME stated that sufficient advance notice would be provided to those who choose to offset their positions. Further, the CME stated that,