

chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) associated with three studies designed to determine the relative survival of migrating juvenile salmonids at hydropower dams and reservoirs on the Snake and Columbia Rivers in the Pacific Northwest. For modification 5, NWFSC requests an increase in the takes of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with the studies, and annual takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*); juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*); and juvenile, threatened, lower Columbia River steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) associated with the research. ESA-listed juvenile fish are proposed to be captured, handled, and released or captured, tagged with passive integrated transponders (PIT) or radio transmitters, and released. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities are requested. Modification 5 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 1999.

NWFSC requests modification 4 to permit 946. Permit 946 authorizes NWFSC annual takes of juvenile, endangered, Snake River sockeye salmon; adult and juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon; and juvenile, threatened, Snake River fall chinook salmon associated with two scientific research studies. Study 1 is designed to compare the survival to adulthood of spring/summer chinook salmon smolts transported by barge to below Bonneville Dam with the survival to adulthood of smolts migrating voluntarily under prevailing river conditions. Study 2 is designed to assess the migration timing and relative survival of transported and inriver juvenile chinook salmon migrating voluntarily from Bonneville Dam to the mouth of the Columbia River. For modification 4, NWFSC requests an increase in the takes of ESA-listed juvenile fish associated with the studies. Also for modification 4, NWFSC requests annual takes of juvenile, endangered, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, upper Columbia River steelhead; juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead; and juvenile, threatened, lower Columbia River steelhead associated with the research. ESA-listed juvenile fish indirect mortalities are requested. Modification 4 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 1999.

NWFSC requests modification 1 to permit 1056. Permit 1056 authorizes

NWFSC annual takes of juvenile, threatened, naturally-produced and artificially-propagated, Snake River spring/summer chinook salmon associated with two scientific research studies. The objectives of Study 1 is to characterize the run-timing of wild fish over a period of years to determine if consistent patterns are apparent and to use this information for real-time management decisions regarding water allocation during the smolt outmigrations. The objectives of Study 2 are to monitor the nature and extent of genetic change over time in supplemented and unsupplemented populations, to correlate the genetic changes with measures of productivity, and to provide information on population structure and effective population size. For modification 1, NWFSC requests annual takes of juvenile, threatened, Snake River steelhead associated with the research. ESA-listed juvenile steelhead are proposed to be captured, handled, and released or captured, handled, PIT-tagged, and released or lethally taken. ESA-listed juvenile steelhead indirect mortalities are requested. Modification 1 is requested to be valid for the duration of the permit which expires on December 31, 2001.

Permits Issued

Notice was published on December 31, 1997 (62 FR 68260) that an application had been filed by Dr. Sylvia Galloway, Laboratory Director of the National Ocean Service - Marine Forensics Laboratory, requests authorization to possess and conduct research on listed, non-marine mammal, non-reptilian species using tissue samples (fin clips, barbels, blood, muscle, skin) to provide technical support that is responsive to NOAA goals involving protected and endangered species, via law enforcement. The application requests the ability to maintain samples of non-marine mammal, or reptile listed species obtained from permitted individuals and by Federal, state or local law enforcement agents for the purposes of archival as authorized by the ESA.

The permit holder is not authorized to conduct any field collection exercises to obtain the samples. All of the samples must be obtained from previously authorized sources (permitted researchers, law enforcement authorities). All tissue samples will be maintained in a laboratory at the National Ocean Service - Marine Forensics Laboratory, Charleston, South Carolina.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Joseph R. Blum,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Extension of Temporary Amendment to the Requirements for Participating in the Special Access Program for Caribbean Basin Countries

March 20, 1998.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs extending amendment of requirements for participation in the Special Access Program for a temporary period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of 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.

A notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs published in the **Federal Register** on September 19, 1997 (62 FR 49206) announced the temporary amendment to the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings under the Special Access Program. By date of export, the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings, including elastic strips of less than one inch in width, under the Special Access Program were temporarily amended to include non-U.S. formed, U.S. cut interlinings for the period September 23, 1997 through March 22, 1998 for men's and boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643. In the aggregate, such interlinings, findings and trimmings must not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled article. This amendment is being extended for a six-month period beginning on March 23, 1998 and extending through September 22, 1998 for men's and boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643 entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015)

provided they are cut in the United States and are of a type described below:

(1) A chest type plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or self-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-made filaments used in the manufacture of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(2) A weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

(3) A woven fabric which contains and exhibits properties of resiliency which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

March 20, 1998.

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 September 15, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns the foreign origin exception for findings and trimmings under the Special Access Program.

Effective on March 23, 1998, by date of export, you are directed to extend, for the six-month period March 23, 1998 through September 22, 1998, the amendment to treat non-U.S. formed, U.S.-cut interlinings, further described below, for men's and boys' wool and man-made fiber suit jackets and suit-type jackets in Categories 433, 443, 633 and 643 as qualifying for the exception for findings and trimmings, including elastic strips less than one inch in width, created under the Special Access Program established effective September 1, 1986 (see 51 FR 21208). In the aggregate, such interlinings, findings and trimmings must not exceed 25 percent of the cost of the components of the assembled article.

The amendment implemented by this directive shall be of a temporary nature. The amendment will terminate on September 22, 1998, by date of export.

As described above, non-U.S. formed, U.S.-cut interlinings may be used in imports of men's or boys' suit jackets and suit-type jackets entered under the Special Access Program (9802.00.8015) provided they are cut in the United States and of a type described below:

(1) A chest plate, "hymo" piece or "sleeve header" of woven or weft-inserted warp knit construction of coarse animal hair or man-

made filaments used in the manufacture of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets;

(2) A weft-inserted warp knit fabric which contains and exhibits properties of elasticity and resilience which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

(3) A woven fabric which contains and exhibits properties of resiliency which render the fabric especially suitable for attachment by fusing with a thermo-plastic adhesive to the coat-front, side body or back of men's or boys' tailored suit jackets and suit-type jackets.

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,

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of 20 Department of Defense Advisory Committees

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Public Law 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that the following 20 DoD advisory committees have been determined to be in the public interest and have been renewed:

- A. Air University Board of Visitors
- B. Community College of the Air Force Board of Visitors
- C. U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board
- D. Armed Forces Epidemiological Board
- E. Army Science Board
- F. Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board
- G. Scientific Advisory Board of the Armed Force Institute of Pathology
- H. Army Education Advisory Committee
- I. Board of Advisors to the President, Naval War College
- J. Board of Advisors to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School
- K. Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel Advisory Committee
- L. Naval Research Advisory Committee
- M. Advisory Group on Electron Devices
- N. Board of Visitors, National Defense University
- O. Defense Science Board

- P. Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing
- Q. Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services
- R. DoD Wage Committee
- S. Strategic Advisory Group for the U.S. Strategic Command
- T. National Security Agency Scientific Advisory Board

These committees provide necessary and valuable advice to the Secretary of Defense and other senior officials in the DoD in their respective areas of expertise. They make important contributions to DoD efforts in research and development, education and training, and various technical program areas.

It is a continuing DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership in DoD advisory committees. Each committee is evaluated in terms of the functional disciplines, levels of experience, professional diversity, public and private association, and similar characteristics required to ensure that a high degree of balance is obtained.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 28, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Jennifer Spaeth, 703-695-4281.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Spring 1998 Conference Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Advisory Committee on Women in the Services.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Pub. L. 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming semi-annual conference of the Defense Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Spring 1998 DACOWITS Conference is to assist the Secretary of Defense on matters relating to women in the Services. Conference sessions will be held daily and will be open to the public, unless otherwise noted below.

DATES: April 22-26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Sheraton Reston Hotel, 11810 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, VA 22091; telephone: (703) 620-9000 or 1-(800) 392-7666.