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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 5, 2007 (72 FR 9734), NMFS and the Council published a Notice of Intent in the **Federal Register** to prepare a draft EIS and to announce scoping meetings regarding the actions proposed in Amendment 30. Amendment 30 was being developed to describe and analyze management alternatives to manage fishing mortality and to establish status criteria for greater amberjack, gray triggerfish, gag, and red grouper in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Recent stock assessments completed under the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review program indicated that management changes were warranted for these stocks.

Based on comments received during the scoping process and further analyses needed for the gag and red grouper stock assessments, Amendment 30 was split into Amendments 30A and 30B. This allowed proposed actions to revise the greater amberjack rebuilding plan, end overfishing of gray triggerfish, and rebuild the gray triggerfish stock to proceed in Amendment 30A while the status of the gag and red grouper stocks were resolved. A draft supplemental EIS was prepared for Amendment 30A, in part, due to significant increases in the stock biomass of greater amberjack and gray triggerfish as the two species recover from their respective overfished states. A Notice of Availability for the draft supplemental EIS analyzing impacts on the human environment for Amendment 30A was published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2007 (72 FR 71137).

Actions to be described and analyzed in Amendment 30B include: setting gag thresholds and benchmarks; establishing gag and red grouper total allowable catch (TAC), interim allocations, and accountability measures; ending overfishing of gag; managing gag and red grouper commercial and recreational harvests consistent with TAC; reducing grouper discard mortality; establishing marine reserves; and requiring compliance with Federal fishery management regulations by federally permitted reef fish vessels when fishing in state waters. Based on further analysis of the environmental impacts of actions proposed in Amendment 30B, NMFS and the Council do not anticipate any significant impacts on the human environment. Although overfishing would end for gag based on the

proposed actions, the stock is not considered overfished and significant increases in stock biomass are not required. Consequently, NMFS and the Council are initially preparing an EA rather than proceeding with the development of a draft EIS. If the EA results in a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI), the EA and FONSI will be the final environmental documents required by NEPA. If the EA reveals that significant environmental impacts may be reasonably expected to result from the proposed actions, NMFS and the Council will develop a draft EIS to further evaluate those impacts.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: March 3, 2008.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Limitations of Duty-Free Imports of Apparel Articles Assembled in Beneficiary ATPDEA Countries from Regional Country Fabric

March 4, 2008.

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

ACTION: Publishing the 12-Month Cap on Duty Free Benefits under the extension of the ATPA

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Stetson, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 3103 of the Trade Act of 2002, P.L. 107-210; Title VII of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006 (TRHCA 2006), P.L. 109-432; H.R. 1830, 110th Cong. (2007) (H.R. 1830); H.R. 5264, 110th Cong. (2008) (H.R. 5264); Presidential Proclamation 7616 of October 31, 2002 (67 FR 67283).

Section 3103 of the Trade Act of 2002 amended the Andean Trade Preference Act (ATPA) to provide for duty and quota-free treatment for certain textile and apparel articles imported from designated Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act (ATPDEA) beneficiary countries. Section 204(b)(3)(B)(iii) of the amended ATPA provides duty- and quota-free treatment for certain apparel articles assembled in ATPDEA beneficiary countries from

regional fabric and components. More specifically, this provision applies to apparel articles sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries from fabrics or from fabric components formed or from components knit-to-shape, in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries, from yarns wholly formed in the United States or one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries (including fabrics not formed from yarns, if such fabrics are classifiable under heading 5602 and 5603 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) and are formed in one or more ATPDEA beneficiary countries). Such apparel articles may also contain certain other eligible fabrics, fabric components, or components knit-to-shape.

The TRHCA of 2006 extended the expiration of the ATPA to June 30, 2007. See section 7002(a) of the TRHCA 2006. H.R. 1830 further extended the expiration of the ATPA to February 29, 2008. See section 1 of H.R. 1830. H.R. 5264 further extended the expiration of the ATPA to December 31, 2008. See section 2 of H.R. 5264.

For the period beginning on October 1, 2007, and extending through September 30, 2008, preferential tariff treatment is limited under the regional fabric provision to imports of qualifying apparel articles in an amount not to exceed 5 percent of the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States in the preceding 12-month period for which data are available. For the purpose of this notice, the 12-month period for which data are available is the 12-month period that ended July 31, 2007. In Presidential Proclamation 7616, (published in the Federal Register on November 5, 2002, 67 FR 67283), the President directed CITA to publish in the Federal Register the aggregate quantity of imports allowed during each period.

For the period beginning on October 1, 2007, and extending through September 30, 2008, the aggregate quantity of imports eligible for preferential treatment under the regional fabric provision is 1,247,713,244 square meters equivalent. Apparel articles entered in excess of this quantity will be subject to otherwise applicable tariffs. For the period after September 30, 2008, CITA will publish a Federal Register Notice establishing a new 12-month cap on duty-free benefits.

This quantity is calculated using the aggregate square meter equivalents of all apparel articles imported into the United States, derived from the set of Harmonized System lines listed in the Annex to the World Trade Organization

Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), and the conversion factors for units of measure into square meter equivalents used by the United States in implementing the ATC.

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS)

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(a), Public Law 92-463, as amended, notice is hereby given of a forthcoming meeting of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services (DACOWITS). The purpose of the Committee meeting is to receive briefings on subject pertaining to the 2008 topics and review protocols for upcoming installation visits. The meeting is open to the public, subject to the availability of space.

Interested persons may submit a written statement for consideration by the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. Individuals submitting a written statement must submit their statement to the Point of Contact listed below at the address detailed below NLT 5 p.m., Friday, March 21, 2008. If a written statement is not received by Friday, March 21, 2008 prior to the meeting, which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to or considered by the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services until its next open meeting. The Designated Federal Officer will review all timely submissions with the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services Chairperson and ensure they are provided to the members of the Defense Department Advisory Committee on Women in the Services. If members of the public are interested in making an oral statement, a written statement must be submitted as above. After reviewing the written comments, the Chairperson and the Designated Federal Officer will determine who of the requesting persons will be able to make an oral presentation of their issue during an open portion of this meeting or at a future meeting. Determination of who

will be making an oral presentation will depend on time available and if the topics are relevant to the Committee's activities. Two minutes will be allotted to persons desiring to make an oral presentation. Oral presentations by members of the public will be permitted only on Tuesday, March from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. before the full Committee. Number of oral presentations to be made will depend on the number of requests received from members of the public.

Dates & Times: March 25, 2008, 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.

Location: Double Tree Hotel Crystal City National Airport, 300 Army Navy Drive, Arlington, VA 22202.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Meeting agenda.

Tuesday, March 25, 2008 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m.

Welcome & Administrative Remarks
Receive briefings:

- Recruiting, Retention, and Promotion Status of Active Duty and Reserve Women in the Armed Forces
- From the National Military Impacted Schools Association
- From the Educational Partnerships' Directorate, Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Military Community and Family Policy
- From the Military Child Education Coalition

Review Protocols for upcoming installation visits
Public Forum

Note: Exact order may vary.

Dated: March 3, 2008.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, DoD.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Renewal of Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Renewal of Federal Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, (5 U.S.C. Appendix, as amended), the Government in the Sunshine Act of

1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), and 41 CFR 102-3.65, the Department of Defense gives notice that it is renewing the charter for the U.S. Army Science Board (hereafter referred to as the Board).

The Board is a discretionary federal advisory committee established by the Secretary of Defense to provide the Department of Defense, the Secretary of Army, the Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology), the Chief of Staff of the Army, and Army Commanders independent advice and recommendations on scientific, technical, manufacturing, acquisition and logistics processes. The Board, in accomplishing its mission: (a) Provides sound recommendations for Army leaders in support of Soldiers, warfighters, and national defense; (b) conducts science and technology initiatives; and (c) provides invaluable and unbiased technical advice on science and technology systems, products, and applications.

The Board shall be composed of not more than 100 members, who are distinguished members of the scientific, technical, and manufacturing fields. Board members appointed by the Secretary of Defense, who are not federal officers or employees, shall serve as Special Government Employees under the authority of 5 U.S.C. 3109. Board members shall be appointed on an annual basis by the Secretary of Defense, and shall serve a term not to exceed three years. The Secretary of the Army or designated representative, along with the Secretary of Defense may extend a member's term on the Board. The Assistant Secretary of the Army (Acquisition, Logistics and Technology) shall select the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson from the total Board membership. Board members shall with the exception of travel and per diem for official travel, serve without compensation.

The Board shall be authorized to establish subcommittees, as necessary and consistent with its mission, and these subcommittees or working groups shall operate under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972, the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976, and other appropriate federal regulations.

Such subcommittees or workgroups shall not work independently of the chartered Board, and shall report all their recommendations and advice to the Board for full deliberation and discussion. Subcommittees or workgroups have no authority to make decisions on behalf of the chartered Board nor can they report directly to the