

limits, the EFP will be terminated for the remainder of the 2004 fishing year.

All EFP harvests of overfished species are expected to be within the EFP set-asides within the OYs specified for 2004. The harvests of other groundfish species also are expected to be within the Optimum Yields (OYs) specified for 2004. Therefore, no groundfish OY is expected to be exceeded as a result of this EFP fishing. At the Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) November 2003, meeting in Del Mar, CA, the applicants presented their EFP application to the Council. The Council considered the application and recommended that NMFS issue the EFP for the proposed activity. Data collected during this project are expected to have a broad significance to the management of the groundfish fishery by providing information that can be used to examine the feasibility of using this new discard reduction strategy in the trawl fishery for the DTS complex. The information gathered through this EFP may lead to future rulemakings. Copies of the applications are available for review from NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: February 2, 2004.

Peter H. Fricke,

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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010703A]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a special one-day Council meeting on February 24, 2004 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2004. The meeting will begin at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Wentworth-by-the-Sea, 588 Wentworth Road, New Castle NH 03854; telephone 603/422-7322. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2,

Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone (978) 465-0492.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, February 24, 2004

Following introductions, NOAA Fisheries will present information and consult with the Council on a recommendation by the Atlantic States Fisheries Commission to re-open Federal waters to fishing for striped bass. The Council will then consider final approval of Framework Adjustment 16 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP)/ Framework Adjustment 39 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP. The action would allow scallop vessels to fish in areas previously closed to them for groundfish conservation purposes. Measures include, but are not limited to: boundaries for the access areas; adjustments to the habitat closure definitions in the Scallop FMP to be consistent with those in Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP; area rotation order and fishing mortality targets; a mechanism for allocating trips and days-at-sea use in the access areas for part-time and occasional limited access scallop vessels; specifications for minimizing bycatch and bycatch mortality, including recommendations from the Council's Groundfish Committee; groundfish possession limits; observer coverage and an associated funding mechanism; and gear and other restrictions for general category scallop vessels. Following this agenda item, the Council intends to review and approve comments the proposed rule for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies FMP for submission to NOAA Fisheries. The meeting is scheduled to adjourn after any other outstanding business is addressed.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

Peter H. Fricke,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Nepal

February 2, 2004.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner, Bureau of Customs and Border Protection.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 6, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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 Bureau of Customs and Border Protection website at <http://www.cbp.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, refer to the Office of Textiles and Apparel website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>.

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 current limit for Category 369-S is being increased for carryover.

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 69 FR 4926, published on February 2, 2004). Also see 68 FR 68598, published on December 9, 2003.

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 2, 2004.

Commissioner,
Bureau of Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 3, 2003, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton and man-made fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in Nepal and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 2004 and extends through December 31, 2004.