

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 081204A]****Draft NOAA Shrimp Issues and Options Paper; Public Meetings**

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) is hosting public meetings to present the results of an analysis of different options and alternatives that may help resolve current financial and market industry challenges. The analysis was developed at the request of the shrimp industry and other interested parties. The options will be presented in their entirety and the results from those that could be analyzed will be presented. Public comment on the analysis will be taken at the meetings. See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** for specific dates, times and locations of the meetings.

DATES: The meetings held on Wednesday September 1st and Thursday September 2nd are scheduled to start at 9:30 a.m. and end at 4:00 p.m. Additional meetings were scheduled for Aug. 23–24 in Houston; Aug. 25 in Tampa; Aug. 27th in Charleston, SC; and Aug. 28th in New Bern, NC.

ADDRESSES: The meeting September 1st will be held at the New Orleans Airport Plaza Hotel and Conference Center, 2150 Veterans Blvd, Kenner, LA 70062; the meeting September 2nd will be held at the Mississippi Dept. of Marine Resources, Eldon Bolton State Office Building, 1141 Bayview Avenue, Biloxi, Miss. 39530.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gordon J. Helm, Deputy Director, Office of Constituent Services. Telephone (301) 713–2379.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary goal of the meeting is to present the analysis and collect public input on the DRAFT shrimp industry issues and options included in the paper. Copies of the DRAFT paper will be available at the meetings and will also be available online beginning 11 a.m. EST August 23, 2004, at: www.nmfs.noaa.gov/mediacenter. Those interested in obtaining a copy after the meetings may contact Dr. John Ward, Economist. Telephone (301) 713–2379.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for

sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dr. John Ward at (301) 713–2379 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

Gordon J. Helm,

Deputy Director, Office of Constituent Services, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 081104J]****Endangered Species; File No. 1449**

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Christine A. Tomich, Kleinschmidt Associates, Kleinschmidt Building, 35 Pratt Street, Essex, Connecticut, 06426, has applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before September 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713–2289; fax (301)427–2521; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930–2298; phone (978)281–9200; fax (978)281–9371.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education 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)427–2521, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for

providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1449.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Patrick Opay, (301)713–2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222–226).

The purpose of the proposed study is to conduct research on the impacts of the hydroelectric facility's activities on shortnose sturgeon in the Connecticut River as part of the Holyoke Hydroelectric Project (FERC No. 2004) license renewal. Limited evidence suggests that shortnose sturgeon may migrate downstream during high flow events; however, information is lacking with regards to time of year or time of day that the migration might occur. To address these objectives, the researchers are requesting authorization to conduct three projects. In the first project, 30 captive bred juvenile sturgeon would be externally tagged with a radio tag, released into the canal, tracked and recaptured after exiting the canal. In the second project, 20 adult sturgeon would be captured annually for four years via trawls and gillnets, measured, weighed, tagged with PIT and external radio tags, released and tracked. In the third project, 200 eggs and larvae would be captured via D-nets and preserved to evaluate spawning behavior. This permit would be authorized for five years from date of issuance.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

Carrie W. Hubbard,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office****Disclosure Document Program**

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its

continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 18, 2004.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Susan.Brown@uspto.gov. Include "0651-0030 comment" in the subject line of the message.
- *Fax:* 703-308-7407, marked to the attention of Susan Brown.
- *Mail:* Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Robert J. Spar, Director, Office of Patent Legal Administration, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by telephone at 703-308-5107; or by e-mail at *bob.spar@uspto.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

A service provided by the USPTO is the acceptance and preservation for two

years of a "disclosure document" as evidence of the date of conception of an invention. A disclosure document is a paper disclosing an invention, signed by the inventor or inventors, and submitted to the USPTO. The document should contain a clear and complete explanation of the manner and process of making and using the invention in sufficient detail to enable a person having ordinary knowledge in the field of the invention to make and use the invention. The disclosure document request must be accompanied by a separate signed cover letter stating that it is submitted by, or on behalf of, the inventor, and requesting that the material be received into the Disclosure Document Program. These documents will be kept in confidence by the USPTO without publication in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 122(b).

The disclosure document will be preserved by the USPTO for two years after its receipt, and then destroyed unless it is referred to in a separate letter in a related patent application filed within the two year period. The disclosure document is not a patent application, and the date of its receipt in the USPTO will not become the effective filing date of any patent application subsequently filed.

The information supplied to the USPTO by an applicant seeking to prove the date of conception for an invention is used by the USPTO as evidence of the date of conception of an invention.

There is one form associated with this information collection, Form PTO/SB/

95, Disclosure Document Deposit Request.

II. Method of Collection

By mail, facsimile, or hand carried to the USPTO when the inventor desires to participate in the Disclosure Document Program.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0651-0030.

Form Number(s): PTO/SB/95.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; the Federal government; and State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 22,225 responses.

Estimated Time Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 12 minutes, depending upon the complexity of the situation, to gather, prepare, and submit a disclosure document deposit request.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Burden Hours: 4,445 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Respondent Cost Burden: \$1,271,270. The USPTO expects that the information in this collection will be prepared by attorneys. Using the professional hourly rate of \$286 per hour for associate attorneys in private firms, the USPTO estimates that the respondent cost burden for submitting the information in this collection will be \$1,271,270 per year.

Item	Estimated time for response	Estimated annual responses	Estimated annual burden hours
Disclosure Document Deposit Request	12 minutes ..	22,225	4,445
TOTAL		22,225	4,445

Estimated Total Annual Non-hour Respondent Cost Burden: \$235,585. There are no capital start-up, maintenance or recordkeeping costs

associated with this information collection.

There is annual non-hour cost burden in the way of a filing fee for the disclosure document deposit request.

Following is a chart listing this filing fee/non-hour cost burden. The total annual filing fee/non-hour cost burden is estimated to be \$222,250.

Item	Responses (a)	Filing fee (\$) (b)	Total non-hour cost burden (a) x (b)
Disclosure Document Deposit Request	22,225	\$10.00	\$222,250.00
TOTAL	22,225	10.00	222,250.00

Customers may incur postage costs when submitting the information in this collection to the USPTO by mail. The USPTO estimates that the average first-class postage cost for a mailed

submission will be 60 cents and that up to 22,225 submissions will be mailed to the USPTO per year. The total estimated postage cost for this collection is \$13,335.

The total non-hour respondent cost burden for this collection in the form of filing fees and postage costs is estimated to be \$235,585.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 12, 2004.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of the Chief Information Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on Commercial Availability Petition under the United States - Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

August 16, 2004.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a petition for a determination that certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the CBTPA.

SUMMARY: On August 12, 2004, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Sandler, Travis & Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of Picacho, S.A., alleging that certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics, of the specifications detailed below, classified in subheading 5209.31.60.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The petition requests that shirts, trousers, nightwear, robes,

dress gowns and woven underwear of such fabrics assembled in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries be eligible for preferential treatment under the CBTPA. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this petition, in particular with regard to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Comments must be submitted by September 2, 2004 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3001, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the CBERA, as added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA; Section 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

BACKGROUND:

The CBTPA provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns or fabrics formed in the United States. The CBTPA also provides for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the CBTPA and directed CITA to establish procedures to ensure appropriate public participation in any such determination. On March 6, 2001, CITA published procedures that it will follow in considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

On August 12, 2004, the Chairman of CITA received a petition on behalf of Picacho, S.A., alleging that certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics, of the specifications detailed below, classified HTSUS subheading 5209.31.60.50, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and requesting quota- and duty-free treatment under the CBTPA for certain apparel articles that are cut and sewn in

one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics.

Specifications:

Fabric 1	
Petitioner Style No:	62BU1600240A
HTS Subheading:	5209.31.60.50
Fiber Content:	100% Cotton
Weight:	291.5 g/m ²
Width:	160 centimeters cuttable
Thread Count:	24.41 warp ends per centimeter; 16.53 filling picks per centimeter; total: 40.94 threads per square centimeter
Yarn Number:	Warp: 25.4 metric, ring spun; filling: 10.16 metric, open end spun; overall average yarn number: 14.04 metric (Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized
Fabric 2	
Petitioner Style No:	62BU1600240B
HTS Subheading:	5209.31.60.50
Fiber Content:	100% Cotton
Weight:	305 g/m ²
Width:	160 centimeters cuttable
Thread Count:	24.41 warp ends per centimeter; 18.11 filling picks per centimeter; total: 42.52 threads per square centimeter
Yarn Number:	Warp: 25.4 metric, ring spun; filling: 10.16 metric, open end spun; overall average yarn number: 13.95 metric (Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized
Finish:	(Piece) dyed; napped on both sides, sanforized

The petitioner emphasizes that the fabrics must be napped on both sides, that the yarn sizes and thread count, and consequently, the weight of the fabrics must be exactly or nearly exactly as specified or the fabrics will not be suitable for their intended uses. The warp yarns must be ring spun in order to provide the additional tensile strength required to offset the degrading effects of heavy napping on both sides. The filling yarns must be open end spun to provide required loft and softness.

CITA is soliciting public comments regarding this request, particularly with respect to whether these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. Also relevant is whether other fabrics that are supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner are substitutable for the fabric for purposes of the intended use. Comments must be received no later than September 2, 2004. Interested persons are invited to submit six copies of such comments or information to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

If a comment alleges that these fabrics can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a