

subzone. KHF would also have the option to elect the finished furniture duty rate (free) for the subject fabric when the finished furniture is entered for domestic consumption. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facilities' international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, Pierre Duy of the FTZ Staff is designated examiner to evaluate and analyze the facts and information presented in the application and case record and to report findings and recommendations to the Board. Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the following address: Office of the Executive Secretary, Room 2111, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230-0002. The closing period for receipt of comments is March 1, 2010. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period to March 16, 2010.

A copy of the application will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Foreign-Trade Zones Board's Executive Secretary at the address listed above and in the "Reading Room" section of the Board's website, which is accessible via <http://www.trade.gov/ftz>. For further information, contact Pierre Duy at Pierre.Duy@trade.gov or (202) 482-1378.

Dated: December 16, 2009.

Andrew McGilvray,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Approval and Availability for the Revised Management Plan for the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: The Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal

Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revision.

The Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve consists of public lands within the Mullica River-Great Bay watershed of New Jersey and managed by a variety of local, state, and federal agencies. The site was designated as the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve in 1998 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating in partnership with the Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey under a management plan approved in 1997. Pursuant to 15 CFR Section 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve. A boundary expansion and land conservation initiative, new facilities, and updated programmatic objectives are notable revisions to the 1997 approved management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the research, coastal training, education and outreach, and stewardship goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. This management plan describes how the reserve will focus on three key coastal management issues: Nutrient inputs into coastal waters; human alteration of habitat and water quality; and effects of climate change on coastal and estuarine systems.

Since 1997, the reserve has completed a site profile that characterizes the reserve; they have also expanded the coastal training, research and monitoring, stewardship and education programs significantly. A new administrative building, the Jacques Cousteau Coastal Center, and a new interpretive exhibit, "Life on the Edge" at the Tuckerton Seaport, have been built to support the growth of reserve programs.

With the approval of this management plan, the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve will expand their total acreage from 114,665 acres to 114,873 acres. Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(a), a boundary change requires public comment. NOAA announced a thirty day public comment period in the **Federal Register** on November 4, 2009.

The reserve announced a thirty day public comment period in the Asbury Park Press on October 16, 2009. No comments were received. This change is attributable to the acquisition of four parcels within the Mullica River watershed through a partnership with New Jersey Conservation Foundation. The acquisition of Bear Creek Preserve (100 acres), Hanselman Preserve (57 acres), Rudolph Property (31 acres), and Lee Property (20 acres) provides additional buffer areas (mixed pitch pine-scrub oak upland, Atlantic white cedar forest) for key land and water areas (salt marsh flats, tidal wetlands).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Migliori at (301) 563-1126 or Laurie McGilvray at (301) 563-1158 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For copies of the Jacques Cousteau Management Plan revision, visit <http://www.jcnerr.org/>.

Donna Wieting,

Acting Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Request for Comments on Priorities for the Transatlantic Innovation Dialogue

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration is seeking comments on priorities for the Transatlantic Innovation Dialogue from any interested party, including industry, consumer, labor and environmental groups, trade associations, professional organizations/societies, academia, and Federal, state, and local governments. Comments will be used to identify and select projects for cooperation on innovation policy between the United States government and the European Commission.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 5, 2010.

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

E-mail:
transatlanticinnovation@trade.gov.

Fax: (202) 482-2897 (Attn.: Tshanda Kalombo).

Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:
Tshanda Kalombo, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of the European Union, Room 3513, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

All of the comments received will be posted on the following Web site:
<http://www.state.gov/p/eur/rt/eu/tec/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions on the submission of comments, please contact Tshanda Kalombo by phone at (202) 482-2561 or by e-mail at tshanda.kalombo@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background Information: The Transatlantic Innovation Dialogue is a senior-level government-to-government forum that was established on October 27, 2009 by U.S. and European Union (EU) leaders in the Transatlantic Economic Council (TEC). The objective of the Innovation Dialogue is to bolster U.S. and EU efforts to spur growth, productivity, and entrepreneurial activity by sharing best policy practices and identifying steps that will improve the policy environment for innovative activities across the Atlantic. By innovation, we mean the design, invention, development and/or implementation of new or altered products, services, processes, systems, organizational structures, or business models for the purpose of creating new value for the economy and society.

The TEC created the Transatlantic Innovation Dialogue to elevate and improve the effectiveness of existing and new areas of cooperation in order to achieve tangible results in job creation, higher competitiveness and economic growth, and solutions for addressing societal challenges. Cooperation on improving innovation and technological development ecosystems is expected to benefit companies, workers, consumers, and governments on both sides of the Atlantic by spurring economic growth and transatlantic trade and investment.

The Transatlantic Innovation Dialogue will be co-led by senior-level officials in the U.S. Department of Commerce and in the European Commission's Directorate-General for Industry and Entrepreneurship, who will oversee its activities and report to interested stakeholders and to the TEC leaders.

The U.S. government and European Commission will collaborate with stakeholders to identify, select, and develop work plans for priority areas of cooperation. The work of the Dialogue will complement and coordinate with existing, innovation-related, bilateral

forums including: U.S.-EU Intellectual Property Rights Working Group, the U.S. and EU Energy Council, the U.S.-EU Science and Technology Agreement, the U.S. Department of Commerce-European Commission Standards Dialogue, the U.S.-EU High Level Regulatory Cooperation Forum and the U.S.-EU Information Society Dialogue.

To assist in identifying topics for innovation cooperation between the U.S. government and the European Commission, the U.S. Department of Commerce is requesting comments from any interested stakeholder on priorities that should be the focus of the Transatlantic Innovation Dialogue. In submitting comments, stakeholders should consider the following questions:

- What specific technology areas and industry sectors should the U.S. and EU focus on?
- What government policies that enable innovation should the U.S. and EU address?
- For the topics identified, what form should cooperation take (e.g. exchange of information, knowledge transfer)?
- What should the short and long term objectives be for each identified project?
- What specific outcomes should the U.S. and EU try to achieve by 2011?

After receiving and reviewing submissions to this notice, the U.S. Department of Commerce will hold a public meeting to discuss the prioritization of potential areas of cooperation under the Dialogue. After interagency consultations, the U.S. Department of Commerce will work with the European Commission on the agenda for Dialogue and submit work plans for the agreed priorities to the TEC for its 2010 meeting.

Dated: December 28, 2009.

David De Falco,

Director, Office of the European Union, Market Access and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

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Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness, DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Secretary of Defense for Personnel and Readiness proposes to extend a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: 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; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by March 1, 2010.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by docket number and title, by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *Mail:* Federal Docket Management System Office, 1160 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-1160.

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name, docket number and title for this **Federal Register** document. The general policy for comments and other submissions from members of the public is to make these submissions available for public viewing on the Internet at <http://www.regulations.gov> as they are received without change, including any personal identifiers or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the Air Force Review Boards Agency, 1535 Command Drive, Andrews AFB ATTN. Mr. Victor Donovan MD 20732, or call Air Force Review Boards Agency, at (240) 857-3137.

Title; Associated Form; and OMB Number: Application for a Review by the Physical Disability Board of Review of the Rating for a Medical Separation from the Armed Forces of the United States; DD Form 294; OMB Number 0704-0453.

Needs and Uses: The information collection requirement is necessary to have former members who were separated from the armed forces from