

The permit holder is requesting the permit be amended to expand the geographic area where research is conducted in Antarctica to include the Weddell Sea. No other changes are requested. The permit holder requests the changes proposed in the amendment be for the duration of the permit.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XL73

Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Administrative Committee will hold meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on December 9–10, 2008. The Council will convene on Tuesday, December 9, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the Administrative Committee will meet from 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m., on that same day. The Council will reconvene on Wednesday, December 10, 2008, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., approximately.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Marriott Frenchman's Reef & Morning Star Hotel, 5 Estate Bakkeroe, St. Thomas, U.S.V.I.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1920; telephone: (787) 766–5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 129th regular Council meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

December 9, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Call to Order
Adoption of Agenda
Consideration of the 128th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcription
Executive Director's Report
Bajo de Sico Scoping Meeting Results
Queen Conch Manual - Final Report
Nassau Grouper Initiative Report
-Nassau Grouper Workshop Report
-WECAFC
-Aquaculture Project in Colombia
Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) National Workshop
ACLs National Guidelines Update

December 9, 2008, 5:15 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Administrative Committee Meeting
-Advisory Panel (AP)/SSC/Habitat AP Membership
-Budget 2008/09
-SOPPs Amendment(s)
-Other Business

December 10, 2008, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

PARFISH Update
Lion Fish Update
Enforcement Reports
-Puerto Rico - DNER
-U.S. Virgin Islands - DPNR
-NOAA/NMFS
-U.S. Coast Guard
Administrative Committee

Recommendations

Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff
PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD (5-minute presentations)
Other Business

Next Council Meeting
The meetings are open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice, and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolon, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918–1920; telephone: (787) 766–5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 13, 2008.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XL71

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, December 10–16, 2008, in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 10 continuing through Tuesday, December 16, 2008. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 8 and continue through Friday December 12. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 8 and continue through Wednesday, December 10, 2008. The Ecosystem Committee will meet Tuesday, December 9, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 9, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. in the. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 West 3rd Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501–2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Witherell, Council staff, telephone: (907) 271–2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Council Plenary Session: The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include

the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

1. Reports
Executive Director's Report
NMFS Management Report (including Draft plan for Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) 5-year review)
Alaska Department of Fish & Game Report (includes report on Board of Fisheries proposals)
U.S. Coast Guard Report
U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service Report
Protected Species Report
2. Report on the Marine Protected area nomination process.

3. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Management: Initial review of GOA fixed gear License Limitation Program (LLP) recency; Initial review of GOA Pacific cod sector split.

4. Groundfish Catch Specifications: Receive Plan Team reports; Approve final BSAI groundfish specifications and Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports; Approve final GOA groundfish specifications and SAFE reports; review and discussion papers on Pacific cod area split (BS and AI).

5. BSAI Crab Issues: Receive BSAI Crab Program 3-year review report; receive Crab Committee report/crew proposals; review of BSAI 90/10 Amendment alternatives and analysis outline; receive report on Crab Economic Data report metadata.

6. Observer Program: Review discussion paper on program restructuring; review NMFS letter on Level 2 observer issues.

7. Aleutian Islands Sideboards: discussion paper on sideboards for AI cod processing; discussion paper on sideboards for AI Pacific ocean perch/Atka mackerel processing.

8. Miscellaneous Groundfish Management: Committee report on comprehensive data collection (T); discussion paper on GOA Rockfish program; discussion paper on BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch alternatives (Council only); Discussion paper on GOA salmon and crab bycatch.

9. Arctic Fishery Management Plan (FMP): Progress report to SSC on Arctic FMP; Council action if necessary.

10. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking; receive report on Alaska Native/Community Outreach.

11. Other Business

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. Groundfish specifications
2. Committee reports on data collection

3. Arctic FMP

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for #1 reports. The

Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Tracey L. Thompson,

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

Determination Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR Agreement)

November 12, 2008.

AGENCY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

ACTION: Determination to add a product in unrestricted quantities to Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 18, 2008.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain 100% polyester mini stripe fabric, as specified below, is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA-DR countries. The product will be added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Dybczak, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ONLINE: <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf>. Reference number: 92.2008.10.09.Fabric.SharrettsPaley forFishman&Tobin.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Act); the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Act; Presidential Proclamations 7987 (February 28, 2006) and 7996 (March 31, 2006).

BACKGROUND:

The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA-DR Agreement have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA-DR Agreement provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25(4)-(5), when the President of the United States determines that a fabric, yarn, or fiber is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. See Annex 3.25, Note; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act.

The CAFTA-DR Act requires the President to establish procedures governing the submission of a request and providing opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence before a commercial availability determination is made. In Presidential Proclamations 7987 and 7996, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA-DR Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list (73 FR 53200) ("procedures").

On October 9, 2008, the Chairman of CITA received a request for a commercial availability determination ("Request") under the CAFTA-DR from Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C., on behalf of Fishman & Tobin, for certain 100% polyester mini stripe fabrics. On October 10, 2008, in accordance with CITA's procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request and posted the Request on the dedicated website for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply ("Response") must be submitted by October 24, 2008, and any Rebuttal be submitted by October 30, 2008. No interested entity submitted a Response advising CITA of its objection to the Request and its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act, and CITA's procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and demonstrating its ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabric to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject product has been added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted