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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Announcement of Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Revised Management Plan

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 of the Final Revised Management Plan for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that 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 revised management plan for the Kachemak Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (Reserve).

The Reserve was designated in 1999 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461 and has been operating under the management plan approved as part of the designation document. Pursuant to 15 CFR 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.

The mission of the Kachemak Bay reserve management plan is to enhance understanding and appreciation of the Kachemak Bay estuary and adjacent waters to ensure these ecosystems remain healthy and productive through site-based estuarine research, stewardship and education. The management plan identifies six priority resource issues that are addressed through active management. These priority issues are (1) larval and juvenile fisheries recruitment and life history dynamics, (2) climate change, (3) coastal dynamics (natural and anthropogenic), including land use change, (4) natural hazards, (5) socioeconomics associated with coastal resources, and (6) public

access. Kachemak Bay reserve's management plan addresses these issues with specific programs for resource management and protection, research and monitoring, education and training, public access and visitor use, program administration, and partnerships and regional coordination.

The plan identifies management goals, priority resource management issues or threats that these goals must address, and specific strategies to accomplish these goals. The resource management and protection program addresses issues such as land acquisition and habitat restoration and protection. The reserve manages important habitats but any land acquisition of inholdings would be done by the state pursuant to existing management programs rather than by the reserve.

The research and monitoring program supports process-oriented research focused on obtaining baseline knowledge of the Bay and its watershed, and expanding hydrographic and biological monitoring that can be used for long-term comparisons. Staff and visiting researchers conduct monitoring and research within the watersheds and boundaries of the reserve and use GIS to map critical habitats and hydrology and hydrodynamic processes.

The education and training program at the reserve targets audiences of all ages and backgrounds for traditional, experiential, training and outreach opportunities. The education program is also upgrading and expanding the Reserve's exhibitry to better interpret scientific data collected by the Research program.

The public access and visitor use program at the reserve includes working with partners to assess visitor needs and complement current public access as allowable. Visitor use policies are designed to provide for compatible use and protection of valuable natural resources.

The administration program team ensures the staffing and budget necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of the plan. Situated within its parent agency, Division of Sport Fish of the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the administrative staff develops stable funding and grant match opportunities.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Nina Garfield at (301) 563-1171 or Laurie McGilvray, Chief, Estuarine Reserves Division 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.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Trawl Survey Advisory Panel, composed of representatives from the National Marine Fisheries Service's Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

DATES: March 8, 2006 from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. and March 9, 2006 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Garden Inn, Providence Airport, One Thurber Street, Jefferson Boulevard, Warwick, RI 02886 telephone 401-734-9600.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of the February Northeast Fisheries Science Center's experimental trawl survey cruise and continue to develop and evaluate survey protocols for the new survey.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jan Saunders at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office at least five 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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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Prospectus

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability of the draft Prospectus for one of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products (Products) for public comment. This draft Prospectus addresses the following CCSP Topic: Product 4.5 Effects of Global Change on Energy Production and Use After consideration of comments received on the draft Prospectus, the final Prospectus along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

DATES: Comments must be received by March 17, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The draft Prospectus is posted on the CCSP Program Office web site. The web address to access the draft Prospectus is: <http://www.climate-science.gov/Library/sap/sap4-5/default.htm>. Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Prospectus are provided with the Prospectus. Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Richardson, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419-3465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCSP was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global change and climate change sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis

and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. The Prospectus addressed by this notice provides a topical overview and describes plans for scoping, drafting, reviewing, producing, and disseminating one of 21 final synthesis and assessment Products that will be produced by the CCSP.

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James R. Mahoney,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Director, Climate Change Science Program.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Interim Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision to the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement

February 21, 2006.

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

ACTION: Notice of Interim Procedures and Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the interim procedures the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements ("CITA") will follow in implementing certain provisions of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement ("CAFTA-DR" or "Agreement") Implementation Act. Section 203(o)(4) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act establishes procedures for the President to modify the list of fabrics, yarns, or fibers not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the countries that are Parties to the CAFTA-DR, as set out in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR. The President has delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether fabrics, yarns, or fibers are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in CAFTA-DR countries and has directed CITA to establish procedures that govern the submission of a request and provide the opportunity for interested entities to submit comments and supporting evidence in any such determination pursuant to the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act. This notice hereby gives notice to interested entities of the procedures CITA will follow in considering such requests and solicits public written comments on these procedures. Comments must be

received not later than March 9, 2006 of this notice to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The date of entry into force of the Dominican-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("CAFTA-DR") the Statement of Administrative Action ("SAA"), accompanying the CAFTA-DR, at 16-20.

Background

The CAFTA-DR provides a list in Annex 3.25 of the Agreement for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the Agreement have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner from producers in the United States or other CAFTA-DR countries. A textile and apparel good containing fabrics, yarns, or fibers that is included in Annex 3.25 of the Agreement will be treated as if it is an originating good for purposes of the specific rules of origin in Annex 4.1 of the Agreement, regardless of the actual origin of those inputs. However, all other fabrics, yarns, or fibers of the component that determines the classification of the good must meet the specific rules of origin in Annex 4.1 of the Agreement. The CAFTA-DR provides that the President will establish procedures governing the submission of requests and may determine whether additional fabrics, yarns, or fibers are available or are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the United States or the other CAFTA-DR countries. In addition, the CAFTA-DR establishes that the President may remove a fabric, yarn, or fiber from the list, if it has been added to the list in an unrestricted quantity pursuant to section 203(o), if he determines that the fabric, yarn, or fiber has become available in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

The SAA provides that the President will delegate to CITA his authority under section 203(o)(4) of the Agreement ("Commercial Availability Provision"), to establish procedures for modifying the list of fabrics, yarns, or fibers not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner for