

continue collaboration within a wide range of programmatic marine research disciplines. NOAA, in cooperation with UCSD, has prepared a joint EIS/EIR to analyze the environmental impacts of relocating the SWFSC facilities at UCSD.

Other alternative actions considered were: Use of other NOAA facility locations in California and other Pacific Coast states; use of alternative sites at or adjacent to SIO for collaborative research; and use of existing alternative NOAA facilities and properties away from UCSD.

This joint Draft EIS/EIR analyzes environmental impacts that may result from construction and/or operation of the proposed facilities. The environmental issues addressed in the Draft EIS/EIR include: Land use and coastal zone management, geology, hydrology and water resources; biological resources and protected species; utilities and public services; transportation and traffic circulation, recreational resources; air quality; noise and vibration; visual effects and aesthetics; cultural resources; and socioeconomic and environmental justice; public services and utilities; population and housing; solid waste and hazardous materials; and cumulative effects.

Copies of the draft EIS/EIR have been made available at the UCSD library, at the existing SWFSC, and at La Jolla Public Library.

Decision Process

Following due consideration of all comments received during the official comment period, a Final EIS/EIR will be prepared. The government decision as to how to proceed will be announced in a Record of Decision (ROD) to be issued no earlier than 30 days after issuance of the Final EIS/EIR. The official responsible for a final decision is William F. Broglie, Chief Administrative Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Dated: November 18, 2008.

Sandra R. Manning,

Acting Chief Administrative Officer, Office of the Chief Administrative Officer, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648-XL88

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene scoping meetings to address loggerhead sea turtle interactions with reef fish bottom longlines.

DATES: The scoping meetings will be held December 9 & 10, 2008 at two locations. For specific dates, times, and subjects, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

ADDRESSES: The scoping meetings will be held in the following locations: Madeira Beach, FL and Panama City, FL. For specific addresses, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carrie Simmons, Fishery Biologist; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has scheduled two scoping meetings on the estimated bycatch and subsequent mortality of hard shell sea turtles based on observer data in the bottom longline portion of the Gulf of Mexico reef fish fishery. The purpose of these scoping meetings is to explore possible alternatives to reduce takes of loggerhead sea turtles in the bottom longline fishery to levels that do not jeopardize the continued existence of the population. In response to observer data that indicates increased takes of sea turtles, the Council is required to take action to provide protection for threatened loggerhead sea turtles from interactions with fishing gear in compliance with the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and to reduce bycatch and bycatch mortality in compliance with National Standard 9 of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). Scoping meetings are part of the initial phase of preparing a plan amendment. The purpose is to identify issues and a reasonable range of alternatives to address those issues.

Such alternatives could include time/area closures, gear modifications, alternative baits, observer program, effort limitation, or other measures to reduce sea turtle takes and mortality of sea turtles from interactions with reef fish longline gear. The public is encouraged to attend and provide input. Public input will be used by the Council to further develop the amendment. The scoping meetings will begin at 6 p.m. and conclude at the end of public testimony or no later than 9 p.m. at each of the following locations:

Tuesday, December 9, 2008, Hilton Garden Inn, 1101 US Highway 231, Panama City, FL 32405; telephone: (850) 392-1093;

Wednesday, December 10, 2008, City of Madeira Beach, 300 Municipal Drive, Madeira Beach, FL 33708; telephone: (727) 391-9951.

Copies of the Amendments scoping documents can be obtained by calling the Council office at (813) 348-1630.

Special Accommodations

These scoping meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 18, 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-XL96

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council(s) (Council) Herring Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 16, 2008 at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50

Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923;
telephone: (978) 777-2500.

Council address: New England
Fishery Management Council, 50 Water
Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items
of discussion in the committee(s) agenda
are as follows:

1. Continue development of
management alternatives for
Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring
Fishery Management Plan (FMP);
alternatives may include measures to
establish a catch monitoring program for
the Atlantic herring fishery, annual
catch limits (ACLs) and accountability
measures (AMs), and measures to
address river herring bycatch;

2. Review and discuss stakeholder
proposals/ideas regarding a catch
monitoring program for the Atlantic
herring fishery;

3. Review and discuss alternatives to
establish ACLs and AMs for the Atlantic
Herring fishery;

4. Review and discuss updated
observer and bycatch information, if
available;

5. Discuss other issues related to the
development of Amendment 4; and

6. Other Business.

Although non-emergency issues not
contained in this agenda may come
before this group for discussion, those
issues may not be the subject of formal
action during this meeting. Action 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 the public has been
notified of the Council(s) intent to take
final action to address the emergency.

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.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: November 19, 2008.

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

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

November 18, 2008.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the
Commissioner, U.S. Customs and
Border Protection adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 25, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ross
Arnold, 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 Bureau
of Customs and Border Protection
website (<http://www.cbp.gov>), or call
(202) 863-6560. 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.

Pursuant to Paragraph 4 of the
Memorandum of Understanding
between the Governments of the United
States and the People's Republic of
China concerning Trade in Textile and
Apparel Products, signed and dated on
November 8, 2005, the current limits for
certain categories are being increased by
the recrediting of the unused
carryforward that was previously
applied to the 2007 limits and deducted
from the 2008 limits.

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 (refer to
the Office of Textiles and Apparel
website at <http://otexa.ita.doc.gov>). Also
see 72 FR 67719 published on
November 30, 2007, and 71 FR 65090,
published on November 7, 2006.

Janet E. Heinzen,
*Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile
Agreements**

November 18, 2008.

Commissioner,
U.S. Customs and Border Protection,
Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive
amends, but does not cancel, the directive
issued to you on November 27, 2007, by the
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements. That directive
concerns imports of certain cotton, wool,
man-made fiber, silk blend and other
vegetable fiber textiles and textile products,
produced or manufactured in China and
exported during the twelve-month period
which began on January 1, 2008 and extends
through December 31, 2008.

Effective on November 25, 2008, you are
directed to increase the current limits for the
following categories, as provided for under
the terms of the Memorandum of
Understanding between the Governments of
the United States and the People's Republic
of China concerning Trade in Textile and
Apparel Products, signed and dated on
November 8, 2005:

Category	Adjusted twelve- month limit ¹
345/645/646	10,673,870 dozen.
352/652	24,515,187 dozen.

¹ The limit has not been adjusted to account
for any imports exported after December 31,
2007.

The Committee for the Implementation of
Textile Agreements has determined that this
action falls within the foreign affairs
exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5
U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,
Janet E. Heinzen,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the
Implementation of Textile Agreements.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Wednesday
December 3, 2008.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington,
DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference
Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: DCIO Risk
Surveillance.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:
Sauntia S. Warfield, 202-418-5084.

Sauntia S. Warfield,
Staff Assistant.
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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday
December 19, 2008.