

For the Department of Defense, dated this 10th day of December, 2004.

**Alex A. Beehler,**

*Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environment, Safety and Occupational Health).*

For the Department of Energy, dated this 17th day of August, 2004.

**Andy Lawrence, Deputy**

*Assistant Secretary for Environment.*

For the Department of Homeland Security, dated this 11th day of August, 2004.

**Bert M. Coursey,**

*Director, Office of Standards, DHS/S&T Directorate.*

For the Environmental Protection Agency, dated this 11th day of August, 2004.

**Elizabeth Cotsworth,**

*Director, Office of Radiation and Indoor Air.*

For the National Institute of Standards and Technology, dated this 6th day of August, 2004.

**Lisa R. Karam,**

*Chief, Ionizing Radiation Division.*

For the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, dated this 6th day of August, 2004.

**John T. Greeves,**

*Director, Division of Waste Management and Environmental Protection, Office of Nuclear Material Safety and Safeguards.*

For the U.S. Geological Survey, dated this 16th day of August, 2004.

**Robert M. Hirsch,**

*Associate Director for Water, U.S. Geological Survey.*

For the Food and Drug Administration, dated this 29th day of September, 2004.

**Thomas S. Savage,**

*Acting Director, Division of Field Science, Office of Regulatory Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.121604B]

#### Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). This will be the first of two annual meetings to be held in fiscal year (FY) 2005 to review and advise on management policies for living marine resources. Agenda topics can found in the

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held in January 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hilton Hawaiian Village Beach Resort & Spa, 2005 Kalia Road, Honolulu, HI 96815.

Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Constituent Services, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway #9508, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurel Bryant, MAFAC Executive Director; telephone: (301) 713-2379 x171.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1972, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee advises and reviews the adequacy of living marine resource policies and programs to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and environmental, state, consumer, academic, tribal, and other national interests.

#### Meeting Dates and Times

1. January 11, 2005, 9:15 a.m.–5 p.m.
2. January 12, 2005, 8:30 a.m.–5 p.m.
3. January 13, 2005, 8:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.
4. January 14, 2005, 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

#### Matters to be Considered

*January 11, 2005*

General overview and full committee discussion regarding NOAA's ecosystem management initiatives and how they relate to fisheries management, and review and status of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act reauthorization.

*January 12, 2005*

Overview and full committee discussion of cold water coral management initiatives, FY 2005 budget review, recreational fisheries strategic plan and program initiative, and review of newly revised Office of Constituent Services and programs.

*January 13, 2005*

The MAFAC will meet for a morning overview and discussion of aquaculture

legislative initiatives and status of regional research programs.

*January 14, 2005*

The full committee of MAFAC will meet in the afternoon to receive reports and take final action. Committee will adjourn sine day on completion of business.

Time will be set aside for public comment on agenda items.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: December 17, 2004.

**William T. Hogarth,**

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102504E]

#### Endangered Species; File No. 1494

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that St. George's School, P.O. Box 1910, Newport, RI 02840 has been issued a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) and Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit 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)713-0376;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371; and

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick Opay or Jennifer Skidmore, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 20, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 51637) that a request for a scientific research permit to take sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued 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 parts 222-226).

Permit No. 1494 is a five-year permit authorizing St. George's School to annually capture 50 loggerhead, 5 green, 5 hawksbill and 5 Kemp's ridley sea turtles by hand or dip net. Animals will be weighed, measured, flipper tagged and released. The applicant will also collect tissue samples from the loggerhead, green and hawksbill species and import the samples to the U.S. The purpose of the research is to study habitat utilization and migratory behavior of these species.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered and threatened species which are the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 17, 2004.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Designations under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

December 21, 2004.

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

**ACTION:** Designation

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics, of the specifications detailed

below, classified in the indicated subheadings of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS), for use in products covered by textile categories 340, 341, 347, 348, 350, 351, and woven underwear in category 352, cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The CITA hereby designates such apparel articles, that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country, from these fabrics as eligible for quota-free and duty-free treatment under the textile and apparel commercial availability provisions of the CBTPA and eligible under HTSUS subheadings 9820.11.27, to enter free of quota and duties, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States.

**EFFECTIVE DATE: December 27, 2004.**

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

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 211 of the CBTPA, amending Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (CBERA); Presidential Proclamation 7351 of October 2, 2000; Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

#### BACKGROUND:

The commercial availability provision of the CBTPA provides for duty-free and quota-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more beneficiary CBTPA country from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States if it has been determined that such yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner and certain procedural requirements have been met. In Presidential Proclamation 7351, the President proclaimed that this treatment would apply to apparel articles from fabrics or yarn designated by the appropriate U.S. government authority in the **Federal Register**. In Executive Order 13191, the President authorized CITA to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

On August 12, 2004, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from Sandler, Travis, and Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of Picacho, S.A., alleging that certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics, of detailed specifications, classified in indicated HTSUS subheadings, for use in shirts, trousers,

nightwear, robes, dressing gowns, and woven underwear, 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 such apparel articles that are both cut and sewn in one or more CBTPA beneficiary countries from such fabrics. On August 18, 2004, CITA requested public comment on the petition. See Request for Public Comment on Commercial Availability Petition under the United States - Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA) (69 FR 51269). On September 3, 2004, CITA and the U.S. Trade Representative (USTR) sought the advice of the Industry Trade Advisory Committee for Textiles and Clothing and the Industry Trade Advisory Committee for Distribution Services. On September 3, CITA and USTR offered to hold consultations with the Committee on Ways and Means of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Finance of the Senate (collectively, the Congressional Committees). On August 25, 2004, the U.S. International Trade Commission provided advice on the petitions.

Based on the information and advice received and its understanding of the industry, CITA determined that the fabrics set forth in the petition cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. On October 5, 2004, CITA and USTR submitted a report to the Congressional Committees that set forth the action proposed, the reasons for such action, and advice obtained. A period of 60 calendar days since this report was submitted has expired.

CITA hereby designates as eligible for preferential treatment under HTSUS subheading 9820.11.27, products covered by textile categories 340, 341, 347, 348, 350, 351, and woven underwear in category 352, that are both cut and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more eligible CBTPA beneficiary countries, from certain woven, 100 percent cotton, napped fabrics, of the specifications detailed below, classified in the indicated HTSUS subheadings, not formed in the United States, provided that all other fabrics are wholly formed in the United States from yarns wholly formed in the United States, subject to the special rules for findings and trimmings, certain interlinings and de minimis fibers and yarns under section 112(d) of the CBTPA, and that such articles are imported directly into the customs territory of the United States from an eligible CBTPA beneficiary country.