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**Louisa Koch,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### 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 November 17-18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Caravelle Hotel, 44A, Queen Cross Street, Christiansted, St. Croix, U.S.V.I. 00820

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 268 Munoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918-2577, telephone (787) 766-5926.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Council will hold its 99<sup>th</sup> regular public meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 98<sup>th</sup> Council Minutes
- Executive Director's Report
- Proposal for Rapid Assessment of Fish Kills
- Update on Marine Conservation District
- Sustainable Fisheries Act
- Change to Sustainable Fisheries Act Document
- Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey
- Essential Fish Habitat Amendment
- Trap Impact Studies
- Reef Fish FMP
- Subcommittee Meeting Report and Consideration of Statistical and Scientific Committee (SSC) and Advisory Panel (AP) Recommendations
- Queen Conch FMP
- Subcommittee Meeting Report and Consideration of SSC and AP Recommendations

Coastal Pelagics FMP (Wahoo/Dolphin)

Subcommittee Meeting Report and Consideration of SSC and AP Recommendations

Enforcement

-Federal Government

-Puerto Rico

-U.S. Virgin Islands

Administrative Committee Recommendations

Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

Other Business

#### Next Council Meeting

The Council will convene on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., through Thursday, November 18, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. until noon, approximately. The Administrative Committee will meet on Wednesday, November 17, 1999, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., to discuss administrative matters regarding Council operation.

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 Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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

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, 00918-2577, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 27, 1999.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Amendment of Export Visa Requirements for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textiles and Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 25, 1999.

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

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs providing for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice printed on light blue guilloche patterned background paper.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 1, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

#### 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.

The Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China have agreed to amend the existing export visa requirements to provide for the use of a new textile export license/commercial invoice, issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China, for shipments of goods produced or manufactured in China and exported from China on and after January 1, 2000. The new license/invoice shall be printed on light blue guilloche patterned background paper with the map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light blue form replaces the jade green form currently in use. The visa stamp is not being changed at this time.

Shipments of textile and apparel products which are produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 2000 through January 31, 2000 may be accompanied by a visa printed on either the jade green background paper or the light blue background paper as described above. Both the jade green and the light blue forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

See 62 FR 15465, published on April 1, 1997.

**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

**Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements**

October 25, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,  
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on March 27, 1997, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive establishes an export visa arrangement for certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend, and other vegetable fiber textiles and textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China.

Effective on January 1, 2000, for products exported from China on or after January 1, 2000, you are directed to amend the March 27, 1997 directive to provide for the use of export licenses/commercial invoices issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on light blue guilloche patterned background paper with a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light blue form will replace the jade green form currently being used.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, you are directed to permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 2000 through January 31, 2000, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either the jade green background paper or the light blue background paper as described above. Both the jade green and light blue forms have a map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Products exported on and after February 1, 2000 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China on the light blue license/invoice form.

The requirements for ELVIS (Electronic Visa Information System) remain unchanged.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

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,

Troy H. Cribb,

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah**

**Notice of Open Meeting**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy (DOE).

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of these meetings be announced in the **Federal Register**.

**DATES:** Monday, November 8, 1999: 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Paducah Information Age Park Resource Center, 2000 McCracken Boulevard, Paducah, Kentucky.

**OTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John D. Sheppard, Site Specific Advisory Board Coordinator, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001, (270) 441-6804.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Purpose of the Board:* The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration and waste management activities.

*Tentative Agenda*

6:00 p.m.—Call to order

6:05 p.m.—Discussion with  
Environmental Health Investigation Team

7:00 p.m.—Review of Site Corrective Action Plan

8:00 p.m.—Adjourn

*Public Participation:* The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Committee either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact John D. Sheppard at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received 5 days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Official is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Each individual wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of 5 minutes to present their comments at the end of the meeting. This notice is being published less than 15 days before the date of the meeting due to a request by the DOE Paducah site office that the EM-SSAB, Paducah, advise DOE on the corrective action plan prepared to address the draft Environmental Health Report. The final

corrective action plan is due in late November. In order for the comments of the EM-SSAB, Paducah, to be incorporated in the final report, an SSAB meeting has to be scheduled for November 8, 1999.

*Minutes:* The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the Freedom of Information Public Reading Room, 1E-190, Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585 between 9:00 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, except Federal holidays. Minutes will also be available at the Department of Energy's Environmental Information Center and Reading Room at 175 Freedom Boulevard, Highway 60, Kevil, Kentucky between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Monday thru Friday or by writing to John D. Sheppard, Department of Energy Paducah Site Office, Post Office Box 1410, MS-103, Paducah, Kentucky 42001 or by calling him at (270) 441-6804.

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**Rachel M. Samuel,**

*Deputy Advisory Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**

**Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy**

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**Supplemental Announcement Number 01, Hydrogen Technologies, to the Broad Based Solicitation for Submission of Financial Assistance Applications Involving Research, Development and Demonstration**

**AGENCY:** The Department of Energy (DOE).

**ACTION:** Request for applications for research and development projects in support of the DOE Hydrogen Program.

**SUMMARY:** The DOE Office of Power Technologies is funding a competitive financial assistance program in support of the DOE Hydrogen Program. Proposals are requested under a DOE Broad Based Solicitation that is anticipated to result in the award of one or more cooperative agreements in Fiscal Year 2000.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background Information**

The Office of Power Technologies (OPT) of the DOE Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) is supporting the issuance of this