

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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New England Fishery Management Council, Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice; Public hearings, request for comments.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council will hold six public hearings and one webinar to solicit comments on the Omnibus Deep Sea Coral Amendment.

DATES: These meetings will be held May 22–26, 2017. For specific dates and times, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**. Written Public Comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. e.s.t., June 5, 2017; comments received prior to May 25, 2017 will be reviewed by the Habitat Committee at their May 30, 2017 committee meeting.

ADDRESSES: The hearing document is accessible electronically via the internet <http://www.nefmc.org/library/omnibus-deep-sea-coral-amendment> or by request to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

Meeting addresses: The meetings will be held in Montauk, NY, Narragansett, RI, New Bedford, MA, Gloucester, MA, Portsmouth, NH, Ellsworth, ME and via webinar. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

Public Comments: Written public hearing comments on the Omnibus Deep Sea Coral Amendment may be sent by any of the following methods: Mail to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; email to the following address: comments@nefmc.org or fax to (978) 465–3116.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; phone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The New England Fishery Management Council is conducting seven public hearings to solicit comments on the alternatives under consideration in the Draft Omnibus Deep-Sea Coral Amendment. More

specifically, the Council is seeking feedback from the public on which alternatives should be selected and why. These hearings are being held by the Council in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act. The Council plans to take final action on the amendment during its June 20–22, 2017 meeting in Portland, ME.

Deep-sea corals are fragile, slow-growing organisms that play an important role in the marine ecosystem and are vulnerable to various types of disturbance of the seafloor. The alternatives are designed to reduce the potential impacts of fishing activity on corals, as allowed under the Council's discretionary authority. Restrictions on bottom tending gear are being considered, with possible exemptions for some or all types of fixed gears. Potential coral management areas are located off the eastern Maine coast, in Jordan Basin and Georges Basin in the offshore Gulf of Maine, and in the canyon and slope region south of Georges Bank. The hearings are being held by the Council in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act.

During each hearing, Council staff will brief the public on the draft amendment before receiving comments. The hearings will begin promptly at the time indicated above. If all attendees who wish to do so have provided their comments prior to the end time indicated, the hearing may conclude early. To the extent possible, the Council may extend hearings beyond the end time indicated above to accommodate all attendees who wish to speak.

Public Hearing, Dates and Locations

1. *Monday, May 22, 2017, 6–8 p.m.,* Montauk Playhouse Community Center, 240 Edgemere Street, Montauk, NY 11954
2. *Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 1–3 p.m.,* University of Rhode Island Bay Campus, Corless Auditorium, 215 South Ferry Road, Narragansett, RI 02882
3. *Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 5:30–7:30 p.m.,* Fairfield Inn and Suites, 185 MacArthur Drive, New Bedford, MA 02740
4. *Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 1–3 p.m.,* Mass. Dept. Marine Fisheries, Annisquam River Marine Fisheries Field Station, 30 Emerson Ave., Gloucester, MA 01930
5. *Wednesday, May 24, 2017, 5:30–7:30 p.m.,* Sheraton Harborside, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801
6. *Thursday, May 25, 2017, 5–7 p.m.,* Ellsworth High School, 299 State Street, Ellsworth, ME 04605

7. *Friday, May 26, 2017, 1–2:30 p.m.,* Via Webinar, Register to listen and participate, <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/98257139389273345>

Special Accommodations

The meetings are accessible to people with physical disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to this meeting date.

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

Dated: May 4, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Council's Mackerel-Squid-Butterfish (MSB) Monitoring Committee will meet via webinar to develop recommendations for future MSB specifications.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, May 23, 2017, at 8 a.m. and end by 3 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option: <http://mafmc.adobeconnect.com/moncom2017/>.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State St., Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D. Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 526–5255. The Council's Web site, www.mafmc.org will also have details on webinar access and any background materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council's Mackerel-Squid-Butterfish (MSB) Monitoring Committee will meet to develop recommendations for future MSB specifications. There will be time for public questions and comments. The

Council utilizes the Monitoring Committee recommendations at each June Council meeting when setting the subsequent years' MSB specifications.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Council will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: May 4, 2017.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy 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")

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.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements ("CITA") has determined that certain two-way stretch polyester/rayon/spandex twill weave 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.

DATES: *Effective:* May 10, 2017.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maria Goodman, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3651.

For Further Information On-Line:
<http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf> under "Approved Requests," Reference number: 209.2017.04.03.Fabric.ST&RforMedline.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The CAFTA-DR Agreement; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act ("CAFTA-DR Implementation Act"), Pub. Law 109-53; the Statement of Administrative Action, accompanying the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act; and Presidential Proclamation 7987 (February 28, 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 and 3.25.5, 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 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement; *see also* section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act.

The CAFTA-DR Implementation 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 Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. Pursuant to this authority, on September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to CAFTA-DR (*Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement*, 73 FR 53200) ("CITA's procedures").

On April 3, 2017, the Chairman of CITA received a request for a Commercial Availability determination ("Request") from Sandler, Travis and Rosenberg, P.A., on behalf of Medline Industries, Inc. for certain two-way

stretch polyester/rayon/spandex twill weave fabric. On April 4, 2017, in accordance with CITA's procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted on the dedicated Web site for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply ("Response") must be submitted by April 17, 2017, and any Rebuttal Comments to a Response must be submitted by April 21, 2017, in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of CITA's procedures. No interested entity submitted a Response to the Request advising CITA of its objection to the Request and its offer to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Implementation Act, and section 8(c)(2) of CITA's procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and providing an offer 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 quantities. A revised list has been posted on the dedicated Web site for CAFTA-DR Commercial Availability proceedings, at <http://otexa.trade.gov/caftaannex325.htm>.

Specifications: Two-way Stretch Polyester/Rayon/Spandex Twill Weave Fabric
HTS: 5515.11.00

Fiber Content: 69-75% polyester; 20-26% rayon, 2-8% spandex

Warp: Plied polyester/rayon staple with spandex filament

Filling: Plied textured polyester filament with spandex filament

Thread count: 47.2-51.2 warp ends per linear cm (120-130 warp ends per linear inch); 35.43-39.37 filling ends per linear cm (90-100 filling ends per linear inch)

Fabric weight: 194 to 206 grams per meter squared (5.7 to 6.1 ounces per square yard)

Finishing process: Softened
Coloration: Piece dyed, yarn dyed, bleached and printed

Performance Criteria

Dimensional Stability/Shrinkage (AATCC 135): +/- 3%

Colorfastness to Laundering (AATCC 61): >= 4.0 color change; >= 3.5 staining for light colors (3.0 for dark colors)

Colorfastness to Crocking (AATCC 8): >= 4.0 dry; >= 3 wet for light colors (2.5 for dark colors).