

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team (CREPT) in Honolulu, HI. The meeting will also serve as a public scoping hearing on the management alternatives to be analyzed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: The CREPT meeting will be held on July 13–15, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808–522–8220).

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808–522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CREPT will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

Tuesday, July 13, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

1. Summary of progress to date on Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (CRE-FMP)
2. Implementation plan/timetable for completion of CRE-FMP
3. Review of fishery management units
 - A. Fish
 - B. Invertebrates
 - C. Other
4. Review of initial proposed measures/alternatives/impacts
 - A. Permit and reporting requirement
 - B. Designation of Marine Protected Areas (MPAs)
 - (1) Criteria
 - (2) Specific candidate sites
 - C. Allowable harvest gear/prohibited practices

Wednesday, July 14, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

- D. Framework regulatory process
 - (1) Aquaculture/possession permit for live rock/coral
 - (2) Prohibit anchoring by fishing vessels on Guam's offshore banks
 - (3) Designate zones for mooring buoy installation and anchoring requirement
 - (4) Require permanent marking of passive fishing gear
 - (5) Other
5. Proposed non-regulatory management measures
 - A. Facilitate local management
 - B. Create incentives for sustainable use

- C. Public education outreach
6. Suggestions to address other existing laws and policies
 - A. Endangered Species Act
 - B. Marine Mammal Protection Act
 - C. Administrative Procedure Act
 - D. Coastal Zone Management Act
 - E. Regulatory Flexibility Act
 - F. Executive Orders
 - G. Magnuson-Stevens Act/Sustainable Fisheries Act/Essential Fish Habitat
 - H. Other
7. Preliminary draft regulations
8. Other concerns regarding developing CRE-FMP

Thursday, July 15, 1999, 8:30 a.m.

9. Public scoping hearing for National Environmental Policy Act/Environmental Impact Statement
 - A. Review of public comments received
 - B. Public hearing for additional comments
 10. Other business
 - A. Scheduling of next CREPT meeting
 - B. Upcoming coral reef meetings
 11. Other business
 - A. Scheduling of next meeting
- Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this team 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. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808–522–8220 (voice) or 808–522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: June 23, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Precious Corals Plan Team and Advisory Panel.

DATES: The meeting will be held on July 20, 1999, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at NMFS Honolulu Laboratory, 2570 Dole St., Rm. 112, Honolulu, HI 96822–2396, telephone: 808–983–5300.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: 808–522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members of the Precious Corals Plan Team and Advisory Panel will discuss the findings of recent research on precious corals in the waters around Hawaii, including information on the size and condition of certain classified precious coral beds, potential increases in fishing pressure on black corals, the presence of a new precious coral bed near French Frigate Shoals and the possible importance of precious coral beds as foraging areas for Hawaiian monk seals. Based on this new information, the plan team will discuss possible modifications to the precious corals fishery management plan. Possible changes in the FMP include suspending the harvest quota for live gold coral at the Makapu'u Bed; redefining live precious coral as precious coral that has live coral polyps or tissue and redefining dead precious coral as precious coral that no longer has any live coral polyps or tissue; applying size limits to harvested live coral only; implementing a minimum size limit for black coral; prohibiting the use of non-selective gear except for scientific research activity; prohibiting the harvest of pink coral from any established or conditional bed unless it has attained a minimum height of 10 inches; revising the boundaries of Brooks Bank; increasing the annual harvest quota for live pink coral at Brooks Bank; suspending the harvest quota for live gold coral at Brooks Bank; restricting the harvest quota for all types of live precious coral at the newly-discovered bed near French Frigate Shoals; and revising the fishing logbooks to require additional information.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups 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.

Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

Special Accommodations

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Dated: June 23, 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

New Export Visa Form for Certain Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Sri Lanka

June 23, 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 export visa form.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, 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.

Effective on July 1, 1999, goods produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka and exported to the United States must be accompanied by Sri Lanka's Textile Quota Board export visa form printed on a white form with the term "non-negotiable" printed on it. This replaces the light green security paper form currently in use. The visa stamp remains unchanged. There will be a grace period from July 1, 1999 through July 31, 1999, during which products exported from Sri Lanka may be accompanied by either the old or new export visa form. Products exported from Sri Lanka on or after August 1, 1999 must be accompanied by the new export visa form.

See 53 FR 34573, published on September 7, 1988.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

June 23, 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 September 1, 1988, as amended, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive directed you to prohibit entry of certain cotton, wool and man-made fiber apparel, produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka for which the Government of Sri Lanka has not issued an appropriate export visa.

Effective on July 1, 1999, you are directed to amend further the directive dated September 1, 1988 to provide for the use of a new export visa form issued by the Government of Sri Lanka to accompany shipments of textile products, produced or manufactured in Sri Lanka and exported from Sri Lanka on or after July 1, 1999. This new visa form is Sri Lanka's Textile Quota Board export visa form printed on a white form with the term "non-negotiable" printed on it. This replaces the light green security paper form currently in use. The visa stamp remains unchanged.

Textile products exported from Sri Lanka during the period July 1, 1999 through July 31, 1999 may be accompanied by either the old or new export visa form. Products exported from Sri Lanka on or after August 1, 1999 must be accompanied by the new export visa form.

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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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comments on a Request that the United States Consult with Mexico and Canada Concerning a Certain Rayon Filament Yarn

June 23, 1999.

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

ACTION: Request for public comments concerning a request for consultations on certain rayon filament yarn.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

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 purpose of this notice is to advise the public that CITA has been petitioned to initiate consultations with Mexico and Canada under Section 7(2) of Annex 300-B of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) for the purpose of amending the NAFTA rules of origin for HTS subheading 5806.32 to permit the use of non-North American rayon filament yarn classified in HTS subheading 5403.31.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, in NAFTA originating goods.

There will be a 30-day comment period beginning on June 29, 1999 and extending through July 29, 1999. Anyone wishing to comment or provide data or information regarding domestic production or availability of rayon filament yarn classified in HTS subheading 5403.31.00 is invited to submit 10 copies of such comments or information to Troy H. Cribb, Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

Comments or information submitted in response to this notice will be available for public inspection in the Office of Textiles and Apparel, room H3100, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

The solicitation of comments is not a waiver in any respect of the exemption contained in 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1) relating to matters which constitute a "foreign affairs function of the United States."

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.