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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 1949 Act requires that a limited global import quota for upland cotton be determined and announced immediately whenever the average price of the base quality of upland cotton in the designated spot markets for a month exceeds 130 percent of the average price of such quality of cotton in such markets for the preceding 36 months. The limited global import quota means a quantity of imports that is not subject to the over-quota tariff rate of a tariff-rate quota. The December 1994 spot market average for base quality cotton was 81.92 cents per pound, which is 136 percent of the 60.06 cents-per-pound average of the previous 36-month period from December 1991 through November 1994.

The 1949 Act requires that if a quota has been established under the authority of section 103(B)(n) during the preceding 12 months, the quantity of the quota shall be the smaller of 21 days of domestic mill consumption at the seasonally-adjusted average rate of the most recent 3 months for which data are available (21-day supply) or the quantity required to increase supply to 130 percent of demand. Since the 21-day supply is smaller than the amount needed to increase supply to 130 percent of demand, the quota is equal to 21 days of domestic mill consumption of upland cotton at the seasonally-adjusted average rate for the period September through November 1994. The quota is not divided by staple length or by country of origin. The quota does not affect existing tariff rates or phytosanitary regulations.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1444-2 (n) and U.S. Note 6(b), Subchapter III, Chapter 99 of the HTS.

Signed at Washington, DC, on February 10, 1995.

Richard E. Rominger,

Acting Secretary.

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Forest Service

Notice of the Preparation of the Southern Appalachian Assessment, and the Beginning of the Forest Plan Revision Efforts for the National Forests in Alabama, Chattahoochee-Oconee, Cherokee, and Sumter National Forests

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This Notice is to announce the U.S. Forest Service's participation in the preparation of the Southern Appalachian Assessment (SAA). This Assessment is being prepared by the U.S. Forest Service (the Southern Region of the National Forest System and the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station) in cooperation with the other Federal agencies that are members of SAMAB (Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere Cooperative). It will include national forest lands of the George Washington, Jefferson, Nantahala-Pisgah, Cherokee, and Chattahoochee National Forests; and parts of the Sumter and Talladega National Forests. Also involved will be National Park Service lands in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Shenandoah National Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

This Notice also announces the beginning of the efforts to revise the Land and Resource Management Plans (Forest Plans) for the National Forests in Alabama, the Chattahoochee-Oconee, the Cherokee, and the Sumter National Forests. This is not the "Notice of Intent" (NOI) for the Environmental Impact Statements that will accompany the Revised Forest Plans. Those NOIs will be issued at a later date.

The Southern Appalachian Assessment will support and facilitate ecosystem management decisions to be made in Forest Plan revisions. As the National Forests in the Southern Appalachians are conducting their local efforts to describe their "Analysis of the Management Situation" (AMS), they will also be providing information for the larger scale Southern Appalachian Assessment.

The Assessment will be used to help determine each National Forests' "Need for Change" section of their AMS. This information will then be used to publish the Notices of Intent to prepare the Environmental Impact Statements, which will begin the NEPA (National Environmental Policy Act) processes associated with each Forest Plan revision.

Public involvement is critical throughout these processes and it will be requested and accepted continually throughout these efforts. Formal public involvement with the Forest Plan revision efforts will also be conducted through "Scoping", following the issuance of the National Forests NOIs.

DATES: The Southern Appalachian Assessment is scheduled to be completed by January 1996.

The National Forests in Alabama, the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, the Cherokee National Forest, and the

Sumter National Forest are scheduled to complete the drafts of their Analysis of the Management Situation between October 1995 and January 1996. During this same time period, these Forests are scheduled to issue their Notices of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (NOI) for their Revised Land and Resource Management Plans. A Revised NOI for the Jefferson National Forest will also be issued during this time period.

ADDRESSES: Requests for information, and comments concerning this notice can be sent to:

Director, Planning and Budget, USDA-Forest Service, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30367-9102.
Co-Team Leader, Southern Appalachian Assessment, USDA-Forest Service, 1720 Peachtree Rd. NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30367-9102.

Forest Supervisor, National Forests in Alabama, 2946 Chestnut, Montgomery, Alabama 36107-3010.

Forest Supervisor, Chattahoochee-Oconee NFs, 508 Oak Street, NW, Gainesville, Georgia 30501.

Forest Supervisor, Cherokee NF, 2800 N. Oconee St. NE, P.O. Box 2010, Cleveland, Tennessee 37320-2010.

Forest Supervisor, Francis Marion-Sumter NFs, 4931 Broad River, Columbia, South Carolina 29210-4021.

Forest Supervisor, George Washington NF, P.O. Box 233, Harrison Plaza, Harrisonburg, Virginia 22801.

Forest Supervisor, Jefferson NF, 5162 Valley Pointe Parkway, Roanoke, Virginia 24019-3050.

Forest Supervisor, National Forests in North Carolina, 100 Post and Otis Streets, P.O. Box 2750, Asheville, North Carolina 28802.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For more information concerning this notice contact: Gary Pierson, Director of Planning and Budget, Southern Region.

For more information on the Southern Appalachian Assessment contact: Forrest Carpenter, Co-Team Leader, Southern Region.

For more information from the individual National Forests contact:

Rick Morgan, Planning Team Leader, National Forests in Alabama
Caren Briscoe, Planning Staff Officer, Chattahoochee-Oconee NF
Red Anderson, Planning Team Leader, Cherokee NF

Dave Plunkett, NEPA Coordinator, George Washington NF

Nacy Ross, Planning Team Leader, Jefferson NF

Larry Hayden, Planning Team Leader, Nantahala-Pisgah NF

Richard Shelfer, Planning Team Leader, Sumter NF

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Southern Region of the National Forest System and the Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, in cooperation with the other Federal agencies that are members of the Southern Appalachian Man and the Biosphere Cooperative (SAMAB, i.e., the Environmental Protection Agency, the Forest Service, the Fish and Wildlife Service, the National Park Service, the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Geological Survey, the Department of Energy Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Economic Development Administration, and the National Biological Survey) have begun conducting a Southern Appalachian Assessment (SAA). The Assessment will include the national forest lands of the George Washington, Jefferson, Nantahala-Pisgah, Cherokee, and Chattahoochee National Forests, and parts of the Sumter and Talladega National Forests. The Assessment will also include National Park Service lands in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Shenandoah National Park, and the Blue Ridge Parkway.

The Assessment will facilitate an interagency ecological approach to management in the Southern Appalachian area by collecting and analyzing broad-scale biological, physical, social and economic data to serve as a foundation for more local natural resource management decisions. The Assessment will be organized around four "themes"—(1) Terrestrial (which includes the Health of Forest Ecosystems, and Plant and Animal Resources); (2) Aquatic Resources; (3) Air Quality and (4) the Human Dimension of Ecosystems (which includes Communities and Human Influences; Roadless Areas and Wilderness; Recreation, Wildlife and Fish Supply and Demand; and the Timber Economy of the Southern Appalachians).

Public comment on the SAA process began with a series of open town hall meetings held in Asheville, NC; Gainesville, GA; and Roanoke, VA in August 1994. In addition, interested members of the public were asked for further written comments to be received by September 15. As the Assessment progresses, continued public involvement will be facilitated through additional meetings and newsletters.

2. Beginning of the Forest Plan Revision Efforts for the National Forests in Alabama, the Chattahoochee-Oconee, the Cherokee, and the Sumter National Forests

This Notice announces that the National Forests in Alabama, the Chattahoochee-Oconee National Forests, the Cherokee National Forest, and the Sumter National Forest either have already started or are beginning efforts to revise their Land and Resource Management Plans (LRMP). These Forests are each in the process of preparing their Analysis of the Management Situation (AMS), one of the first steps in the revision process. This step includes updating resource inventories, defining the current situation, estimating supply capabilities and resource demands, and determining the "Need for Change" (36 CFR 291.12(e)(5)).

3. Public Involvement in Developing the "Need for Change" in an AMS

Determining the concerns and expectations of National Forest constituents and getting public input on how well current forest plans are working, or not working, are critical elements of describing the "need to change" a forest plan. An integral part of determining the need for change is public involvement. Each of the National Forests described above either have already, or will soon contact their interested public to solicit their participation in this step of the forest plan revision process.

4. Relationship Between the AMS and a Notice of Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement

In the past, a "Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement" (NOI) was issued at the beginning of the forest planning process, including before the development of the AMS.

This time, we are first defining the current situation and an initial "need for change" in a Draft AMS, and then issuing a NOI prior to developing alternatives. This will allow us to incorporate a more definable "Proposed Action" and "Purpose and Need" into our NOIs, which will begin the formal NEPA process of preparing the Environmental Impact Statements (EIS) that will accompany the Revised Land and Resource Management Plans.

5. Relationship Between the Southern Appalachian Assessment and the Process for Revising the Southern Appalachian National Forests' LRMPs

The public has expressed concern that the Southern Appalachian Assessment

will "delay" revising National Forest Land and Resource Management Plans in the Southern Appalachians. However, the SAA is being conducted concurrently, and in support of, the forest plan revisions.

Many of the information needs for the Forest AMSs and for the SAA are the same. The Assessment will support the revision of the LRMPs by determining how the lands, resources, people and management of the National Forests interrelate within the larger context of the Southern Appalachian area. The SAA, however, will not be a "decision document" and it will not involve the NEPA process. As broad-scale issues are identified and addressed at the sub-regional level in the Assessment, the individual National Forest's role in resolving those broad-scale issues will become a part of the "need for change" at the Forest level.

6. Issuing the Notice of Intent to Prepare an EIS

The National Forests identified above will issue their NOIs when enough information from the SAA is available for them to develop the "Need for Change" section of their Draft AMS. The Draft AMSs are scheduled to be completed between October 1995 and January 1996. Their NOIs are also scheduled to be issued during this same time period.

Each NOI will include a description of a preliminary "Proposed Action" and of some preliminary alternatives. Scoping to receive public comments on the preliminary proposed action and preliminary alternatives will begin following the publication of the NOIs. These public comments will be used to further refine the "Proposed Action" and the preliminary alternatives, to possibly identify additional alternatives, and to finalize the AMS and the "Need for Change".

7. Status of the Jefferson, George Washington, and Nantahala-Pisgah National Forests

The Jefferson National Forest, which is also currently working on its Revised LRMP, previously issued a Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for its Revised LRMP on June 28, 1993. A Revised NOI for the Forest will be issued between October 1995 and January 1996, to coincide with the NOIs issued for the other National Forests in the Southern Appalachians.

The George Washington National Forest completed its *Final Revised Forest Plan* on January 21, 1993, and the Nantahala-Pisgah National Forests completed a significant amendment, *Amendment 5 to their Land and*

Resource Management Plan on March 18, 1994. These two forests are not currently involved in the revision process. However, if information from the Southern Appalachian Assessment identifies conditions requiring additions or changes to these plans to ensure consistency between the National Forests in the Southern Appalachians, then amendments to these plans could be considered.

8. The Responsible Official

The Responsible Official for the Revised Land and Resource Management Plans for the National Forests in the Southern Appalachians is Robert C. Joslin, Regional Forester, Southern Region, 1720 Peachtree Road NW, Atlanta, Georgia 30367.

Dated: February 13, 1995.

R. Gary Pierson,

Acting Deputy Regional Forester.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) Meeting

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pending availability of the Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) members, ETTAC will hold its next meeting to discuss future projects and current issues which influence the export of U.S. environmental technologies.

DATES: Monday, March 13, 1995, 9:00 am-4:00 pm.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4830, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Alonzo, Office of Environmental Technologies Exports, Room 4324, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, phone (202) 482-5225, facsimile (202) 482-5665, TDD 1-800-833-8723.

Dated: February 13, 1995

Carlos Montoulieu

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Environmental Technologies Exports

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Atlantic Striped Bass Fishery; 1993 Survey of Atlantic Striped Bass Fisheries

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

ACTION: Summary and notice of availability of survey results.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability and summarizes the results of a survey of the Atlantic coast striped bass fisheries for 1993. The Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act (the Act), requires NMFS to provide information on the status of the fisheries.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the survey results are available from William T. Hogarth, NOAA/NMFS/FCM3, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 14837 Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William T. Hogarth, (301) 713-2347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Act requires the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a comprehensive annual survey of the Atlantic striped bass fisheries. The following is a summary of the survey for 1993. Management measures restricting the harvest of striped bass by commercial and recreational fisheries remained in place during 1993, as the stocks continue to rebuild.

The 1993 commercial harvest of striped bass was 1,695,000 lb (769.5 mt), an increase of 0.2 percent above the landings of 1,692,000 lb in 1992. The Chesapeake Bay area (Maryland, Virginia, and the Potomac River) accounted for 72 percent of the 1993 commercial landings. The recreational catch in 1993 was an estimated 5.6 million striped bass, of which 561,000 were harvested; the remaining 5.1 million, were released alive. The estimated weight of the recreational harvest was 6.7 million lb (2,986.1 mt), about four times that of the commercial harvest.

Juvenile production in 1993 was above the long-term averages for Maryland, North Carolina, Virginia, and

Delaware. Information from sampling the population of striped bass shows an increased relative abundance from recent year classes. Copies of the survey are available upon request (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: February 13, 1995.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council; Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary.

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, February 24, 1995, from 8:30 until 5:00. The meeting will be held at the Pacific Grove Natural History Museum, 165 Forest Avenue (intersection of Forest Avenue and Central Avenue), Pacific Grove, California.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including a report from Fort Ord officials concerning the former marine impact areas, a discussion of Moss Landing Harbor contaminant issues, a discussion of Piedras Blancas elephant seal harassment, a Sanctuary update, and reports from working groups.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott Kathey at (408) 647-4201 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

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Dated: February 13, 1995.

W. Stanley Wilson,

Assistant Administrator, for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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