

comments for Snapper Grouper Amendment 16 to  
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Copies of the Public Hearing Documents are available at the Council's web site at *www.safmc.net* or from Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; telephone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free at (866) SAFMC-10.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Proposed actions in Amendment 7 to the Shrimp FMP address: (1) the current 15,000-pound landing requirement for rock shrimp; (2) loss of limited access rock shrimp endorsements due to not meeting the landing requirement by December 31, 2007; (3) loss of limited access rock shrimp endorsements due to failing to renew within the specified timeframe; (4) renaming the rock shrimp permit and endorsement to minimize confusion, (5) requirements for Vessel Monitoring System verification; and (6) requirements for the provision of economic data by shrimp permit holders.

A series of public hearings were held May 7-15, 2008 on management alternatives in Amendment 16 to the Snapper Grouper FMP. The amendment updates management reference points for gag grouper and vermilion snapper, including Maximum Sustainable Yield (MSY), Optimum Yield (OY), Maximum Fishing Mortality Threshold (MFMT) and Minimum Stock Size Threshold (MSST), which reflect current scientific information as provided by stock assessments and approved by the Scientific and Statistical Committee. In addition, the amendment would either alter current management measures or implement new management measures that would reduce current harvest levels to yields associated with the optimum yield and end overfishing of both stocks in the South Atlantic. The Council will also specify interim allocations between the commercial and recreational sectors.

As a response to public input and recommendations from its Snapper Grouper Advisory Panel, in June 2008, the Council agreed to add four additional management alternatives for consideration and analysis in Amendment 16. The new alternatives include: (1) a commercial trip limit of 1,000 pounds for gag with a fishing year start date of May 1. In addition, during

March and April, no fishing for and/or possession of the following species would be allowed: gag, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, tiger grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney; (2) a commercial trip limit of 1,000 pounds for gag with a fishing year start date of January 1. In addition, during February, March, and April no fishing for and/or possession of the following species would be allowed: gag, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, tiger grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney; (3) implement a May 1 fishing year start date for the commercial vermilion snapper fishery and a 1,000 pound trip limit for the commercial vermilion snapper fishery; and 4) South of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line, no fishing for and/or possession of the following species would be allowed during June 1 - December 31: gag, black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, tiger grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney. No fishing for and/or possession of gag would be allowed year-round south of the Miami-Dade/Monroe County line. Fishing for black grouper, red grouper, scamp, red hind, rock hind, yellowmouth grouper, tiger grouper, yellowfin grouper, graysby, and coney would be allowed January 1 through May 31 for Monroe County (Southern region). Alternative 4 would apply to both commercial and recreational fisheries.

Council staff and area Council members will be available for presentations, informal discussions, and to answer questions. Members of the public will have an opportunity to go on record at any time during the meeting hours to record their comments on the public hearing issues for Council consideration.

#### Hearing Dates and Locations

The public hearings will be held at the following locations:

1. *August 7, 2008* - Hyatt Regency Jacksonville Riverfront, 225 Coast Line Drive East, Jacksonville, FL 32202, telephone: (904) 588-1234;

2. *August 8, 2008* - Radisson Resort at the Port, 8701 Astronaut Boulevard, Cape Canaveral, FL 32920, telephone: (321) 784-0000;

3. *August 12, 2008* - Hilton Garden Inn Charleston Airport, 5265 International Blvd., North Charleston, SC 29418, telephone: (843) 308-9330.

#### Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by August 5, 2008.

Dated: July 11, 2008.

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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)

July 11, 2008.

**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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 16, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that certain polyester/nylon corduroy fabrics, as specified below, are 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laurie Mease, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-2043.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ONLINE:** <http://web.ita.doc.gov/tacgi/CaftaReqTrack.nsf>. Reference number: 69.2008.06.12.Fabric.SharrettsPaley forFishman&Tobin.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (CAFTA-DR Act); the Statement of Administrative Action (SAA), accompanying the CAFTA-DR Act; Presidential Proclamations 7987 (February 28, 2006) and 7996 (March 31, 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)-(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, Note; see also section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act.

The CAFTA-DR 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 Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. On March 21, 2007, CITA published final procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list (72 FR 13256).

On June 12, 2008, the Chairman of CITA received a commercial availability request from Sharretts, Paley, Carter & Blauvelt, P.C., on behalf of Fishman & Tobin, for certain polyester/nylon corduroy fabrics, of the specifications detailed below. On June 16, 2008, CITA notified interested parties of, and posted on its website, the accepted request and requested that interested entities provide, by June 26, 2008, a response advising of its objection to the commercial availability request or its ability to supply the subject product. CITA also explained that rebuttals to responses were due to CITA by July 2, 2008.

No interested entity filed a response advising of its objection to the request or its ability to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA-DR Act, and its procedures, as no interested entity submitted a response objecting to the request or expressing an ability to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabrics to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement.

The subject fabrics are added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA-DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been published on-line.

**Corduroy fabric specifications:**

**Polyester/Nylon Corduroy Fabric**

**HTS:** 5801.32.00

**Fiber Content:** 60 to 90% polyester/40 to 10% nylon

**Yarn:**

**Warp** - Polyester filament between 100-200 Denier (111-222 decitex), dispersed dyed

**Fill** - Polyester filament between 100-200 Denier (111-222 decitex), dispersed, and nylon filament between 120-220 Denier (133-244 decitex), acid dyed

**Construction:** 65 to 85 warp ends x 150 to 170 fill picks per inch (25 to 34 warp ends x 59 to 67 fill picks per cm).

**Number of Wales:** 4 to 6 wales per cm (10 to 16 wales per inch)

**Weight:** 240 to 280 g/m<sup>2</sup> (7.08 to 8.26 oz./sq.yd.)

**Width:** 56 to 64 inches (142 to 162 cm)

**Finish:** Dyed

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**Polyester/Nylon Uncut Corduroy Fabric**

**HTS:** 5801.31.00

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