SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Presidential Memorandum on Scientific Integrity dated March 9, 2009, and the Office of Science and Technology Policy 2010 guidance memorandum on scientific integrity call for ensuring the highest level of integrity in all aspects of the executive branch’s involvement with scientific and technological processes. On September 29, 2010, the Secretary issued Order No. 3305, Ensuring Scientific Integrity within the Department of the Interior. This Order required publication of a Departmental Manual Chapter that sets forth principles of scientific and scholarly integrity and clarifies the roles and responsibilities of all Department employees in upholding these principles. This policy is the implementation of the Secretary’s directive. The policy covers all Department employees, including political appointees, when they engage in, supervise, manage, or influence scientific and scholarly activities, or communicate information about the Department’s scientific and scholarly activities, or utilize scientific and scholarly information in making agency policy, management, or regulatory decisions. The policy also covers all volunteers, contractors, cooperators, partners, permittees, leaseses, and grantees who assist with developing or applying the results of scientific and scholarly activities.

Dated: January 28, 2011.

David J. Hayes,
Deputy Secretary.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service


Meeting Announcements: North American Wetlands Conservation Council; Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Advisory Group

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: The North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council) will meet to select North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) grant proposals for recommendation to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (Commission). This meeting is open to the public. The Advisory Group for the Neotropical Migratory Bird Conservation Act (NMBCA) grants program (Advisory Group) will also meet. This meeting is also open to the public, and interested persons may present oral or written statements.

DATES: Council: Meeting is March 9, 2011, 10:30 a.m. through 12 p.m. and 1–4 p.m. If you are interested in presenting information at this public meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than March 1, 2011.

Advisory Group: Meeting is March 10, 2011, 8:30 a.m. through 4 p.m. If you are interested in presenting information at this public meeting, contact the Council Coordinator no later than March 1, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The Council meeting will be held at the Department of the Interior, 1849 C Street NW., North Penthouse, Room 7000 A and B, Washington, DC 20240. The Advisory Group meeting will be held at the Melrose Hotel, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael J. Johnson, Council Coordinator, by phone at (703) 358–1784; by e-mail at dbhc@fws.gov; or by U.S. mail at U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop MBSP 4075, Arlington, VA 22203.


Proposals require a minimum of 50 percent non-Federal matching funds. The Council will consider Canadian and U.S. small grant proposals at the meeting. The Commission will consider the Council’s recommendations at its meeting tentatively scheduled for June 9, 2010.

The Advisory Group, named by the Secretary of the Interior under NMBCA (Pub. L. 106–247, 114 Stat. 593, July 20, 2000), will hold its meeting to discuss the strategic direction and management of the NMBCA program and provide advice to the Director of the Fish and Wildlife Service if you are interested in presenting information at either of these public meetings, contact the Council Coordinator no later than the date under:

Dated: January 26, 2011.

Jerome Ford,
Acting Assistant Director, Migratory Birds.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

National Park Service

[5017–7155–409]

Record of Decision for the General Management Plan for the Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, KY, TN, and VA

AGENCY: National Park Service, Interior.


SUMMARY: Pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, the National Park Service (NPS) announces the availability of the Record of Decision (ROD) for the General Management Plan, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park in Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia. On September 13, 2010, the Regional Director, Southeast Region, approved the ROD for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Woods, Superintendent, Cumberland Gap National Historical Park, U.S. 25E South, P.O. Box 1848, Middlesboro, KY 40965–1848; telephone 606–248–2817. Mark_Woods@nps.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Three alternatives were evaluated in the Environmental Impact Statement. These include: Alternative A, No Action—Continue Current Management; Alternative B—Increase opportunities for visitor access by providing additional park facilities as compared to Alternative A; Alternative C—the selected alternative, provides slightly expanded visitor access to the Park while minimizing the potential for adverse effects on resources and would feature increased levels of education, outreach, and formalized partnering.

The ROD includes a statement of the decision made, synopses of other alternatives considered, the basis for the decision, a description of the environmentally preferable alternative, a finding of no impairment of Park resources and values, a listing of measures to minimize environmental harm, and an overview of public...
involvement in the decision-making process.

Copies of the Record of Decision may be obtained from the contact listed above or online at http://parkplanning.nps.gov/CUGA.

Authority: The authority for publishing this notice is 40 C.F.R. 1506.6.

The responsible official for this Record of Decision is the Regional Director, Southeast Region, National Park Service, 100 Alabama Street, SW., 1924 Building, Atlanta, Georgia 30303.

Dated: January 24, 2011.

Gordon Wissinger,
Acting, Regional Director, Southeast Region.
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 332–503]

Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel From the Dominican Republic; Second Annual Report


ACTION: Notice of public hearing and opportunity to provide testimony and written comments in connection with the Commission’s second annual report.

SUMMARY: The U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) has announced its schedule, including the date for the public hearing and deadlines for filing briefs and other written submissions, in connection with the preparation of its second annual report in investigation No. 332–503, Earned Import Allowance Program: Evaluation of the Effectiveness of the Program for Certain Apparel from the Dominican Republic.

DATES:
March 8, 2011: Deadline for filing pre-hearing briefs and statements.
April 1, 2011: Deadline for filing post-hearing briefs and statements and all other written submissions.
July 22, 2011: Transmittal of second report to House Committee on Ways and Means and Senate Committee on Finance.

ADDRESSES: All Commission offices, including the Commission’s hearing rooms, are located in the United States International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC. All written submissions, including requests to appear at the hearing, statements, and briefs, should be addressed to the Secretary, United States International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://www.usitc.gov/secretary/edis.htm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Project Leader Kimberlie Freund (202–708–5402 or kimberlie.freund@usitc.gov) for information specific to this investigation. For information on the legal aspects of this investigation, contact William Gearhart of the Commission’s Office of the General Counsel (202–205–3091 or william.gearhart@usitc.gov). The media should contact Margaret O’Laughlin, Office of External Relations (202–205–1819 or margaret.oloughlin@usitc.gov).

Hearing-impaired individuals may obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal at 202–205–1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000.

Background: Section 404 of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (DR–CAFTA Act) (19 U.S.C. 4112) required the Secretary of Commerce to establish an Earned Import Allowance Program (EIAP) and directed the Commission to conduct annual reviews of the program for the purpose of evaluating its effectiveness and making recommendations for improvements. Section 404 of the DR–CAFTA Act authorizes certain apparel articles wholly assembled in an eligible country to enter the United States free of duty if accompanied by a certificate that shows evidence of the purchase of certain U.S. fabric. The term “eligible country” is defined to mean the Dominican Republic. More specifically, the program allows producers (in the Dominican Republic) that purchase a certain quantity of qualifying U.S. fabric for use in the production of certain bottoms of cotton in the Dominican Republic to receive a credit that can be used to ship a certain quantity of eligible apparel using third country fabrics from the Dominican Republic to the United States duty free.

Section 404(d) directs the Commission to conduct an annual review of the program for the purpose of evaluating the effectiveness of the program and making recommendations for improvements. The Commission is required to submit its reports to the House Committee on Ways and Means and the Senate Committee on Finance. The Commission submitted its first annual report (USITC Publication 4175) on July 28, 2010 and expects to submit its second report to the committees by July 22, 2011.

The Commission instituted this investigation pursuant to section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 to facilitate docketing of submissions and also to facilitate public access to Commission records through the Commission’s EDIS electronic records system.

Public Hearing: A public hearing in connection with this second report will be held at the U.S. International Trade Commission Building, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC at 9:30 a.m. on March 22, 2011. Requests to appear at the public hearing should be filed with the Secretary no later than 5:15 p.m., March 3, 2011, in accordance with the requirements in the “Submissions” section below. All pre-hearing briefs and statements should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., March 8, 2011; and all post-hearing briefs and statements responding to matters raised at the hearing should be filed not later than 5:15 p.m., April 1, 2011. If, at the close of business on March 3, 2011, no witnesses are scheduled to appear at the hearing, the hearing will be canceled. Any person interested in attending the hearing as an observer or non-participant may call the Secretary (202–205–2000) after March 3, 2011, to determine whether the hearing will be held.

Submissions: In lieu of or in addition to participating in the hearing, interested parties are invited to file written submissions concerning this investigation. All written submissions, including requests to appear at the hearing, statements, and briefs, should be addressed to the Secretary and must conform to the provisions of section 201.8 of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 201.8). Section 201.8 requires that a signed original (or a copy so designated) and fourteen (14) copies of each document be filed. If confidential treatment of a document is requested, at least four (4) additional copies must be filed, in which the confidential information must be deleted (see the following graph for further information regarding confidential business information). The Commission’s rules