

Council by developing a comprehensive EFH Management Plan. A complete description of the background and need for the Omnibus Amendment and a list of scoping hearings can be found in the original February 24, 2004, NOI and are not repeated here.

Due largely to public clarity and issues of complexity, the Council intends to complete the EFH Omnibus Amendment 2 action in two phases or volumes with one accompanying EIS and Magnuson-Stevens Act document. Separation of this large action into two phases (volumes) will allow for the continued sequential development of the Omnibus Amendment but avoids the creation of an extremely large and complex action that may not be decipherable from the public's perspective. Further, in order to meet the Sustainable Fisheries Act intention of the EFH mandate, it is prudent to take a step-wise approach. For instance, it is necessary to determine what is EFH prior to conducting an evaluation of the potential effects of fishing gear on EFH and to develop a range of alternatives to minimize, mitigate or avoid any impacts that are more than minimal and less than temporary in nature. As such, the Council would complete the Omnibus Amendment 2 in two phases. Phase 1 (Volume 1 of the EIS) would include a review and update of EFH designations and consideration of HAPCs (not including consideration of management measures or restrictions), an update of prey species list, an update of non-fishing impacts, and an update of research and information needs. Phase 2 (Volume 2 of the EIS) would include reviewing and updating a gear effects evaluation and optimizing management measures for minimizing the adverse effects of fishing on EFH across all FMPs, including the potential consideration of management measures for HAPCs designated in Phase 1. The proposed sequence of events is described in Table 1.

TABLE 1. EVENTS OR MILESTONES OF PHASED APPROACH.

Step	Event/Milestone
1	Council files modified Notice of Intent to clearly explain to the public the new course of action.
2	Council considers topics outlined in Phase 1 and develops a range of alternatives.

TABLE 1. EVENTS OR MILESTONES OF PHASED APPROACH.—Continued

Step	Event/Milestone
3	Council prepares Draft Volume 1 of preliminary EIS to include components in Step 2.
4	Public Hearings/Public Comment Period on Volume 1.
5	Council considers public comments and makes final decisions on Phase 1 topics.
6	Council completes Final Volume 1 containing analysis of Phase 1 topics.
7	Council considers topics outlined in Phase 2 and develops a range of alternatives.
8	Council prepares Draft Volume 2 of EIS to include components in Step 7.
9	Public Hearings / Public Comment Period on combined Volume 1 and Volume 2.
10	Council considers public comments and makes final decisions on Phase 2 topics.
11	Council completes Final Volume 2 containing analysis of Phase 2 topics.
12	Council prepares and submits merged Volume 1 and Volume 2 to NMFS as complete EIS/Magnuson-Stevens Act FMP Amendment documents.
13	NMFS reviews EIS and issues a record of decision.

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings; Correction**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) has cancelled the public meetings that were scheduled for September 12-16, 2005, in New Orleans, LA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The initial notice was published in the **Federal Register** on August 30, 2005, in FR Doc. E5-4719, beginning on page 51347. The meetings will be rescheduled at a later date and announced in the **Federal Register**.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting (via conference call).

**SUMMARY:** The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) was established by the Secretary of Commerce to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice. The purpose of the conference call is to allow Panel members to vote on final recommendations initiated during a public meeting in Durham, New Hampshire, on August 18-19, 2005. Written public comments should be

submitted to the DFO by September 26, 2005.

*Date and Time:* The conference call will convene at 2 p.m. eastern time, September 28, 2005, and end at about 3:30 p.m.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Captain Roger L. Parsons, NOAA, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301-713-2770, Fax: 301-713-4019; e-mail:

*Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov* or visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This conference call is available to the public through the following, toll free call-in number: (888) 323-2712, participant passcode 9738110. Interested members of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Persons with hearing impairments may follow the proceedings by calling the Federal Relay Service [TTY (800) 877-8339, Voice (866) 377-8642 or Voice Carry-Over (877) 877-6280] and provide the Service with the conference call number and participant passcode. Be sure to notify the operator that it is a "Conference Call" before you provide call number and participant passcode. To ensure an appropriate number of phone lines for the public, persons are asked to register by visiting <https://www.mymeetings.com> (choose "web rsvp" and enter Conference ID 4907175, Conference Passcode 9738110) by September 23, 2005.

*Matters To Be Considered:* A quorum vote is required for recommendations related to NOAA Hydrographic Services Role in the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), The National Ocean Service Mapping and Charting Contracting Policy and Expansion Strategy and NOAA's Core Capability. The recommendations will be posted before the conference call; please visit <http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hsrp/hsrp.htm>.

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Extension of Period of Determination on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China**

September 2, 2005.

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee is extending through October 1, 2005, the period for making a determination on whether to request consultations with China regarding imports of knit fabric (Category 222).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jay Dowling, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Authority:** Section 204 of the Agriculture Act of 1956, as amended; Executive Order 11651, as amended.

**Background**

On November 19, 2004, the Committee received a request from the American Manufacturing Trade Action Coalition, the National Council of Textile Organizations, the National Textile Association, and UNITE HERE requesting that the Committee limit imports from China of knit fabric (Category 222) due to the threat of market disruption.

The Committee determined that this request provided the information necessary for the Committee to consider the request and solicited public comments for a period of 30 days. See **Solicitation of Public Comments on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China**, 69 FR 75516 (Dec. 17, 2004).

On December 30, 2004, the Court of International Trade preliminarily enjoined the Committee from considering or taking any further action on this request and any other requests "that are based on the threat of market disruption". *U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel v. United States*, 350 F. Supp. 2d 1342 (CIT 2004). On April 27, 2005 the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit granted the U.S. government's motion for a stay and reversed the lower Court on June 28, 2005. *U.S. Association of Importers of Textiles and Apparel v. United States*, 413 F. 3d 1344 (Fed. Cir.

2005). Thus, CITA resumed consideration of this case.

The public comment period for this request had not yet closed when the injunction took effect on December 30, 2004. The number of calendar days remaining in the public comment period beginning with and including December 30, 2004 was 20 days. On May 9, 2005, therefore, the Committee published a notice in the **Federal Register** re-opening the comment period and inviting public comments to be received not later than May 31, 2005. See **Rescheduling of Consideration of Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China and Solicitations of Public Comments**, 70 FR 24397 (May 9, 2005).

The Committee's Procedures, 68 FR 27787 (May 21, 2003) state that the Committee will make a determination within 60 calendar days of the close of the public comment period as to whether the United States will request consultations with China. If the Committee is unable to make a determination within 60 calendar days, it will cause to be published a notice in the **Federal Register**, including the date by which it will make a determination.

The 60 day determination period for this case expired on August 12, 2005. However, the Committee decided to extend until August 31, 2005, the period for making a determination on this case in order to consult with the domestic textile and apparel industry and members of Congress about whether to pursue a broader agreement with China on imports of Chinese textile and apparel products to the United States. Because of these consultations, the Committee was unable to make a determination within 60 days of the close of the public comment period. See **Extension of Period of Determination on Request for Textile and Apparel Safeguard Action on Imports from China**, 70 FR 45705 (August 8, 2005). The Committee is unable to make a determination within the extended period because it is continuing to evaluate conditions in the market for knit fabric. Therefore, the Committee is further extending the determination period to October 1, 2005.

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