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Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to the ORAP DFO no later than 12 p.m. EDT on August 19, 2024.

Matters to be Considered: During the ORAP meeting on Dec. 13–14, 2023, the Ocean Policy Committee (OPC) requested that the ORAP advise on areas of opportunity for partnership (such as through the National Oceanic Partnership Program) on the topic of emerging technology (which could include Artificial Intelligence/Machine Learning, eDNA, and similar technology) with ocean industry and other sectors over the next 5–10 years. The OPC also requested that ORAP self-select another topic to address. The ORAP members agreed that the topic of accessible, inter-operable, interdisciplinary, and trusted ocean data to meet research and user needs is critical and deserves ORAP immediate attention. At this meeting on September 4–5, 2024, ORAP members will hear from the ORAP subgroups on the two OPC tasks progress and hear from Native Hawaiian and Pacific Islander communities on Indigenous perspectives, knowledge, and practices related to the Ocean, in particular, insights on emerging technology and data.

Meeting materials, including work products, will be made available on the ORAP website: <https://www.noaa.gov/ocean-research-advisory-panel/orap-public-meetings>.

Dated: July 16, 2024.

David Holst,

Director Chief Financial Officer/CAO, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE159]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is

scheduling a public meeting of its Joint Herring Committee and Advisory Panel via webinar to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This webinar will be held on Thursday, August 22, 2024, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES:

Webinar registration URL information: <https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJUlde2hjq0rE9S93wF9at0Dq8m3tUI-2n9d>.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

The Atlantic Herring Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to discuss the following items: Atlantic Herring Specifications for 2025–2027: Receive an update on the development of this action, including: (1) a report from the Plan Development Team and ASMFC’s Technical Committee, (2) an overview of the 2024 management track stock assessment, (3) a summary of the Scientific and Statistical Committee’s recommendations, and (4) a summary of the ASMFC Atlantic Herring Board’s discussions. In response to the results of the 2024 management track stock assessment and to meet conservation and management objectives for Atlantic herring, engage in Committee discussion on whether to recommend additional management measures, including the possibility of initiating a framework adjustment or considering in-season adjustments for 2024 and 2025 catch limits, along with any other recommendations as appropriate. Other business will be discussed, if necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on the agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency. The public also should be aware that the meeting will be recorded. Consistent with 16 U.S.C. 1852, a copy

of the recording is available upon request.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Cate O’Keefe, Executive Director, at (978) 465–0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: July 31, 2024.

Key Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648–XE147]

Endangered Species; File No. 27686

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Hudson River Sloop Clearwater, Inc., (Clearwater) has been issued a permit for the incidental take of shortnose (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and Atlantic sturgeon (*A. oxyrinchus*) associated with the otherwise lawful education trawl in the Hudson River.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available on the NMFS Office of Protected Resources website at: <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/action/incidental-take-permit-hudson-river-sloop-clearwater-inc>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Steven Hughes, (301) 427–8576, steven.hughes@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act (ESA) and Federal regulations prohibits the “taking” of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The ESA defines “take” to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits, under limited circumstances, to take listed species when the takes are incidental to, and not the purpose of, otherwise lawful activities. Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA provides for authorizing incidental take of listed species. The regulations for issuing incidental take permits for

threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are included in the conservation plan and permit application: Atlantic (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) and shortnose (*A. brevirostrum*) sturgeon.

Background

On September 29, 2023, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (88 FR 67249) that a request for a permit for the incidental take of shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon associated with the otherwise lawful education trawl in the Hudson River by Clearwater, Inc. No comments were received during the 30 day public comment period. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the ESA of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Permit No. 27686

The permit authorizes take of ESA-listed shortnose and Atlantic sturgeon that are caught incidental to educational trawls in the Hudson River. Clearwater will not exceed take of 10 sturgeon, with 1 or more a year (combination of shortnose and Atlantic Sturgeon) over the 10 year permit. There will be one lethal take permitted over the 10 year permit.

Conservation Plan

Section 10 of the ESA specifies that no permit may be issued unless an applicant submits an adequate conservation plan. The conservation plan prepared by Clearwater describes measures designed to minimize and mitigate the impacts of any incidental take of ESA-listed shortnose sturgeon and Atlantic sturgeon. Clearwater will regularly communicate with New York State Department of Environmental Conservation to avoid known sturgeon habitat and spawning grounds. Clearwater will avoid trawling the river at Poughkeepsie and Norrie Point due to known sensitive habitat. Clearwater will use small otter trawls (38.1 × 76.2 centimeter) doors weighing 50 pounds and short tow times (≤5 minutes). Beach seines, which allow for targeted catch, will be used where practicable (*e.g.*, away from urban areas and where tides allow). If Clearwater incidentally captures a sturgeon in its nets, it will follow protocols for safe handling and immediately release any sturgeon caught. Clearwater will maintain a detailed log of all gear sets and will

submit to NMFS incidental and annual reports of incidental capture, if any, of listed sturgeon.

National Environmental Policy Act

Issuing an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit constitutes a Federal action requiring NMFS to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) as implemented by 40 CFR parts 1500–1508 and NOAA Administrative Order 216–6, Environmental Review Procedures for Implementing the National Policy Act (1999). NMFS has determined that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. This action falls within the B3 category: issuance of, and amendments to, “low effect” Incidental Take Permits and their supporting “low effect” Habitat Conservation Plans under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. Additionally there are no extraordinary circumstances with the potential for significant environmental effects that would preclude the issuance of this permit type from being categorically excluded.

Dated: July 25, 2024.

Angela Somma,

Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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”)

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.

SUMMARY: The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (“CITA”) has determined that certain nylon/polyester dobby weave fabric, as specified below, is not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the CAFTA–DR countries. The product is added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR in unrestricted quantities.

DATES: *Applicable Date:* August 5, 2024.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Johnson, Office of Textiles and

Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–2532 or kayla.johnson@trade.gov.

For Further Information Online: <https://otexaproductrade.gov/otexapublicsite/requests/cafta> under “Approved Requests,” File Number: CA2024002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: The CAFTA–DR; Section 203(o)(4) of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (“CAFTA–DR Implementation Act”), Public Law 109–53; the Statement of Administrative Action accompanying the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act; and Presidential Proclamation 7987 (February 28, 2006).

Background: The CAFTA–DR provides a list in Annex 3.25 for fabrics, yarns, and fibers that the Parties to the CAFTA–DR have determined are not available in commercial quantities in a timely manner in the territory of any Party. The CAFTA–DR provides that this list may be modified pursuant to Article 3.25.4, when 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 of the CAFTA–DR; *see also* section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act.

The CAFTA–DR Implementation 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 Proclamation 7987, the President delegated to CITA the authority under section 203(o)(4) of CAFTA–DR Implementation Act for modifying the Annex 3.25 list. Pursuant to this authority, on September 15, 2008, CITA published modified procedures it would follow in considering requests to modify the Annex 3.25 list of products determined to be not commercially available in the territory of any Party to the CAFTA–DR (*Modifications to Procedures for Considering Requests Under the Commercial Availability Provision of the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement*, 73 FR 53200) (“CITA’s Procedures”).

On June 21, 2024, CITA received a Commercial Availability Request (“Request”) from Barnes & Thornburg LLP on behalf of The Powers Manufacturing Company d/b/a Powers Athletic (“Powers Athletic”) for certain nylon/polyester dobby weave fabric, as