

The NMFS OPR requested initiation of section 7 consultation with the NMFS West Coast Region (WCR) for the issuance of this IHA. On September 18, 2026, WCR concluded that NMFS' current action remains covered by the programmatic Biological Opinion (WCRO-2016-00018) completed for the issuance of regulations preceding this IHA (83 FR 9366, March 5, 2018), and that reinitiation of the consultation is not required. WCR specified that the new IHA is consistent with the original effects analysis included in the original programmatic opinion, and OPR's action would not change the conclusions nor the effects of the proposed action as written in the Biological Opinion.

National Environmental Policy Act

To comply with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA; 42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*) and NOAA Administrative Order (NAO) 216-6A, NMFS must review our proposed action (*i.e.*, the issuance of an IHA) and alternatives with respect to potential impacts on the human environment.

This action is consistent with categories of activities identified in Categorical Exclusion B4 (IHAs with no anticipated serious injury or mortality) of the Companion Manual for NAO 216-6A, which do not individually or cumulatively have the potential for significant impacts on the quality of the human environment and for which we have not identified any extraordinary circumstances that would preclude this categorical exclusion. Accordingly, NMFS has determined that the issuance of this IHA qualifies to be categorically excluded from further NEPA review.

Authorization

NMFS has issued an IHA to the Navy for the potential harassment of small numbers of 10 marine mammal species incidental to conducting the 2026 MPR Project in Puget Sound, Washington, Washington, that includes previously explained mitigation,

Dated: September 25, 2026.

Kimberly Damon-Randall,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XG059]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its United States/Canada Steering Committee 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 meeting will be held on Friday, October 16, 2026 at 8:30 a.m. EDT Webinar registration URL information:

https://nefmc-org.zoom.us/join/register/dd_yj3kr5OpaDUwCwJrkQ.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Marriott Boston Downtown/North Station, 107 Beverly Street, Boston, MA 02114; Phone (617) 725-0003.

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 United States/Canada Steering Committee will meet to review information presented by the Species at Risk Working Group and the Transboundary Management Guidance Committee (TMGC). The Committee will also plan for 2027 TMGC and Steering Committee meetings and review plans for the TMGC process review. Other business will be discussed as 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: September 30, 2026.

Rey Israel Marquez,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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 faux leather fabric bonded to a pile 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:* October 2, 2026.

ADDRESSES: <https://otexaproduct.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/requests/cafta> under "Approved Requests," File Number: CA2026008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kayla Johnson, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-2532 or Kayla.Johnson@trade.gov.

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 August 28, 2026, CITA received a Commercial Availability Request (“Request”) from Youngone (El Salvador) S.A. de C.V. (“Youngone”) for certain faux leather fabric bonded to a pile fabric, as specified below. On September 1, 2026, in accordance with CITA’s Procedures, CITA notified interested parties of the Request, which was posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA–DR Commercial Availability proceedings. In its notification, CITA advised that any Response with an Offer to Supply (“Response”) must be submitted by September 14, 2026, and any Rebuttal to a Response (“Rebuttal”) must be submitted by September 18, 2026, in accordance with sections 6 and 7 of CITA’s Procedures. No interested entity submitted a Response to the Request advising CITA of its objection to the Request with an offer to supply the subject product.

In accordance with section 203(o)(4)(C) of the CAFTA–DR Implementation Act, and section 8(c)(2) of CITA’s Procedures, as no interested entity submitted a Response objecting to the Request and providing an offer to supply the subject product, CITA has determined to add the specified fabric to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR.

The subject product has been added to the list in Annex 3.25 of the CAFTA–DR Agreement in unrestricted quantities. A revised list has been posted on the dedicated website for CAFTA–DR Commercial Availability proceedings, at <https://otexaprod.trade.gov/otexacapublicsite/shortsupply/cafta>.

Specifications: Certain Faux Leather Fabric Bonded to a Pile Fabric

HTS: 6001.10; 6001.92.00.

Fabric Type: Knit fabric, faux leather bonded to a pile fabric.

Fiber Content:

Face: Faux leather fabric constructed from a 100% polyester knit fabric.

Back: Sherpa knit pile fabric 60–64% polyester, 36–40% acrylic.

Yarn Size:

Face: 75 Denier sea-island filament 100% polyester used for both warp and weft.

Back: Binding polyester 150 denier polyester combined with tops acrylic fiber, weighing between 8 to 18 grams.

Thread Count:

Face: Wales/cm 32, Course/cm 32.

Back: Wales/cm 7, Course/cm 8.

Weight: 442–488 grams per square meter.

Width: 137 to 143 centimeters (equivalent to 53.9 inches to 56.30 inches).

Weave: Knit in both, face and back.

Coloration:

Face: Roll dyed, colors: black, brown and green and overprinted;

Back side: fiber Dyed in colors black, brown and green.

Finishing: Bonded using the Moltopren heat process, which involves a flame lamination technique that fuses the layers through controlled heat and pressure.

The finished sherpa hair has a height of approximately 4 to 7 mm in the back.

Additional Information: Sea island fiber is also known as super-conjugate fiber or butterfly polyester yarn, is formed by a core component dispersed in another polymer in a longitudinally continuous way. Polymer material forms the core part, which is also called the island phase or dispersed phase. Another polymer is called sea component, sea phase, or continuous phase. Because original dispersed phase

fiber presents as an island state in the fiber section, it is called sea-island fiber.

Joshua Kroon,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Public Meeting

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

DATES: October 28, 2026, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be accessible to the public virtually via Zoom webinar.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angela Phifer, 250 E Street SW, Suite 3100, Washington, DC 20024; (703) 798–5873; CMTEFedReg@AbilityOne.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled is an independent Federal agency operating as the U.S. AbilityOne Commission. It oversees the AbilityOne Program, which provides employment opportunities through Federal contracts for people who are blind or have significant disabilities in the manufacture and delivery of products and services to the Federal Government. The Javits-Wagner-O’Day Act (41 U.S.C. chapter 85) authorizes the contracts.

Registration: Attendees *not* requesting speaking time should register not later than October 27, 2026. Attendees requesting speaking time must register not later than October 20, 2026, and use the comment fields in the registration form to specify the intended speaking topic(s). The registration link will be available on the Commission’s home page, www.abilityone.gov, under News and Events.

Commission Statement: This regular quarterly public meeting will include updates from the Commission Chairperson, Executive Director, and Acting Inspector General.

Public Participation: The public engagement session topic is “Strategies to Reduce Employment Barriers Faced by Americans Who Are Blind or Have Disabilities.” The Commission looks forward to receiving comments and suggestions related to this topic.