

will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Approximately thirty (30) seats will be available for the public including five (5) seats reserved for the media. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters To Be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) The final report of the SAB Review Panel regarding NOAA Social Science Research, (2) the NOAA Climate Change Science Plan, (3) the NOAA Earth Observing Summit, (4) FY 2004 budget requests, (5) the U.S. Commission on Ocean Policy, (6) Pew Oceans Commission reports, (7) SONAR and marine mammals, (8) Stellar sea lions, (9) National Polar-orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite Systems, and (10) public statements.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Michael Uhart, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11142, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-9121, Fax: 301-713-0163, E-mail: [Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov](mailto:Michael.Uhart@noaa.gov)); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: February 25, 2003.

**Louisa Koch,**

*Acting Assistant Administrator, OAR.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 012803B]

#### Endangered Species; Permits 1316

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

**ACTION:** Issuance of permit modification

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Jeff Schmid, The Conservancy of Southwest Florida, 1450 Merrihue Drive, Naples, FL 34102, has been issued a modification to scientific research permit No. 1316.

**ADDRESSES:** The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson or Carrie Hubbard, (301)713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 28, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 55201) that an amendment of Permit No. 1316 issued January 8, 2002 (67 FR 38648), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

Modification no. 2 to permit no. 1316 allows the Holder to take up to 30 Kemp's ridley sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: February 24, 2003.

**Stephen L. Leathery,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

### Request for Public Comments on Commercial Availability Request under the African Growth and Opportunity Act (AGOA) and the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)

February 26, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Request for public comments concerning a request for a determination that lastol elastic yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA and the CBTPA.

**SUMMARY:** On February 21, 2003, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from the Dow Chemical Company alleging that lastol elastic yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. The petition requests that

apparel from such yarns or from U.S.-formed fabrics containing such yarns be eligible for preferential treatment under the AGOA and the CBTPA. CITA hereby solicits public comments on this request, in particular with regard to whether such yarns can be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner.

Comments must be submitted by March 18, 2003 to the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements, Room 3100, United States Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW. Washington, DC 20230.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet Heinzen, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** Section 112(b)(5)(B) of the AGOA; Section 213(b)(2)(A)(v)(II) of the CBTPA, as added by Section 211(a) of the CBTPA; Sections 1 and 6 of Executive Order No. 13191 of January 17, 2001.

#### Background

The AGOA and the CBTPA provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for qualifying textile and apparel products. Such treatment is generally limited to products manufactured from yarns and fabrics formed in the United States or a beneficiary country. The AGOA and the CBTPA also provide for quota- and duty-free treatment for apparel articles that are both cut (or knit-to-shape) and sewn or otherwise assembled in one or more AGOA or CBTPA beneficiary countries from fabric or yarn that is not formed in the United States or a beneficiary country, if it has been determined that such fabric or yarn cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner. In Executive Order No. 13191, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether yarns or fabrics cannot be supplied by the domestic industry in commercial quantities in a timely manner under the AGOA or the CBTPA and directed CITA to establish procedures to ensure appropriate public participation in any such determination. On March 6, 2001, CITA published procedures that it will follow in considering requests. (66 FR 13502).

On February 21, 2003, the Chairman of CITA received a petition from the Dow Chemical Company alleging that lastol elastic yarn, which is a crosslinked, heat resistant elastic yarn having elevated temperature elasticity comprising a cured, irradiated or crosslinked ethylene polymer, classified