

Selection Procedure

Each application will be evaluated by a panel of at least three independent reviewers qualified to evaluate applications submitted under the program. Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis in accordance with the evaluation criteria set forth above. This announcement is for applicants in Novosibirsk only. Awards will be based on highest total accumulated score and geographic location.

Notifications

All applicants are advised of the following:

(1) Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

(2) If applicants incur any cost prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Federal Government. Notwithstanding any verbal assurance that they may receive, there is no obligation on the part of the Department of Commerce to cover pre-award costs.

(3) If an application is selected for funding, the Department of Commerce has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with the award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of Commerce.

(4) No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding debt until either:

a. The delinquent account is paid in full;

b. A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received; or

c. Other arrangements satisfactory to the Department of Commerce are made.

(5) All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension and other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying". Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 105) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies. Grantees (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F "Government wide Requirement for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies. Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on the use

of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions;" and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000 and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000 or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater". Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, Appendix B.

(6) Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transaction and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be submitted by any tier recipient or sub-recipient should be submitted to the Department of Commerce in accordance with instructions contained in the award document.

(7) A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001 and denial or termination of Federal funding.

(8) All recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all applicable Federal laws and Federal Department of Commerce policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal assistance awards. For-profit organizations shall be subject to OMB Circular A-110 and 15 CFR 29a.

(9) All non-profit and for-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

(10) Recipients are subject to the Fly America Act (49 U.S.C. sec. 1517 as implemented by 41 CFR sec. 301-3.6).

(11) Executive Order 12372 "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs" does not apply to this program.

(12) Paperwork Reduction Act does apply to this program. This document

involves collections of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under OMB Control Numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0651-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a current valid OMB control number.

(13) The total dollar amount of the indirect costs proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

Dated: October 29, 1997.

E. Vivian Spathopoulos,

Deputy Director, US&FCS/Russia-NIS
Program Office

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102897A]

Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Recordkeeping and Reporting Requirements; Public Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of workshop

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a workshop to explain provisions of the 1998 recordkeeping and reporting requirements for the Alaska groundfish fisheries, to introduce the proposed electronic reporting system, to provide detailed instructions on completion and submittal of the required forms and logsheets, and to answer questions on recordkeeping and reporting from members of the fishing industry and other interested parties.

DATES: Tuesday, December 16, 1997, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Alaska local time.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held in the Windsor Room at the Westmark Hotel located at 720 West Fifth Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patsy A. Bearden, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This workshop is scheduled by NMFS in response to requests by the affected fishing industry for a training workshop on the groundfish recordkeeping and reporting system.

Dated: October 28, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 102797B]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18, 1997, and is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hobby Airport Hilton Hotel, 8181 Airport Boulevard, Houston, TX; telephone: 713-645-3000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Rester, Habitat Specialist, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: 601-875-5912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Texas Habitat Protection AP will be convened to discuss the recent red tide events in Texas, a seagrass conservation plan, the introduction of exotic viruses from shrimp mariculture and the monitoring for exotic viruses in coastal waters, and representatives will discuss Galveston Bay Estuary Program and the Corpus Christi National Estuary Program. The AP will also hear reports on the status of completion of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) guidelines being developed by NMFS; and of completion of a generic amendment by the Council which describes EFH as required by the Sustainable Fisheries Act.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815. Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal AP action during this meeting. AP action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by November 11, 1997.

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 102797D]

North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Committee Meeting

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Observer Advisory Committee (OAC) will meet in Seattle, WA.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 24, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center (Building 4, Observer Training Room) 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris Oliver; telephone: 907-271-280 9.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will review a proposed joint partnership agreement structure and alternatives for the proposed third-party observer program.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery

Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Committee action during this meeting. Committee action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Bruce C. Morehead,

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**Adjustment of an Import Limit for Certain Cotton and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Guatemala**

October 29, 1997.

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

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing a limit.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of this limit, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-5850. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

The current limit for Categories 342/642 is being increased for carryforward.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the **CORRELATION:** Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 61 FR 66263, published on December 17, 1996). Also