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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, December 10, 2002, from 8:25 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday, December 11, 2002, from 8 a.m. to Noon. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of twelve members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a NIST Update; an Update on Near-Term Strategic Environment; NIST 2010 Implementation—Cross-cutting Themes from OU Operational Plan Reviews and Results of Initial Planning Review Sessions on Nanotechnology and Homeland Security and a tour of the Advanced Measurement Laboratory. Discussions scheduled to begin at 2:45 p.m. and to end at 5:30 p.m. on December 10, 2002, and to begin at 8 a.m. and to end at Noon on December 11, 2002, on the NIST budget, personnel issues, planning information and feedback sessions will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. Final agenda will be posted on website. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and

phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, December 5, 2002, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's email address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 10, 2002 at 8:25 a.m. and will adjourn at Noon on December 11, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under SUMMARY paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 16, 2002, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: November 20, 2002.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration

Amendments to the Area To Be Avoided Off The Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is notifying the public of its implementation of amendments to the existing Area to be Avoided (ATBA) off the Washington Coast to include all vessels of 1,600 gross tons and above solely in transit in accordance with the International Maritime Organization's (IMO) adoption of MSC 75/24, para 6.7.4 on May 29, 2002.

DATES: The effective date of the amended ATBA is December 1, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George Galasso, Assistant Manager, Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary, phone (360) 457-6622, email: george.galasso@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: An ATBA is defined by the IMO as an area that all ships or certain classes of ships should avoid because navigation is particularly hazardous or it is exceptionally important to avoid casualties within the area. On December 7, 1994, the Maritime Safety Committee of the IMO adopted an ATBA proposed by the U.S. government off the Olympic Coast National Marine Sanctuary (OCNMS). Since implementation in June 1995, the United States has been monitoring compliance through the use of Canadian Coast Guard radar data from the Tofino Marine Communications and Traffic System. Compliance with the ATBA is estimated to be between 90-95%, due to the excellent cooperation by the maritime community, vigorous education and outreach efforts by the OCNMS staff and the U.S. Coast Guard, and the sending of educational letters to those ships found to be in non-compliance.

The U.S. Coast Guard has recently conducted a Port Access Route Study (PARS) to critically review all aspects of vessel movements in the area. The conclusions of the PARS resulted in three vessel routing proposals, which were approved by the Sub-Committee on Safety of Navigation and forwarded to the Maritime Safety Committee for adoption. The three proposals were: (1) A proposal to amend the IMO-adopted ATBA "Off the Washington Coast" to increase its size and extend its applicability to commercial ships of 1,600 gross tons and above; (2) A proposal for recommended routes in the United States waters of the Strait of Juan de Fuca for smaller, slower moving vessels that normally do not use the traffic separation scheme; and (3) A proposal amending the existing traffic separation schemes (TSSs) "In the Strait of Juan de Fuca and Its Approaches,"