

**Criteria for Participants' Selection**

- Relevance of a company's business line to mission goals.
- Timeliness of the company's signed application and participation agreement (including the participation fees).
- Minimum of 8 and a maximum of 15 participating companies on the mission.
- Potential for business in Sub-Saharan Africa for the company.
- Provision of adequate information on the company's products and/or services, and the company's primary market objectives, in order to facilitate appropriate matching with potential business partners.
- Certification that the company meets Departmental guidelines for participation. Generally, a company's products or services should be either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

The participation fee is \$3,950 per firm, which includes one representative. The fee for each additional firm representative is \$750. Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar—<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmc.html>—and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, broadcast fax, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin October 1, 2007, and conclude December 10, 2007. Applications will be vetted on a rolling basis. Applications received after December 10, 2007, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. Any partisan political activities (including political contributions) of an applicant are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

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

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**Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice that Vendor Will Provide Year 2008 Cage Tags**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of vendor to provide year 2008 cage tags.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS informs surfclam and ocean quahog allocation owners that they will be required to purchase their year 2008 cage tags from the National Band and Tag Company. The intent of this notice is to comply with regulations for the Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries and to promote efficient distribution of cage tags.

**ADDRESSES:** Written inquiries may be sent to Timothy Cardiasmenos, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Timothy Cardiasmenos, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9204; fax (978) 281-9135.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries regulations at 50 CFR 648.75(b) authorize the Regional Administrator of the Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the year 2008 Federal surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a

letter to allocation owners in these fisheries from NMFS within the next several weeks.

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

Dated: September 26, 2007.

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

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**Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Habitat Committee (HC) will hold a meeting that is open to the public.

**DATES:** The HC meeting will be held Monday, October 15, 2007, from 10:30 a.m. until business for the day is completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The HC meeting will be held at the Pacific Fishery Management Council, Large Conference Room, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

*Council address:* Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Jennifer Gilden, Habitat Coordinator; telephone: (503) 820-2280.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the HC meeting is to discuss habitat-related issues relevant to upcoming Pacific Fishery Management Council meetings.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 26, 2007.

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

**Office of the Secretary**

**TRICARE, Formerly Known as the Civilian Health and Medical Program of the Uniformed Services (CHAMPUS); Fiscal Year (FY) 2008 Mental Health Rate Updates**

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of updated mental health per diem rates.

**SUMMARY:** This notice provides for the updating of institution-specific per diem rates for high-volume providers and regional per diem rates for low volume providers; the updated cap per diem for high-volume providers; the beneficiary per diem cost share amount for low-volume providers for FY 2008 under the TRICARE Mental Health Per Diem Payment System; and the updated per diem rates for both full-day and half-day TRICARE Partial Hospitalization Programs for FY 2008.

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* The FY 2008 rates contained in this notice are effective for services occurring on or after October 1.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Christine Covie, Office of Medical Benefits and Reimbursement Systems, TRICARE Management Activity, telephone (303) 676-3841.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on September 6, 1988, (53 FR 34285) set forth reimbursement changes that were effective for all inpatient hospital admissions in psychiatric hospitals and exempt psychiatric units occurring on or after January 1, 1989. The final rule published in the **Federal Register** on July 1, 1993, (58 FR 35-400) set forth maximum per diem rates for all partial hospitalization admissions on or after September 29, 1993. Included in these final rules were provisions for updating reimbursement rates for each federal FY. As stated in the final rules, each per diem shall be updated by the Medicare update factor for hospitals and units exempt from the Medicare Prospective Payment System. For fiscal year 2008, Medicare has recommended a rate of increase of 3.4 percent for hospitals and units excluded from the prospective payment system. TRICARE will adopt this update factor for FY 2008 as the final update factor. Hospitals and units with hospital specific rates (hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume) and regional specific rates for psychiatric hospitals and units with low TRICARE volume will have their TRICARE rates for FY 2007 updated by 3.4 percent for FY 2008. Partial hospitalization rates for full-day and half-day programs will also be updated by 3.4 percent for FY 2008. The cap amount for high-volume hospitals and units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2008. The beneficiary cost share for low volume hospitals and

units will also be updated by the 3.4 percent for FY 2008.

Consistent with Medicare, the wage portion of the regional rate subject to the area wage adjustment is 75.788 percent for FY 2008. The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent for FY 2008.

**Regional Specific Rates for Psychiatric Hospitals and Units With Low TRICARE Volume**

UNITED STATES CENSUS REGION

	Rate @
<i>Northeast:</i>	
New England .....	\$707
Mid-Atlantic .....	681
<i>Midwest:</i>	
East North Central .....	588
West North Central .....	555
<i>South:</i>	
South Atlantic .....	701
East South Central .....	750
West South Central .....	639
<i>West:</i>	
Mountain .....	638
Pacific .....	754
Puerto Rico .....	481

@ Wage portion of the rate, subject to the area wage adjustment—75.788.

*Beneficiary cost share:* Beneficiary cost-share (other than dependents of Active Duty members) for care paid on the basis of a regional per diem rate is the lower of \$187 per day or 25 percent of the hospital billed charges effective for services rendered on or after October 1, 2007.

*Cap Amount:* Updated cap amount for hospitals and units with high TRICARE volume is \$889 per day for FY 2008.

The following reflect an update of 3.4 percent for FY 2008.

**PARTIAL HOSPITALIZATION RATES FOR FULL-DAY AND HALF-DAY PROGRAMS**

[Fiscal year 2007]

United States Census Region	Full-day rate (6 hours or more)	Half-day rate (3-5 hours)
<i>Northeast:</i>		
New England (Maine, N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn.) .....	\$284	\$214
<i>Mid-Atlantic:</i>		
(N.Y., N.J., Penn.) .....	308	232
<i>Midwest:</i>		
East North Central (Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis.) .....	271	203
<i>West North Central:</i>		
(Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Neb., Kan.) .....	271	203
<i>South:</i>		
South Atlantic (Del., Md., D.C., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla.) .....	292	219
<i>East South Central:</i>		
(Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss.) .....	315	237
<i>West South Central:</i>		
(Ark., La., Texas, Okla.) .....	315	237
<i>West:</i>		
Mountain (Mon., Idaho, Wyo., Col., N.M., Ariz., Utah, Nev.) .....	318	240
Pacific (Wash., Ore., Calif., Alaska, Hawaii) .....	312	234
Puerto Rico .....	203	153