



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL MARINE FISHERIES SERVICE
NORTHEAST REGION
One Blackburn Drive
Gloucester, MA 01930-2298

August 20, 2001

To All Interested Parties:

Re: Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee

On June 4, 2001, Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans announced that the Bush Administration will retain Executive Order 13158 regarding Marine Protected Areas (MPA) and will appoint a Federal Advisory Committee (FAC) to assist in its implementation.

The enclosed notice from the Federal Register announces the re-opening of the solicitation for nominations to the MPA FAC. Nominations were first sought for the FAC about a year ago (65 FR 50503, August 18, 2000). Nominations previously received will be considered along with any new ones, unless the nominee elects to withdraw from the process.

Just as before, the committee will consist of members who represent a broad spectrum of interests from across the country. In hope of ensuring that northeast fishery interests are represented on the committee, I request that you read the notice and consider nominating someone for this important post. Previous nominees should consider updating their portfolios with records of recent accomplishments and activities.

Please consult the website, <http://www.mpa.gov>, for more information on MPAs or contact Dan Morris in the NMFS Northeast Regional Office at (978) 281-9237.

Sincerely,

for Patricia A. Kurkul
Regional Administrator

cc: M. Sissenwine
H. Mears
M. Colligan
P. Colosi
J. Witzig
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Enclosure



proceedings. The regulations specify fishing gear must be marked with the vessel's official number, federal permit or tag number, or some other specified form of identification. The regulations further specify how the gear is to be marked, e.g., location and color. Law enforcement personnel rely on this information to assure compliance with fisheries management regulations. Gear that is not properly identified is confiscated. The identifying number on fishing gear is used by NMFS, the U.S. Coast Guard, and other marine agencies in issuing violations, prosecutions, and other enforcement actions. Gear marking helps ensure that a vessel harvests fish only from its own traps/pots/other gear and that traps/pots/other gear are not illegally placed. Gear violations are more readily prosecuted when the gear is marked, allowing for more cost-effective enforcement. Cooperating fishermen also use the number to report placement or occurrence of gear in unauthorized areas. Regulation-compliant fishermen ultimately benefit as unauthorized and illegal fishing is deterred and more burdensome regulations are avoided.

II. Method of Collection

The physical marking of fishing buoys is done by the affected public (fishermen in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery) according to regulation.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0352.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations (fishermen in the Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,033.

Estimated Time Per Response: 15 minutes per marking (with an average of 11.6 buoy markings per vessel).

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,002.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$4,503.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information

on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations for Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is establishing a Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas (MPA) pursuant to Executive Order 13158 and is seeking nominations for membership on this Committee.

DATES: Nominations must be postmarked on or before September 15, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910
ATTN: Federal Advisory Committee on Marine Protected Areas.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roger Griffis, NOAA, (301) 713-3155 Extension 104. E-mail: Roger.B.Griffis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 4, 2001, Secretary of Commerce Donald L. Evans released a statement announcing the Administrations's retention of Executive Order 13158. The Secretary also announced his intention to appoint a Marine Protection Area Advisory Committee. To complete this task the Secretary has decided to seek nominations in addition to those previously solicited (see 65 FR 50503, August 18, 2000) and initiate a review of all nominees.

Executive Order 13158 directs the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior to seek the

expert advice and recommendations of non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. The Advisory Committee will provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior to focus Federal Government efforts to develop information about existing MPAs, to help identify areas where research may support management of marine resources through MPAs, and to undertake other appropriate MPA activities. The terms of Executive Order 13158 make clear that it is not intended to supplant existing statutory authorities or to create new legal authority to regulate marine resources. Activities conducted under Executive Order 13158 will be consistent with current law. The MPA Advisory Committee will be established through a public process that will ensure the Administration will benefit from a broad, balanced range of expertise and views as it undertakes MPA-related activities. Initial committee members will be selected for two or three year terms of service. The Committee will meet at least once annually; however, members of subcommittees, task forces, and/or working groups established by the Committee may meet on a more frequent basis. Members of the Committee will not be compensated, but may be allowed travel and per diem expenses.

The Department of Commerce is seeking a diverse group of approximately 25 highly qualified individuals to serve on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee. Nominations are sought for non-Federal scientists, resource managers, and persons representing other interests or organizations. Individuals seeking membership on the Advisory Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to MPAs and/or an interest affected by MPAs. Nominees will also be considered based on their ability to contribute to a balance of interests and points of view.

Nominations are encouraged from all interested parties, such as scientific societies; academic and research institutions; groups or governments representing Native Americans, Alaska Natives, Native Hawaiians, Caribbean Islanders and Pacific islanders; states, territories and localities; interest groups such as the fishing (recreational and commercial), boating, diving, recreational, maritime, historical and philanthropic communities; conservation organizations; mineral and

oil production interests; and Federal agencies.

Note: No Federal agency employees may be appointed to serve on the Committee, but nominations for non-federal employees will be accepted from Federal agencies.

All nominations received during the prior nomination period (August–October, 2000) will be considered along with any new nominations received during the second nomination period, unless a nominee withdraws his or her application. No additional submission is required for those nominees from the prior nomination period. Any nominee from the prior nomination period however, may submit new information to update his or her file. All nominations will be treated equally during the review and selection process.

Each submission should include the following material to be considered for review: The submitting person or organization's name and affiliation; a cover letter describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee; a Curriculum Vitae or resume of nominee; and the nominee's name, address, phone number, fax number, and e-mail address. Self-nominations are acceptable. Letters of support describing the nominee's qualifications are optional and no more than three supporting letter(s) will be accepted.

Nominations should be sent to (see **ADDRESSES**) and nominations must be postmarked on or before September 15, 2001. The full text of the executive order can be found at the following website address: www.mpa.gov.

Dated: August 6, 2001.

Alan Neuschatz,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Establishment of the Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of establishment.

SUMMARY: The Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group is being established in accordance with the provisions of the Public Law 92–463, the “Federal Advisory Committee Act,” Title 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2.

The Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group is established to provide advice and recommendations to advance the

U.S. position as a strong, secure and persuasive force for freedom and progress in the world, and to do so at the lowest nuclear force level consistent with security requirements.

The Panel will be composed of no more than 10 members selected on the basis of their expertise in the fields of nuclear deterrence and security. In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App II 1982, it has been determined that the committee meetings concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1), and that accordingly the meetings will be closed to the public.

Notice of the establishment of this new committee is being published in less than the 15 days, due to the urgent need to convene this committee so that its advice on a matter of extraordinary importance may be provided to the Secretary of Defense in a timely manner. A waiver of the 15 day notice requirement for establishment of a new committee has been approved.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Haber, Office of the Secretary of Defense for Policy, (703) 697–0286.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meeting.

SUMMARY: the Deterrence Concepts Advisory Group met in closed session on August 8, 2001. The committee was established to provide advice and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on advancing a strong, secure, and persuasive U.S. force for freedom and progress in the world, and do so at the lowest force level consistent with security requirements.

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App II (1982)), it was determined that the committee meeting concerned matters sensitive to the interest of national security, listed in 5 U.S.C. 552B(c)(1) (1982) and accordingly this meeting was closed to the public.

This notice is being published in less than the 15 days required by law, due to the urgent need for this committee to begin its activities so that its advice on a matter of extraordinary importance may be provided to the Secretary of Defense in a timely manner.

DATES: August 8, 2001, 10:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The Pentagon, Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Haber, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, 703–697–0286.

Dated: August 3, 2001.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety & Occupational Health Risk Analysis (AFIERA), DOD.

ACTION: Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety & Occupational Health Risk Analysis announces the proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms or information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received October 9, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Air Force Institute for Environment, Safety & Occupational Health Risk Analysis, AFIERA/DOS, 2513 Kennedy Circle, Brooks AFB TX 78235.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request more information on this