

of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 121, Videotex/Teletext Presentation Level Protocol Syntax (North American PLPS).

On May 4, 1995, notice was published in the Federal Register (60 FR 22051) proposing withdrawal of Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) 121, Videotex/Teletext Presentation Level Protocol Syntax (North American PLPS), because the standard is no longer needed by the Federal Government.

The written comments submitted by interested parties and other material available to the Department relevant to this standard was reviewed by NIST. On the basis of this review, NIST recommended that the Secretary approve the withdrawal of the FIPS, and prepared a detailed justification document for the Secretary's review in support of that recommendation.

The detailed justification document which was presented to the Secretary is part of the public record and is available for inspection and copying in the Department's Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This withdrawal is effective March 12, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Shirley Radack, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975-2833.

Authority: Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 111(d) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949 as amended by the Computer Security Act of 1987, Public Law 100-235.

Dated: March 4, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

*Associate Director.*

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### Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) will meet on Tuesday, April 2, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and on Wednesday, April

3, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Judges panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The meeting will be composed of two parts: on April 2, 1996, the Judges panel will meet to review the summary of the 1995 Award cycle, establish the 1996 Award cycle (including examiner selection and training), review survey of former applicants, review improvements on the feedback and judging processes, and discuss future plans for the Award program; and, on April 3, 1996, there will be a combined meeting of the members of the Judges Panel and the Board of Overseers. The Board of Overseers will receive and then discuss reports from the Judges Panel and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on the Award process. These reports and discussions will cover the following topics: review of roles/responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; status of the 1995/1996 Award Cycles; health care and education award progress; information transfer on winners' responsibility, application trend, and Quest for Excellence VIII Conference and regional conferences.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at The Hotel Washington Hotel, 515 - 15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Capitol Room (seating capacity 40, includes 24 participants), Washington, D.C. 20004-1099.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

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Samuel Kramer,

*Associate Director.*

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### Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (MBNQA) will meet on Wednesday, April 3, 1996, from 10:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Board of Overseers is composed of nine members

prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The members of the Board of Overseers will meet jointly with the members of the Judges Panel of the MBNQA. The Board will receive and then discuss reports from the Judges Panel and the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on the Award process. These reports and discussions will cover the following topics: review of roles/responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; status of the 1995/1996 Award Cycles; health care and education award progress; information transfer on winners' responsibility, application trend, and Quest for Excellence VIII Conference and regional conferences.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene April 3, 1996, at 10:30 a.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on April 3, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at The Hotel Washington Hotel, 515-15th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, Capitol Room (seating capacity 40, includes 24 participants), Washington, DC 20004-1099.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

Dated: March 5, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

*Associate Director.*

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### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice to Solicit Public Comment on the Draft Management Plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve

**AGENCY:** Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice to Solicit Public Comment on the Draft Management Plan for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Authority (RMA) have

made available the Draft Management Plan (DMP) for the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR). This DMP sets forth the program missions, goals and objectives of the Wells NERR, and establishes policies that will protect the natural resources and ecological integrity of the Wells NERR. This management plan, when finalized, will replace, as an update the NERR's current management plan.

The public comment period for the DMP ends 30 days from the date of this notice.

Copies of the document are available upon request to the Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve, 342 Laudholm Road, Wells, Maine 04090. 207/646-1555.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris Grimm, OCRM, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 12th Floor (N/ORM2), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-3132, extension 118.

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Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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### Endangered and Threatened Wildlife; Recovery Plans for Listed Sea Turtles

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS and the Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Department of the Interior, (collectively, the Services) announce the availability of the proposed recovery plans for U.S. Pacific populations of endangered and threatened sea turtles, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA). These reviews and any written comments received shall be considered by the Services in their approval of the final recovery plans.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted on or before May 13, 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the proposed recovery plans may be submitted to the Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected

Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Therese Conant, 301-713-1401, or Richard Byles, 505-248-6647.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The ESA is administered jointly by the Services. NMFS has jurisdiction over most species in the marine system while FWS has jurisdiction elsewhere. Listed endangered and threatened species under NMFS jurisdiction are enumerated in 50 CFR 222.23(a) and 50 CFR 227.4, respectively. The List of Endangered and Threatened Wildlife, which contains species under the jurisdiction of both Services, is found in 50 CFR part 17.11(h).

Pursuant to a Memorandum of Agreement between the two Services, the jurisdiction over listed sea turtles is shared: FWS has responsibility for sea turtles primarily in the terrestrial environment, while NMFS has responsibility for sea turtles primarily in the marine environment. Presently, all sea turtle species found in the United States are listed as follows: Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempii*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) are listed as endangered; loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), and olive ridley (*Lepidochelys olivacea*) turtles are listed as threatened, except for breeding populations of green turtles in Florida and on the Pacific coast of Mexico, and breeding populations of olive ridleys on the Pacific coast of Mexico, which are listed as endangered.

Section 4(f)(1) of the ESA requires that the Secretary of the Interior or the Secretary of Commerce develop and implement recovery plans for the conservation and survival of endangered and threatened species listed pursuant to section 4(c) of the ESA unless such plans would not promote the conservation of the species. Pursuant to section 4(f)(4) of the ESA, prior to final approval and implementation of a new or revised recovery plan, the Secretary shall provide public notice and an opportunity for public review and comment. The Secretary shall consider all information presented during the public comment period prior to approval of the plan. In addition, it is the policy (59 FR 34273, July 1, 1994) of the Services to minimize social and economic impacts in developing and implementing recovery plans while providing for the timely recovery of the species.

The proposed recovery plans are for the U.S. Pacific populations of the

loggerhead, olive ridley, leatherback, hawksbill, green and the East Pacific population of the green. These are the first comprehensive proposed recovery plans for sea turtle populations in the U.S. Pacific. To accomplish the drafting of these proposed recovery plans, NMFS formed a team of professional biologists (Recovery Team) with experience in the region and with marine turtles. The recovery plans proposed by the Services are essentially the recommendations of the Recovery Team.

While similar in format to previously drafted sea turtle recovery plans for the Atlantic and the Caribbean, the unique nature of the Pacific required some changes to that format. The geographic scope of these plans is much larger than any previously attempted, with over 5,000 islands and 3,000 miles of ocean, as well as the mainland United States, to consider. Furthermore, the amount of jurisdictional overlap between nations, commonwealths, territories and compact-of-free-association-states and the various turtle populations required a broader management perspective than has been attempted previously. Finally, sea turtles have not been studied as intensively in the Pacific as in other U.S. areas, and thus there is a large void in basic biological information on the species available. Thus, these plans have more extensive text on the general biology of the turtles, so that they might act as a resource to managers seeking a handy reference to the species. The plans are also subdivided into U.S. jurisdictional areas (i.e. the various commonwealths and territories), so that local managers can address issues within their respective regions more easily.

#### Request for Comments

The Services intend that the final recovery plans will take advantage of information and recommendations from all interested parties. Therefore, comments and suggestions are hereby solicited from the public, other concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, and any other person concerned with this proposed recovery plan area. The proposed recovery plans are available (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543 *et seq.*

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Pat Montanio,

Deputy Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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