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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of Virginia and Oregon Coastal Zone Management Programs.

These evaluations will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended. The CZMA requires a continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its coastal program document approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA. The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings are held as part of the site visits

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The Virginia Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from June 3–7, 1996. Public meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 4, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the Rappahannock Community College, 52 Campus Drive (Route 360), Warsaw, VA, and Thursday, June 6, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the Hampton Roads Planning District

Commission, 723 Woodlake Drive, Chesapeake, VA.

The Oregon Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from June 3–7, 1996. A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 5, 1996, at 7:00 p.m., at the Lincoln City Council Chambers, Lincoln City Hall, 3rd Floor, 801 SW Highway 101, Lincoln City, OR, 97367.

The States will issue notice of the public meeting(s) in a local newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to the public meeting(s), and will issue other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental request letters to the States, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting. Please direct written comments to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the Federal Register announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713-3090, ext. 126.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of availability of evaluation final findings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Alaska, Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas, Florida, Massachusetts, and New York Coastal Management Programs, and the ACE Basin (South Carolina), Elkhorn Slough (California), South Slough (Oregon), Jobos Bay (Puerto Rico), Old Woman Creek (Ohio), and Wells (Maine) National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approved coastal management programs and the operation and management of NERRS.

The states of Alaska, Florida, Massachusetts, New York and the Territory of the Commonwealth of Northern Marianas Islands were found to be adhering to and implementing and enforcing their Federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2) (A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards.

ACE Basin, Elkhorn Slough, Old Woman Creek, South Slough, and Wells NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR system. Jobos Bay NERR was found to be not fully adhering to the NERR System goals, the Federally approved NERR management plan, and to the terms of its financial assistance awards.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Vickie Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (301) 713-3087x126.

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