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National Estuarine Research Reserve System; Public Meetings on Site Selection Process for Nomination of Candidate Site in Alaska

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings in Seldovia and Homer, Alaska, on the site selection process for the nomination of a candidate site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the State of Alaska and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) intend to conduct public meetings on December 10 and 11, 1996, in Seldovia and Homer, Alaska, respectively, as part of NOAA's site selection process for the nomination of a candidate site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) System.

DATE AND TIME: Tuesday, December 10, 1996 at 6:30 p.m.

ADDRESS: Seldovia Library Building, Multi-purpose Room, 260 Seldovia Street, Seldovia, Alaska 99663.

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, December 11, 1996 at 7:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: Homer City Hall, City Council Chambers, 491 East Pioneer Avenue, Homer, Alaska 99603.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet Moser, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, at (907) 267-2341, or Matt Menashes, Program Specialist, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NERR System is dedicated to fostering a system of estuarine reserves that represents the wide range of coastal and estuarine habitats found in the United

States. NOAA has developed a classification scheme and typology of national estuarine areas that places the coastlines of the United States into biogeographic regions and subareas.

Site selection criteria are based on ecological representativeness, value for research and education, and practical coastal management considerations. The site ultimately designated will be used by researchers, educators, and the general public to study estuarine ecology and coastal issues that can aid in coastal policy making and management decisions.

During the past year, the State of Alaska, in consultation with NOAA, has undertaken a process to identify a site which adequately represents the major estuarine characteristics of Southcentral Alaskan coastal ecosystems. An estuary located in Southcentral Alaska would be the first site to represent the Fjord Biogeographic Region.

After consideration of several possible sites along the Southcentral Alaska coast, the Southcentral Alaska National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection Committee has selected the Kachemak Bay area of Southcentral Alaska as its candidate site for nomination as a potential NERR. These public meetings are being held to provide details and solicit comments on this proposed site.

At the public meetings, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game will provide an overview of the national NERR Program; provide a summary of the Southcentral Alaska NERR initiative, including the site selection process and a description of the proposed site; and conduct an open question and answer period.

Following the public meetings, a site nomination document will be developed based on existing research documents and literature, and comments received from NOAA, the Southcentral Alaska National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection Committee, and the general public. The final site selection document will then be sent to the Governor of Alaska for his approval. If approved, the Governor will forward the site selection package and a nomination letter to NOAA for approval. After NOAA approves the State's proposed site, a draft and final Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan must be prepared prior to final site designation.

The public meetings will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 10, 1996, at the Seldovia Library Building, Seldovia, Alaska, and at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 11, 1996, at the Homer City Hall, Homer, Alaska.

Interested parties who wish to comment on the site selection are invited to attend. For more information contact Janet Moser, Alaska Department of Fish and Game, at (907) 267-2341 or Matt Menashes, Program Specialist, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3132, ext. 117.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION
Applications of the New York Cotton Exchange as a Contract Market in Futures and Options on the Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta Cross Rate

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures and option contracts.

SUMMARY: The New York Cotton Exchange (NYCE or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in futures and options on the Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta cross rate. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 23, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the NYCE Deutsche Mark/Spanish Peseta cross rate contracts.