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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The agenda for the meeting is:

1. Welcome and opening remarks.
2. NIST overview of SPC issues raised by industry.
3. Statements by members of the public on the issues.
4. Discussion of potential solutions.
5. Next Steps (NIST).

Various industries, including automobiles, aerospace, and heavy machinery industries have established quality assurance programs as a means of assuring quality parts and materials from large networks of suppliers, and have invested considerable energy and expense in developing such systems. Companies supplying fasteners under quality assurance systems (such as QS9000), have also invested considerable energy and expense in putting quality systems in place and in getting registered to them as a condition of supplying fasteners to major end users. NIST has heard from some representatives of industry that the Fasteners Quality Act's reliance on lot control and final inspection of fasteners may be inconsistent with and may not meet the standards of modern mass production using statistical process control.

The proposed meeting is for the purpose of addressing these issues and to provide a forum for discussion of possible solutions under the Act and regulations. NIST would like to hear from a variety of sources including the aerospace, automobile and heavy machinery industries, fastener manufacturers who supply such industries on the use of statistical process control under quality assurance plans similar to QS9000, and interested academics. Also, because reliance upon existing consensus standards and specifications is a cornerstone of the Fastener Quality Act, representatives of consensus standards organizations are invited to discuss efforts underway to recognize statistical process control in fastener standards and specifications. Similarly, some fastener manufacturers rely on in-process measurements of critical fastener parameters by manufacturing personnel rather than upon final testing of such parameters by

an accredited laboratory. Because SPC may implicate laboratory accreditations under the Act and regulations, laboratory accreditation bodies are also invited to present their views.

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Elaine Bunten-Mines,

Acting Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOAA Coastal Ocean Data Workshop

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of workshop.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanographic Data Center (NODC) of the National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) and the Coastal Services Center (CSC) of the National Ocean Service (NOS) in the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the University of Rhode Island Graduate School of Oceanography (GSO) are co-sponsoring a NOAA Coastal Ocean Data Workshop on March 11-13, 1997. The purpose of the workshop is to enhance NOAA's ability to meet the requirements of its customers in the coastal ocean community regarding data and information management; and to encourage formation of additional partnerships and joint ventures.

DATES: The workshop will take place on March 11-13, 1997. It will begin at 8:30 a.m. on the 11th, and end at 12 noon on the 13th.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at J. Seward Johnson Marine Education and Conference Center at the Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institution in Fort Pierce, FL. Parties interested in participating in the workshop should contact Roz Cohen (NODC) at 301-713-3267 x146 by close of business on January 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roz Cohen (NODC) at 301-713-3267 x146.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the workshop is to enhance NOAA's ability to meet the requirements of its customers in the coastal ocean community by:

—Providing a forum for individuals in the coastal ocean community to present their requirements regarding data and information management, product development, and synthesis;

—Increasing knowledge and awareness of NOAA's activities within the coastal ocean community in the areas of data and information management, synthesis, and product development; —Providing additional opportunities for NOAA to form partnerships and joint ventures with its partners in the coastal ocean community; and —Being responsive to the new Ocean Partnership Program.

The workshop will include about 80 participants from Federal, state, and local government agencies, academia, the private sector, and the general public. It will consist of a series of plenary and smaller working group sessions. The major areas addressed will be (1) identification of data required to address major regional and national coastal ocean issues and scientific research priorities; (2) identification of specific data management requirements: data types, levels of precision, national and international standards, levels of quality control metadata and documentation, formats, accessibility, timeliness, synthesis products, etc.; and (3) potential partnerships, joint ventures, and networking to implement the recommendations.

The National Oceanographic Data Center is one of several environmental data centers managed by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. The headquarters office of NODC is located in Silver Spring, MD. There are five field offices collocated with major government or private oceanographic laboratories in Woods Hole, MA; Miami, FL; La Jolla, CA; Seattle, WA, and Honolulu, Hawaii. NODC houses the world's largest collection of publicly available oceanographic data, including coastal ocean holdings. The primary mission of NODC is to ensure that oceanographic data collected at great cost are maintained in a permanent archive that is easily accessible to the world science community and to other users. NODC does not conduct any data collection programs of its own; it serves solely as a repository and dissemination facility for data collected by others. In this capacity, NODC acquires, processes, archives, analyzes, and disseminates global oceanographic data; and develops analytical and descriptive products to meet user requirements. NODC also operates World Data Center-A for Oceanography and the NOAA Library.

Each year the NODC responds to thousands of requests for oceanographic data and information from national and international customers in Federal, state, and local government agencies, the private sector, non-profit

organizations, academia, and the general public.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Coastal Services Coastal Services Center is a coastal resource advisory center that draws on the expertise of NOAA and its partners to address critical coastal resource issues. Established in 1994, in Charlestown, South Carolina, the Center's mission is to identify, develop, and facilitate the use of technologies and information that support sustainable use and management of coastal resources. The Coastal Services Center bridges the gap between coastal scientists and resource managers by bringing Center staff, technologies, and outside partner expertise to bear on national problems related to coastal ecosystems and economies. The Center focuses primarily on issues of resource management, land use impacts, and habitat loss as well as coastal hazards and cumulative secondary impacts of coastal development. Clients of the Coastal Services Center include coastal resource managers, policy makers, scientists, environmental organizations, coastal and marine science educators, and private business people. The Center delivers information to the coastal resource community through advisory services, Internet World Wide Web service, information bases, summary reports, training workshops, short courses, conferences, seminars, fact sheets and publications.

The Graduate School of Oceanography of the University of Rhode Island is one of the largest and most widely known graduate schools of oceanography in the United States. It has joined with NOAA as a partner in establishing a national coastal data network because it has particular strengths in coastal oceanography and in distributed ocean data systems, has one of the largest marine science libraries in the world, and is the location of the Sea Grant Depository. The University has been a national Sea Grant College since 1971, and in 1989 it was designated a NOAA Center of Excellence in coastal marine science.

Dated: January 9, 1997.

Ronald L. Fauquet,

Deputy Director, National Oceanographic Data Center.

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's Halibut Subsistence Committee will hold a meeting in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 22, 1997, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of Alaska, Observer Training Center, 707 A Street, Room 205, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Halibut Subsistence Committee was appointed by the Council to review existing halibut regulations as they pertain to subsistence users and provide the Council with advice and direction on regulation of halibut subsistence fisheries. This first meeting will include discussions of:

1. Eligible users;
2. Eligible communities;
3. Qualifying gear; and
4. Minimum size of halibut.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: January 9, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Joint Committee of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and North

Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 19, 1997, beginning at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the University of Alaska, Observer Training Center, 707 A Street, Room 205, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, telephone: (907) 271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Joint Committee of the Alaska Board of Fisheries and the Council was appointed to develop a protocol for future groundfish management off Alaska. This meeting will include discussions of:

1. October 1996 Board action to develop a state water Pacific cod fishery in the Gulf of Alaska;
2. December 1996 Council discussion of Board action;
3. Other groundfish fisheries under joint management; and
4. Development of recommendations to the Board and Council for a protocol for joint review of future groundfish management proposals.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Helen Allen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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Bruce Morehead,

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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) Salmon Technical Team will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. on January 21, 1997, and will continue from approximately 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day through January 24, 1997.