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The team is officially established upon publication of the first meeting notice in the Federal Register. NMFS fully intends to convene the Take Reduction Team process in a way that provides for national consistency yet accommodates the unique regional needs and characteristics of the team. Take Reduction Teams are not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 App. U.S.C.). Meetings are open to the public.

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Formation of Advisory Panels for National Academy of Sciences Study on Individual Fishing Quotas

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS is accepting nominations for two advisory panels for an Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) study to be conducted by the National Academy of Sciences' National Research Council (NRC). This action is taken to comply with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996.

DATES: Interested parties should submit a statement of interest by March 24, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific details about the statement.

ADDRESS: Send statements of interest to the Director of the Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Gautam, NMFS, Office of Science and Technology. Telephone: (301)713-2328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, mandates that "The Secretary of Commerce shall, in consultation with the National Academy of Sciences, the Councils, the fishing industry, affected States, conservation organizations and other interested persons, establish two individual fishing quota review groups to assist in the preparation of the report, which shall represent: (A) Alaska, Hawaii, and the other Pacific coastal States; and (B) Atlantic coastal States and the Gulf of Mexico coastal States. The Secretary shall, to the extent practicable, achieve a balanced representation of viewpoints among the individuals on each review group * * *". Therefore, NMFS is establishing two advisory panels, one serving the East coast and one serving the West coast.

The East and West coast panels will be comprised of no more than fifteen

members each. Members of the panels will serve as technical advisors to the NRC committee with respect to any issues relating to IFQ implementation. Members may give expert testimony at the public hearings on IFQs. Members may also be asked to assist in the facilitation of NOAA's public hearings in terms of developing questions to be asked at the hearings and in guiding the discussions. Members will be expected to attend one public hearing or one public NRC meeting on IFQs but will not be asked to attend NRC committee meetings. No other meetings are anticipated for the advisory panels. There is no compensation for membership on an advisory panel. NMFS will pay for the travel of each advisory panel member to one public hearing or one NRC public meeting on IFQs. Finally, the advisory panels will serve as an "information clearinghouse."

Interested parties should submit a statement of interest. The statement should include a description of the nominee's background and experience, particularly with respect to IFQs; current occupation and position; reasons for wishing to participate on an advisory panel; and a statement identifying why the nominee should be considered for membership on an advisory panel. Interested parties need not include additional letters of support or sponsorship other than their own self-nominating statements. NMFS will announce the selection of advisory panel members no later than April 14, 1997.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207.

TIME AND DATE: Tuesday, March 4, 1997, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.