

Panel will meet on April 1, 1997, to review the summary of the 1996 Award cycle, establish the 1997 Award application review cycle, review survey of former applicants, review improvements on the feedback and judging processes, and discuss future plans for the Award program. On April 2, 1997, the Panel will discuss its reports to the Board of Overseers of the MBNQA and to the National Institute of Standards and Technology. The Panel's discussions will cover the following topics: review of roles/responsibilities of Judges and Overseers; status of the 1996/1997 Award Cycles; health care and education award progress; information transfer on winners' responsibility, application trend, and Quest for Excellence IX Conference and regional conferences. The discussions on April 1, 1997, beginning at 8:30 a.m., and ending at 5:30 p.m., will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene April 1, 1997, at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 10:30 p.m. on April 2, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room (seating capacity 36, includes 24 participants), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

**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.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 10, 1997, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act, P.L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of the Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,  
Director, Program Office.

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a joint meeting of its Crustaceans Plan Team and Hawaii Crustaceans Advisory Panel.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on March 18 and 19, 1997, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., each day.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Ilikai Hotel, Yacht Harbor Tower, Room 262, 1777 Ala Moana Blvd., Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 949-3811.

*Council address:* Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The plan team and advisory panel will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the following agenda items:

1. Review of the Northwestern Hawaiian Island lobster fishery and stock status;
2. Estimation of annual harvest guideline, including: (a) review of model to estimate exploitable population size, (b) review of risk analysis estimation procedure, and (c) review panel recommendations;
3. Review of NMFS report, including: (a) assessment of methods and results to estimate high-grading in 1996 season, and (b) possible economic pros/cons of high-grading;
4. Review of adjustment mechanisms to correct for significant high-grading, including: (a) trap modification, (b) lower risk level to include grater uncertainty, (c) incorporate high-grading as additional component of M in model estimates, (d) use of observers to document level of high-grading, (e) other possible adjustments, and (f) statistically valid sampling and design to estimate high-grading;
5. Sampling considerations for expanding live lobster fishery;
6. Determination of Harvest Guideline for 1997 season; and
7. Other business as required.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: March 3, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Establishment of a New Export Visa Arrangement for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Slovak Republic**

March 5, 1997.

**AGENCY:** Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

**ACTION:** Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing export visa requirements.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 1, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Naomi Freeman, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

In an exchange of notes dated November 18, 1996 and January 31, 1997, the Governments of the United States and the Slovak Republic agreed to establish a new Export Visa Arrangement for certain wool textile products, produced or manufactured in the Slovak Republic and exported on and after April 1, 1997. Goods exported during the period April 1, 1997 through April 30, 1997 shall not be denied entry for lack of a visa. All goods exported after April 30, 1997 must be accompanied by an appropriate export visa.

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to prohibit entry of certain textile products, produced or manufactured in the Slovak Republic and exported to the United