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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Intergovernmental Advisory Committee Subcommittee Meeting

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Intergovernmental Advisory Committee will meet on February 5, 1998, at the Double Tree Hotel, Columbia River, Portland, Oregon. The purpose of the meeting is to continue discussions on the implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan. The meeting will begin at 9:15 a.m. and continue until 3:00 p.m. Agenda items to be discussed include, but are not limited to: review ongoing and potential activities for the coming year, and progress reports on the scoping phase of the review of Northwest Forest Plan and the strategic research plan. The IAC meeting will be open to the public and is fully accessible for people with disabilities. Interpreters are available upon request in advance. Written comments may be submitted for the record at the meeting. Time will also be scheduled for oral public comments. Interested persons are encouraged to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding this meeting may be directed to Don Knowles, Executive Director, Regional Ecosystem Office, 333 SW 1st Avenue, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, OR 97208 (Phone: 503-808-2180).

Dated: January 21, 1998.

Donald R. Knowles,

Designated Federal Official.

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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 the Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands, Puerto Rico, Virgin Islands, and New York's Coastal Zone Management Programs and the Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Puerto Rico.

These evaluations will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 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 or estuarine research reserve program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management and Estuarine Research Reserve Programs require findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its coastal program document or final management plan 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 Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from February 18-27, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. This meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m., on Wednesday, February 25, 1998, at the Public Library Conference Room, Saipan.

The Puerto Rico Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from February 23-27, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week.

This meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Monday, February 23, 1998, at the Department of Environmental Resources Auditorium, Tropical Medicine Building, San Juan, Puerto Rico.

The Jobos Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Puerto Rico site visit will be from March 23-27, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. This meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m., on Wednesday, March 25, 1998, at the Reserve's Visitor's Center, Road 705, Kilometer 2.3, Main Street, Aguirre, Puerto Rico.

The Virgin Islands Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from March 30-April 3, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. This meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., on Monday, March 30, 1998, at the Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Lower Level Conference Room, St. Thomas, Virgin Islands.

The New York Coastal Zone Management Program site visit will be from March 30-April 3, 1998. A public meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 31, 1998, from 7-9 p.m. at the Tonawanda City Hall in the City Council Chambers, 200 Niagara Street, Tonawanda, NY.

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 (PCD), 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.