

Singapore, September 11; Manila, September 12-16; and Bangkok, September 16-19. The program for the mission includes embassy briefings on the commercial/economic environment, meetings with potential buyers, agents, distributors and strategic alliance partners, and engagements with Asian ministers and business leaders as well as American business executives based in Southeast Asia.

#### Trade Mission Goals

The goals of the trade mission are to:

- (1) Boost U.S. high-technology exports and market share in Southeast Asia;
- (2) Establish and expand business relations between U.S. executives and host-country government and industry leaders;
- (3) Highlight U.S. leadership and competitiveness in high-technology sectors;
- (4) Identify new and upcoming commercial high-technology opportunities in the region;
- (5) Achieve greater transparency and fairness in host-country procurement and purchasing decisions; and
- (6) Demonstrate high-visibility U.S. support for the Southeast Asian economies recovering from the recent economic downturn.

#### Criteria for Participation

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in this mission will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary William Daley on March 3, 1997. Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- (1) Relevance of the company's business line to the trade mission's goals;
- (2) Potential for sales to the selected high-technology sectors in the target countries;
- (3) Timeliness of company's completed application and payment of the participation fee;
- (4) Certification that the company's product or service is manufactured or produced in the United States, or, if manufactured/produced outside the United States, the product/service is marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and has U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished product or service.

Any partisan political activities of an applicant, including political contributions, will be entirely irrelevant to the selection process. Third parties may nominate or endorse potential applicants, but companies that are nominated or endorsed must themselves

submit an application to be eligible for consideration. Referrals from political organizations will not be considered.

#### Costs

The fee to participate in the trade mission is \$5,500 per person. Each additional person from the same company costs \$500. This fee does not cover travel or lodging expenses.

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of a subgroup of the Ad Hoc Crustacean Stock Assessment Panel (SAP).

**DATES:** The meeting of the Crustacean SAP held June 1-4, 1998, will be continued on June 30, 1998 with the subgroup meeting beginning at 9:00 a.m. and concluding by 12:00 noon.

**ADDRESSES:** The Crustacean SAP subgroup meeting will be held at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Marine Research Institute, 100 Eighth Avenue, Southeast, St. Petersburg, FL.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A subgroup of the SAP will convene to review stock assessment information on spiny lobster and to develop alternatives for determining the overfishing criteria as required by the Sustainable Fisheries Act in accordance with the original **Federal Register** Notice published May 8, 1998.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the subgroup for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by June 16, 1998.

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#### Bruce Morehead,

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of applications for scientific research permits (1156, 1159); Issuance of scientific research permits (1095, 1120, 1140) and a modification to a scientific research permit (994).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of listed species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received permit applications from: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency at Corvallis, OR (EPA) (1156) and Robert L. Brownell, Jr., Southwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, La Jolla, CA (SWFSC) (1159); NMFS has issued permits to: U.S. Bureau of Reclamation at Denver, CO (USBR) (1095); Idaho Department of Fish and Game at Boise, ID (IDFG) (1120); and the Environmental Conservation Division, Northwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, Seattle, WA (NWFS-ECD) (1140); and NMFS has issued a modification to a scientific research permit to the Idaho