

and have included the development of groundwater sources and production well fields and the construction of water treatment facilities and water distribution networks. The counties in Minnesota affected by this proposal include Yellow Medicine, Lincoln, and Lyon Counties and Deuel County in South Dakota.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information please contact Mark S. Plank, USDA, Rural Utilities Service, Engineering and Environmental Staff, 1400 Independence Avenue, Stop 1571, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1649, fax (202) 720-0820, or e-mail: mplank@rus.usda.gov or Jim Maras, RUS Program Director, USDA, Rural Development, 410 AgriBank Building, 375 Jackson Street, St. Paul, MN, 55101-1853, telephone (612) 290-3842 or e-mail: jmaras@rdasun2.rurdev.usda.gov.

A copy of the Draft EIS or an Executive Summary can be obtained over the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/envIRON.htm>. The files are in a portable document format (pdf); in order to review or print the document, users need to obtain a free copy of Acrobat Reader. The Acrobat Reader can be obtained from <http://www.adobe.com/prodindex/acrobat/readstep.html>

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Gary J. Morgan,

Director, Engineering and Environmental Staff.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Maine Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will convene at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. on July 10, 1998, at the Fleet Bank Building, Conference Room, 21 Armory Street, Augusta, Maine 02208. The purpose of the meeting is to plan for future events and to review a draft of the Committee's report, "Limited English Proficient Students in Maine: An Assessment of Equal Educational Opportunities."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired

persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, June 15, 1998.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Closed Meeting

A meeting of the Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will be held July 9, 1998, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to transportation and related equipment or technology. The Committee will meet only in Executive Session to discuss matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 16, 1996, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittees thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information, call (202) 482-2583.

Dated: June 18, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

International Buyer Program; Support for Domestic Trade Shows

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Call for Applications for the FY 2000 International Buyer Program (October 1, 1999 through September 30, 2000).

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth objectives, procedures and application review criteria associated with the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Buyer Program (IBP), to support domestic trade shows. Selection is for the International Buyer Program for Fiscal Year 2000.

The International Buyer Program was established to bring international buyers together with U.S. firms by promoting leading U.S. trade shows in industries with high export potential. The International Buyer Program emphasizes cooperation between the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and trade show organizers to benefit U.S. firms exhibiting at selected events and provides practical, hands-on assistance such as export counseling and market analysis to U.S. companies interested in exporting. The assistance provided to show organizers includes worldwide overseas promotion of selected shows to potential international buyers, end-users, representatives and distributors. The worldwide promotion is executed through the offices of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service (hereinafter referred to as the Commercial Service) in 70 countries representing America's major trading partners, and also in U.S. Embassies in countries where the Commercial Service does not maintain offices. The Department expects to select approximately 24 shows for FY2000 from among applicants to the program. Shows selected for the International Buyer Program will provide a venue for U.S. companies interested in expanding their sales into international markets. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that sets forth the specific actions to be performed by the show organizer and the DOC. The MOU constitutes an agreement between the

DOC and the show organizer specifying which services are to be rendered by DOC as part of the IBP and, in turn, what responsibilities are agreed to be performed by the show organizer.

Anyone wishing to apply will be sent a copy of the MOU along with the application package. The services to be rendered by DOC will be carried out by the Commercial Service.

DATES: Applications must be received on or before August 10, 1998.

Contributions are for shows selected and promoted during the October 1, 1999 and September 30, 2000, period.

ADDRESSES: Export Promotion Services/International Buyer Program, Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: (202) 482-0146 (Facsimile applications will not be accepted).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Boney, Product Manager, International Buyer Program, Room 2116, Export Promotion Services, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Telephone (202) 482-0146 or Fax: (202) 482-0115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commercial Service is accepting applications for the International Buyer Program (IBP) for events taking place between October 1, 1999 and September 30, 2000. A contribution of \$6,000 for shows of five days or less, or \$8,000 for shows more than five days in duration is required for the shows selected.

Under the IBP, the Commercial Service seeks to bring international buyers together with U.S. firms by selecting and promoting in international markets domestic trade shows in industries with high export potential. Selection of a trade show is one-time, *i.e., a trade show organizer seeking selection for a recurring event must submit a new application for selection for each occurrence of the event.* If the event occurs more than once in the 12-month period covering this announcement, the trade show organizer must submit a separate application for each event.

The Commercial Service will select approximately 24 events to support during this 12-month period. The Commercial Service will select those events that, in its judgment, most clearly meet the Commercial Service's objective and selection criteria mentioned below.

Selection indicates that the Department has found the event to be a leading international trade show appropriate for participation by U.S.

exporting firms and promotion in overseas markets by U.S. Embassies and Consulates. Selection does not constitute a guarantee by the U.S. Government of the show's success. Selection is not an endorsement of the show organizer except as to its international buyer activities. Non-selection should not be viewed as a finding that the event will not be successful in the promotion of U.S. exports.

Exclusions

Trade shows will not be considered that are either first-time or horizontal (non-industry specific) events. Annual trade shows will not be selected for this program more than twice in any three-year period (e.g., shows selected for fiscal years 1998 and 1999 are not eligible for inclusion in this program in fiscal year 2000, but can be considered in subsequent years.).

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements of the application to this program under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 2501 et seq.) (OMB control no. 0625-0151).

Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 3 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to Reports Clearance Officer, International Trade Administration, Room 4001, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230 and to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Paperwork Reduction Project (0625-0151), Washington, DC 20503.

General Selection Criteria

Subject to Departmental budget and resource constraints, those events will be selected that, in the judgment of the Department, most clearly meet the following criteria:

(a) Export Potential

The products and services to be promoted at the trade show are from U.S. industries that have high export potential, as determined by U.S. Department of Commerce sources, *i.e.,* best prospects lists and U.S. export statistics. (Certain industries are rated as priorities by our domestic and

international commercial officers in their Country Commercial Guides.)

(b) International Interest

The trade show meets the needs of a significant number of overseas markets covered by the Commercial Services of the United States of America and corresponds to marketing opportunities as identified by the posts in their Country Commercial Guides (e.g. best prospect lists). Previous international attendance at the show may be used as an indicator.

(c) Scope of the Show

The trade show offers a broad spectrum of U.S. made products and/or services for the subject industry. Trade shows with a majority of United States businesses as defined in 15 U.S.C. 4724 will be given preference.

(d) Stature of the show

The trade show is clearly recognized by the industry it covers as a leading event for the promotion of that industry's products and services both domestically and internationally and as a showplace for the latest technology or services in that industry.

(e) Exhibitor Interest

There is demonstrated interest on the part of U.S. exhibitors in receiving international business visitors during the trade show. A significant number of these exhibitors should be new-to-export or seeking to expand sales into additional international markets.

(f) Overseas Marketing

There has been demonstrated effort made to market prior shows overseas. In addition, the applicant should describe in detail the international marketing program to be conducted for the event, explaining how efforts should increase individual and group international attendance.

(g) Logistics

The trade show site, facilities, transportation services and availability of accommodations are in the stature of an international-class trade show.

(h) Cooperation

The applicant demonstrates a willingness to cooperate with the Commercial Service of the United States of America to fulfill the program's goals and to adhere to target dates set out in the Memorandum of Understanding and the event timetable, both of which are available from the program office (see "For Further Information on When, Where, and How to apply"). Past experience in the IBP will be taken into

account in evaluating current applications to the program.

Legal Authority

The Commercial Service has the legal authority to enter into the above-mentioned memorandum of understanding with the show organizer under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2455(f)). The statutory authority for the Commercial Service to conduct the International Buyer Program is 15 U.S.C. 4724.

John Klingelhut,

Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives, The Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061598C]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Standing Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 7, 1998 and conclude by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standing SSC will review the Draft Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment. As mandated by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA), the Council has developed a Generic EFH amendment that identifies essential fish habitat for all species currently under

management by the Council. The amendment does not include any alternatives for management measures. Future management measures, if needed, will be developed through amendments to individual fishery management plans (FMPs). The SSC will also review reports of the Ad Hoc Crustacean and Finfish Stock Assessment Panels (SAP) that include alternatives for the overfishing criteria, as required by the SFA, and proxies for expressing maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and optimum yield (OY) in terms of spawning potential ratio (SPR), spawning stock biomass per recruit (SSBR), or other credible analyses as appropriate for the stocks or stock complexes of each FMP: shrimp, stone crab, and spiny lobster (Crustacean SAP Report) and for coastal migratory pelagics, reef fish, and red drum (Finfish SAP Report). Alternatives for rebuilding periods for stocks that have been classified as overfished by NMFS and modifications to the framework procedures for specifying acceptable biological catch (ABC) and total allowable catch (TAC) will be considered, where appropriate.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The SSC's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

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 29, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 061198D]

Advisory Committee to the United States Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas Bluefin Tuna Rebuilding Workshop; Correction

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: This document corrects the Notice of public meeting (63 FR 33054, June 17, 1998) that states the second bluefin tuna rebuilding workshop of the Advisory Committee to the United States section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic tunas will be open to the public. The first session of the workshop (9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.) will be open to the public, but the second session (1:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.) will be closed. Also, registration for the workshop will start at 8:30 a.m. and the workshop will start at 9 a.m.

DATES: The workshop is scheduled for Friday, June 26, 1998, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Krieger, (301)713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After further consideration, it has been determined that the Advisory Committee will go into executive session from 1:30 p.m. to approximately 5:30 p.m. during the June 26 workshop. The Advisory Committee will be discussing information that relates to the U.S. negotiating position for the 1998 Annual Meeting of ICCAT. Technical Advisors to the Advisory Committee and other members of the public may not attend the closed executive session. The determination to close this portion of the meeting is consistent with the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act and the Advisory Committee's Statement of Operating Practices and Procedures.

Registration for the workshop will begin at 8:30 a.m., and the open session of the workshop will start at 9:00 a.m. and end at approximately 12:30 p.m.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jonathon Krieger at (301) 713-2276 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 19, 1998.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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