

Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting will be to review the management alternatives being considered by the Council in its Sustainable Fisheries Act Generic Amendment. The Law Enforcement AP will also review the status of Amendments 16A and 16B to the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Reef Fish in the Gulf of Mexico and Amendment 9 to the FMP for Coastal Migratory Pelagic Resources. Recent regulatory actions regarding total allowable catch (TAC), size limits, trip limits, etc. will also be discussed.

The Law Enforcement AP will also receive a presentation from the NMFS on its vessel monitoring system pilot program in the Gulf of Mexico.

The Law Enforcement AP consists of chief enforcement agents for the state and Federal fishery agencies in the Gulf area who advise the Council on fishery issues.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council 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. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in 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 October 7, 1998.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

**Bruce Morehead,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment: Notice of Availability and Request for Comments on a Damage Assessment Scoping Document

**AGENCIES:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),

United States Department of the Interior (DOI), and Department of Environmental Conservation, State of New York.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a draft Damage Assessment Scoping Document and of a 80-calendar day period for public comment on the plan.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is given that the document entitled "Draft Scope for the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan" is available for public review and comment. The first step of the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment, issuance of the preassessment screen determination for the Hudson River, was completed in October 1997. The "Draft Scope for the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment Plan" document represents the initiation of the second step, assessment planning, in the Hudson River Natural Resource Damage Assessment (NRDA) being conducted by the State and Federal natural resource trustees. The purpose of the assessment plan is to ensure that the Trustees perform the assessment of injury to natural resources along the Hudson River in a planned and systematic manner, pursuant to 43 CFR Part 11 of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), NRDA Regulations. Public review of this scoping document, as announced by this notice, is consistent with 43 CFR 11.32 (c).

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted in writing on or before December 19, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written requests for copies and written comments for the Draft Scope of the Hudson River NRDA Plan should be sent to Steven Jay Sanford at the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Natural Resources Damages Unit, Room 403, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, NY 12233-1090; Lisa DiPinto at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration Damage Assessment Center, 1305 East-West Highway, SSMC 4 Rm 10218, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or Anne Secord at Department of the Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service, 3817 Luker Rd, Cortland, NY 13045.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Steven Jay Sanford, 518-457-7987 (FAX: 518-485-8424; email: [sxsanfor@gw.dec.state.ny.us](mailto:sxsanfor@gw.dec.state.ny.us); Lisa DiPinto, 301-713-3038 ext. 187 (FAX: 301-713-4387; email: [lisa.dipinto@noaa.gov](mailto:lisa.dipinto@noaa.gov) or Ann Secord, 607-753-9334 (FAX: 607-753-9699; email: [anne\\_secord@fws.gov](mailto:anne_secord@fws.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to section 107(f) of the Federal

Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), as amended (42 USC 9601 *et seq.*), and other applicable Federal and state laws, Federal and state officials may act on behalf of the public as Trustees for natural resources to pursue claims for natural resource damages for injury to, destruction of, or loss of natural resources resulting from the release of hazardous substances to the environment. Claims may be pursued against parties responsible for releasing hazardous substances to the environment. Under CERCLA, sums recovered by trustees as damages shall be used only to restore, rehabilitate, replace, or acquire the equivalent of such natural resources.

In October 1997, the United States Department of the Interior (DOI), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYSDEC), referred to as the Trustees, issued a preassessment screen determination for the Hudson River, in accordance with the Federal Regulations for Natural Resource Damages Assessments (43 CFR Part 11 (b)). The preassessment screen documents the Trustees' determination that conditions in the River warrant a natural resource damage assessment (NRDA). The preassessment screen documents releases of polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) along approximately 200 miles of the Hudson River from identified sources of contamination between Hudson Falls and the Thompson Island Dam. The effects of these releases on natural resources, for which Federal and state agencies may assert trusteeship under section 107(f) of CERCLA, serves as a basis for making a claim against the potentially responsible parties identified with the documented PCB releases. The Trustees acknowledge that there are other sources of contamination to the river, including inactive hazardous waste disposal sites, paper mills, combined sewer overflows, sewage effluent, and tributaries entering the river. These sources may also be addressed in the NRDA.

Under the CERCLA regulations (subpart c), the next step in the NRDA process is the preparation of an assessment plan. This scoping document is a preliminary outline of the potential contents of an NRD Assessment plan for the Hudson River. The assessment plan will be designed to address injuries to a variety of natural resources and natural resource services associated with the release of hazardous substances in the Hudson River environment.

Dated: September 24, 1998.

**Nancy Foster,**

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services  
and Coastal Zone Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Air Force

#### Acceptance of Group Application Under Pub. L. 95-202 and Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 1000.20 "Vietnamese Citizens Who Served in Vietnam as Commandos Under Contract With the United States Armed Forces During the Period January 1, 1961, to December 31, 1970, a/k/a the Lost Army Commandos"

Under the provisions of Section 401, Public Law 95-202 and DoD Directive 1000.20, the Department of Defense Civilian/Military Service Review Board has accepted an application on behalf of the group know as: "Vietnamese citizens who served in Vietnam as commandos under contract with the United States Armed Forces during the period January 1, 1961, to December 31, 1970, a/k/a The Lost Army Commandos." Persons with information or documentation pertinent to the determination of whether the service of this group should be considered active military service to the Armed Forces of the United States are encouraged to submit such information or documentation within 60 days to the DoD Civilian/Military Service Review Board, 1535 Command Drive, EE-Wing, 3rd Floor, Andrews Air Force Base, MD 20762-7002. Copies of documents or other materials submitted cannot be returned.

**Barbara A. Carmichael,**

*Alternate Air Force Federal Register Liaison  
Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby

given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:  
**DATES:** 9 October 1998, (800am to 1600pm).

**ADDRESSES:** The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj Donald R. Culp, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328, (202) 231-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: September 25, 1998.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:  
**DATES:** 13 October 1998 (800am to 1600pm).

**ADDRESSES:** The Defense Intelligence Agency, Bolling AFB, Washington, DC 20340-5100.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj Donald R. Culp, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328, (202) 231-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advise the

Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: September 25, 1998.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the provisions of Subsection (d) of Section 10 of Public Law 92-463, as amended by Section 5 of Public Law 94-409, notice is hereby given that a closed meeting of the DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board has been scheduled as follows:  
**DATES:** 15 October 1998 (800am to 1600pm).

**ADDRESSES:** The Defense Intelligence Agency, 7400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-7400.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maj Donald R. Culp, USAF, Executive Secretary, DIA Science and Technology Advisory Board, Washington, D.C. 20340-1328, (202) 231-4930.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The entire meeting is devoted to the discussion of classified information as defined in Section 552b(c)(1), Title 5 of the U.S. Code and therefore will be closed to the public. The Board will receive briefings on and discuss several current critical intelligence issues and advised the Director, DIA, on related scientific and technical matters.

Dated: September 25, 1998.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison  
Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Intelligence Agency, Science and Technology Advisory Board Closed Panel Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense, Defense Intelligence Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.