

3841 N. Roosevelt Boulevard
Key West, FL 33040
Tuesday, February 9, 1999, Houma, LA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Holiday Inn Holidome
210 S. Hollywood Road
Houma, LA 70360

Wednesday, February 10, 1999, New Orleans, LA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Crowne Plaza
333 Poydras Street
New Orleans, LA 70130

Thursday, February 11, 1999, Port Aransas, TX, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

University of Texas at Austin
Marine Science Institute
750 Channel View Drive
Port Aransas, TX 78337

Monday, February 15, 1999, Fairhaven, MA, 7-10 p.m.

Seaport Inn
110 Middle Street
Fairhaven, MA 02719

Monday, February 15, 1999, Madeira Beach, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

City Hall
300 Municipal Drive
Madeira Beach, FL 33708

Tuesday, February 16, 1999, Nags Head, NC, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Ramada Inn
1701 S. Virginia Dare Trail
Nags Head, NC 27948

Tuesday, February 16, 1999, Panama City, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Panama City Laboratory
National Marine Fisheries Service
3500 Delwood Beach Road
Panama City, FL 32408

Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Fort Pierce, FL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Radisson Resort North Hutchinson Island
2600 North A1A
Fort Pierce, FL 34949

Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Norfolk, VA, 7-10 p.m.

Quality Inn Lake Wright Resort
6280 Northampton Boulevard
Norfolk, VA 23502

Wednesday, February 17, 1999, Orange Beach, AL, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Hilton Garden Inn
23092 Perdido Beach Boulevard
Orange Beach, AL 36561

Thursday, February 18, 1999, Montauk, NY, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Montauk Fire Department
12 Flamingo Avenue

Montauk, NY 11954

Thursday, February 18, 1999, Barnegat Light, NJ, 7-10 p.m.

Barnegat Light Firehouse
corner of West 10th Street and Central Avenue
Barnegat Light, NJ 08006

Friday, February 19, 1999, Freeport, NY, 7-10 p.m.

Freeport Recreational Center
130 East Merrick Road
Freeport, NY 11520

Friday, February 19, 1999, Toms River, NJ, 7-10 p.m.

Quality Inn
290 State Highway 37 East
Toms River, NJ 08753

Wednesday, February 24, 1999, Silver Spring, MD, 7-10 p.m. NOAA Science Center

1301 East-West Highway
Silver Spring, MD 20910

Tuesday, March 2, 1999, Gloucester, MA, 6:30-9:30 p.m.

Sawyer Free Library
2 Dale Avenue
Gloucester, MA 01930

Wednesday, March 3, 1999, West Bath, ME, 7-10 p.m.

New Meadows Inn
360 Bath Road
West Bath, ME 04530

Wednesday, March 3, 1999, Ocean City, MD, 7-10 p.m.

City Hall
Third Street and Baltimore Avenue
Ocean City, MD 21842

Thursday, March 4, 1999, Rockport, ME, 7:00-10:00 p.m. Maine Fishermen's Forum

Samoset Resort
220 Warrenton Street
Rockport, ME 04856

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Rebecca Lent (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the hearing.

Dated: January 15, 1999.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 011299A]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a number of public meetings of its oversight committees and advisory panels in February, 1999 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between February 4 and February 9, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody, MA, Warwick, RI, and New London, CT. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906-1036; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, February 4, 1999, 9:30 a.m.—Joint meeting of the Habitat Oversight Committee and Advisors
Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street (Rt. 1 North), Peabody, MA 01960, telephone: (978) 535-4600; fax: (978) 535-8238

The Habitat Committee and their Advisors will discuss the approach and content of the Habitat Annual Review Report. Council staff will provide an update on the status of the essential fish habitat amendment submission.

Monday, February 8, 1999, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Scallop Advisory Panel meeting

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000

Recommendations for management options for opening groundfish closed areas to fishing for scallops. The Scallop Plan Development Team will

summarize the available data and give preliminary estimates of stock biomass, yield, and bycatch.

Tuesday, February 9, 1999, 9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Scallop Committee Meeting
Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886, telephone: (401) 739-3000

Initial consideration of management options for re-opening groundfish closed areas to fishing for scallops. The Scallop Plan Development Team and Scallop Advisory Panel will give progress reports.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups 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 listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: January 13, 1999.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Electronic Transportation Acquisition

AGENCY: Military Traffic Management Command, DoD.

ACTION: Notice (Request for Comments).

SUMMARY: The Military Traffic Management Command (MTMC), Product Management Office (PMO), CONUS Freight Management (CFM) System is proposing to migrate its business operating system from an aged DOS-based, batch architecture to a real-time, internet-based software design. Concurrently, the PMO CFM proposes to incorporate streamlined, simplified transportation and payment procedures. These procedures mirror current Department Of Defense (DOD) transportation policy initiatives, i.e., the re-engineering of Defense transportation and payment documentation processes identified within Dr. John Hamre's (Deputy Secretary of Defense)

Management Reform Memorandum (MRM) #15.

To replace CFM's current operating system (Field Module), we propose a unique suite of internet-based functionality, referred to as Electronic Transportation Acquisition (ETA). ETA is a DOD electronic commerce resource capable of generating shipment requirements, acquiring carrier rates, and transmitting transportation and payment information for DOD freight shipments. The focus of this **Federal Register** notice applies to the two functional areas currently undergoing testing. The first functional area is CFM's newly developed, web-based transportation acquisition methodology called Spot Bid. Spot Bid provides users with the initial automated support for freight movements allowing participating carriers to bid on freight movements other than Negotiated and Guaranteed Traffic (GT) shipments. The second functional area talks to the CFM interface with Usbank's payment system called Power Track. Power Track is a 3rd party payment system that facilitates the transfer of transportation payment information contained in an electronic bill-of-lading between the shipper, carrier, Usbank, and the appropriate Defense Finance and Accounting Service (DFAS) payment center. A description of ETA's suite of functionality and specific details, business procedures, and preliminary results of the tests regarding spot bid and Power Track are identified in the Supplementary Information.

Before the effective date of any proposed procurement policy or procedure, 41 U.S.C. 418b requires an agency to give members of the public up to 60 days to comment on the proposed policy or procedure. Although Electronic Transportation Acquisition is in essence a technical change to an already existing spot bid procurement process and thus **Federal Register** publication may not be required, we believe it is important to provide the transportation industry and members of the public an opportunity to assist us in developing, improving, and streamlining transportation procurements and processes.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before March 23, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Headquarters, Military Traffic Management Command, ATTN: MTOP-TS, 5611 Columbia Pike, Falls Church, VA 22041-5050.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Steve Lord, e-mail, lords@baileys-emh5.army.mil, Telephone (703) 681-1185, Fax (703) 681-9871.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background of ETA

Approximately two years ago, it became apparent that the next logical step in CFM's incremental development strategy was to migrate the CFM architecture from a rapidly aging DOS-based, batch process, fat client-server system to an Internet-based, real-time, on-line transaction process. The rapid advent of Internet technologies, applications, new dynamic software languages (such as Java), coupled with the rapid advancement of interactive databases, and tremendous growth of on-line electronic commerce made it clear that the benefits of an Internet-based CFM far outweighed the potential disadvantages. Moreover, the ETA modernization strategy directly supports DOD objectives. Although this notice will focus on Spot Bid and the use of Usbank's Power Track payment system, we believe it is beneficial to provide freight carriers a brief description of what current functions CFM proposes to move to the web.

In summary, ETA's suite of functionality includes three core freight-shipping applications: (1) Tenders (Guaranteed, Negotiated and Voluntary); (2) Spot Bid; (3) and Worldwide Small Package. In addition, it includes a variety of transportation support tools and references such as GT Bid Submission, Transportation Facilities Guide, Transportation Discrepancy Reports, and Carrier Added Value Suite (CAVS). CAVS consists of three sub-components: (1) tender view; (2) completed shipments; (3) and bill-of-lading view.

Spot Bid Procedures

Definition

The PMO CFM is currently developing a spot bid implementation schedule which identifies a proposed phased roll-out to begin in Spring 99. Spot Bid is a single consignment of one or more pieces from one consignor at one time, at one origin address receipted for in one lot and moving to one consignee at one destination address. Included within this definition are: split pickup at origin and destination points and stop in transit to partially load and/or unload.

The Spot Bid function supports the DOD shipper's ability to provide movement requirements for a single shipment on the Internet. Shippers can elect to offer the shipment to one or all modes i.e., Spot Bid supports all modes. Following the posting of the requirement on the web, MTMC-approved freight carriers can access the shipper's movement request, review it, and elect to bid on it.