

will adjourn at 5:30 p.m. on September 14, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Radio Building, Room 1107 (seating capacity 60, includes 35 participants), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Brian C. Belanger, Executive Director, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-4720.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Acting Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 15, 1999, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involved discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 17, 1999.

**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.072899D]

#### Sea Turtle Conservation; Shrimp Trawling Requirements

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the availability of the report on the June

1998 Turtle Excluder Device (TED) testing session.

**DATES:** August 26, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the 1998 TED testing report may be submitted to the Chief, Harvesting Systems and Engineering Branch, Mississippi Laboratories, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, P.O. Drawer 1207, Pascagoula, MS 39568-1207.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barbara Schroeder, 301-713-1401, or Charles A. Oravetz, 727-570-5312.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Harvesting Systems and Engineering Branch of the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Mississippi Laboratories, Pascagoula Facility conducted SCUBA diver evaluations and testing of modified TED designs using the small turtle test protocol (Federal Register, Vol. 55, No. 195) in Panama City, Florida, May 29-June 14, 1998. The project objectives were to: (1) test and evaluate candidate Andrews soft TED designs for the exclusion of juvenile sea turtles, (2) develop detailed installation criteria for soft TED designs which pass the efficiency test, (3) examine the consistency of installation with the currently approved Parker soft TED design among different trawl types and sizes, and (4) provide vessel and diver support in conducting a multiple submergence experiment on 2 year old loggerhead sea turtles.

Soft TEDs were prohibited in December 1997 (61 FR 66933) due to difficulties with installing them correctly and observed sea turtle takes during controlled testing and commercial trawling operations. The Parker soft TED, however, was approved for use in the shrimp industry through October 13, 1999 (63 FR 17956, April 13, 1998). The approval was based on information from tests conducted in 1997 which showed the Parker design to be effective in excluding sea turtles in certain net configurations. Its use after October 13, 1999, will be determined based on an evaluation of the 1998 TED testing report made available through this **Federal Register** notice as well as an evaluation of observations made during commercial fishing activities, enforcement data and stranding data.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1531-1543 *et seq.*

Dated: August 20, 1999.

**Wanda L. Cain,**

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Petition Requesting Development of Safety Standard for Bleachers and Grandstands

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commission has received a petition from Representatives Bill Luther and Jim Ramstad requesting that the Commission develop a safety standard to prevent falls between gaps in bleachers and grandstands. The Commission solicits written comments concerning the petition.

**DATES:** Comments on the petition should be received in the Office of the Secretary by October 25, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, preferably in five copies, on the petition should be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, telephone (301) 504-0800, or delivered to the Office of the Secretary, Room 501, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Comments may also be filed by telefacsimile to (301) 504-0127 or by email to [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov). Comments should be captioned "Petition CP 99-2, Petition for Development of a Safety Standard for Bleachers and Grandstands." A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Commission's Public Reading Room, Room 419, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rockelle Hammond, Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; telephone (301) 504-0800, ext. 1232.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission has received a letter from Representatives Bill Luther and Jim Ramstad requesting that the Commission develop a safety standard for bleachers and grandstands. The Commission is docketing the correspondence as a petition under provisions of the Consumer Product Safety Act, 15 U.S.C. 2051 *et seq.* The petitioners note that there have been several recent incidents involving children falling through gaps in bleachers at basketball and hockey arenas. In one such incident a six-year-old boy died. The petitioners ask for a standard that would include minimum spacing requirements for gaps in new bleachers. They also request that the Commission issue guidelines for retrofitting older facilities.

Interested parties may obtain a copy of the petition by writing or calling the