

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this notice may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during the meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

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: September 23, 1999.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 990921259-9259-01]

Subject: National Weather Service (NWS) Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: NWS, NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The NWS publishes notice of proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of the:

(1) Erie, Pennsylvania, Weather Service Office (WSO) which will be automated at Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Weather Observation Service Level C and have its services consolidated into the Cleveland, Ohio, and the Pittsburgh and Central Pennsylvania Forecast Offices; and (2) Fairbanks, Alaska, WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and have its services consolidated into the Fairbanks forecast office.

DATES: comments are requested to be mailed by November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Send all comments and requests for copies of proposed

certification packages to Tom Beaver, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3283.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300 extension 136.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 706 of Pub. L. 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that consolidation, automation, and closure of an NWS field office will not result in a degradation of service to the affected area of responsibility and must propose such certifications in the FR for 60-days public comment. Having studied and evaluated the winter weather forecast capabilities and requirements to ensure no degradation of service to the Erie, Pennsylvania, service area, the NWS determined removal of the WSR-74C radar would cause a degradation of service for some lake-effect snow events. Accordingly, NWS will continue operating the WSR-74C radar at Erie during the winter season until a new FAA radar is installed at the Erie airport in 2001 and suitability of weather data from the FAA radar is validated by the NWS in consultation with users. The described actions to be undertaken by the NWS will prevent any degradation from occurring and, thus, notice is given of the proposed consolidation, automation, and closure of the Erie, Pennsylvania, WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level C and have its services consolidated into the Cleveland, Ohio, and the Pittsburgh and Central Pennsylvania Forecast Offices.

The Fairbanks forecast office is now collocated with the University of Alaska at Fairbanks. Having transitioned all services to the Fairbanks forecast office and having verified no degradation of service, notice is given of the proposed consolidation, automation, and closure of the Fairbanks, Alaska, WSO which will be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level A and have the remainder of its services consolidated into the Fairbanks forecast office.

Documentation supporting each of these proposed certifications includes the following:

(1) A draft memorandum by the meteorologist in charge recommending the certifications, the final of which will be concurred with by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS, if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather

services provided within the service area;

(3) A comparison of services provided within the service area to services to be provided after such action;

(4) A description of recent or expected modernization of NWS operations which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) An identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the Doppler weather surveillance radar network (WSR-88D);

(6) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the preliminary conclusion that no degradation in service would result from such action, including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, User Confirmation of Services Report, and the Decommissioning Readiness Report, where appropriate;

(7) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the preliminary conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action, including the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) commissioning report;

(8) Three letters between NWS and FAA confirming weather services will continue in full compliance with applicable flight aviation rules after ASOS commissioning;

(9) Surface Aviation Observation Transition Checklist documenting transfer of augmentation and back-up responsibility from NWS to FAA;

(10) Demonstration of the successful resolution of any ASOS user confirmation of services complaints;

(11) Documentation of an in-place supplementary data program at the responsible forecast office;

(12) Where appropriate, warning and forecast verification statistics for pre-modernized and modernized services utilized in determining services have not been degraded;

(13) An Air Safety Appraisal for offices on an airport; and

(14) A letter appointing a liaison officer for the action.

Section 706 of Pub. L. 102-567 establishes the Modernization Transition Committee to advise the Secretary of Commerce on proposed modernization actions. The Committee has the option to submit a report to the Secretary in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. L. 102-567. For the proposed certifications covered by this notice, there is no report of the Committee. In December 1995, the Committee decided to forego the

optional consultation on proposed certifications. Instead, the Committee decided to review certifications only after the public comment period closes so that its consultation includes the benefit of all public comments received. This notice does not publish the complete certification packages because they are too voluminous. Copies of the certification packages can be obtained from the contact listed above.

Once public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certification. If a final decision to certify an office is made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish final certifications in the FR and transmit them to the appropriate congressional committees prior to consolidating, automating, and closing the office.

Dated: September 23, 1999.

Irwin T. David,

Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative Officer National Weather Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Removing a Company From List of Companies From Which Customs Shall Deny Entry to Textiles and Textile Products

September 24, 1999.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs directing Customs not to apply the directive regarding denial of entry to shipments from a certain company.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martin Walsh, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 12475 of May 9, 1984, as amended.

In a notice and letter to the Commissioner of Customs, dated July 27, 1999, and published in the **Federal Register** on July 30, 1999 (64 FR 41395), the Chairman of CITA directed the U.S. Customs Service to deny entry to textiles and textile products allegedly

manufactured by certain listed companies; Customs had informed CITA that these companies were found to have been illegally transshipping, closed, or unable to produce records to verify production.

Based on information received since that time, including a recent on-site verification of this company's textile product production, CITA has determined that E. Tin Chong Ou, Fabrica de Fia. Vestuario, one of the listed companies, should not be subject to that directive. Effective on September 29, 1999, Customs should not apply the directive to shipments of textiles and textile products allegedly manufactured by this company. CITA expects that Customs will conduct additional on-site verifications of this company's production when possible.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

September 24, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs

Department of Treasury, Washington, DC 20229

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CITA has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception of the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Naval Research Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Naval Research Advisory Committee (NRAC) Panel on Commercial Science and Technology will meet to review and assess European intermediate to long-term commercial Science and Technology investment strategy in areas related to Department of the Navy dependence upon commercial off-the-shelf products, in an effort to identify mutually beneficial opportunities for Department of the Navy Science and Technology collaboration with commercial industrial sectors. All sessions of the meeting will be open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, October 7, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Jorge Scientific Corporation, 1225 Jefferson Davis Highway, 6th Floor, Suite 600, Crystal Gateway Two, Arlington, Virginia.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Diane Mason-Muir, Program Director, Naval Research Advisory Committee, 800 North Quincy Street, Arlington, VA 22217-5660, telephone number: (703) 696-6769.

Dated: September 22, 1999.

J.L. Roth,

Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy, Office of the Judge Advocate General, Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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UNIFORMED SERVICES UNIVERSITY OF THE HEALTH SCIENCES

Sunshine Act Meeting; Meeting Notice

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING:

Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences.

TIME AND DATE: 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., November 2, 1999.

PLACE: Uniformed Services University of the Health Sciences, Board of Regents Conference Room (D3001), 4301 Jones Bridge Road, Bethesda, MD 20814-4799.

STATUS: Open—under "Government in the Sunshine Act" (5 U.S.C. 552b(e)(3)).

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

8:30 a.m.—Meeting—Board of Regents
(1) Approval of Minutes—August 2, 1999