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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 12, 2000, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve 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 14, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Meeting To Discuss an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium on Service Life Prediction of Sealant Formulations Consortia

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on September 24, 2000 and September 25, 2000 on Service Life Prediction of Sealant Formulations. The goal of the consortium is to demonstrate the effectiveness of a reliability based approach to the prediction of service life for a sealant formulations.

DATES: The meeting will take place on September 24, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on September 25, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in Lecture Room B of the Administration Building (Building 101), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Christopher C. White, Building and Fire Research Building (226), Room B350, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8621, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8621. Telephone: 301-975-6010; FAX: 301-990-6891; e-mail: Christopher.white@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

The R&D staff of each industrial partner in the Consortium will be able to interact with NIST researchers regarding current experimental methods to determine the service life of sealant formulations. The current state-of-the-art for service life predictions employ outdoor exposure as the only reliable test method. This leads to a choice by the manufacturers of new sealant formulations: Conduct these tests and incur long product introduction times, or omit these tests and incur increased risk of liability exposure. There is little confidence in the relationship between accelerated exposure and service life.

This conference will focus on the implementation of a reliability based protocol to establish confidence in accelerated determination of the service life of sealant formulations. Additionally, the issues of proper installation, joint construction and proper materials selection will be discussed as they relate to durability of in-service sealants.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific 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 Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet September 11-15, 2000. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 12, at 9 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings and hearing will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 922-8041.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions
2. Council Member Appointments
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Status of Federal Regulation Implementation
6. Approve Agenda
7. Approve April and June 2000 Minutes

B. Marine Reserves

1. Marine Reserves Phase I Considerations Report
2. Marine Reserves Phase II Considerations
3. Marine Reserve Implementation

C. Habitat Issues

1. Endangered Species Act and Essential Fish Habitat Requirements in Regard to Klamath River Flows