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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Thursday, January 17, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The MEPNAB is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their expertise in the area of industrial extension and their work on behalf of smaller manufacturers. The Board was established to fill a need for outside input on MEP. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The centers have been created by state, federal, and local partnerships. The Board works closely with MEP to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies. The purpose of this meeting is to hear about latest developments, status of plans for 2002 and the logic, background, progress and goals of the 360vu brand. There will also be a presentation on findings from a technology extension pilot partnering. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and to end at 9:30 a.m. and to begin at 2:30 p.m. and to end at 3:30 p.m. on January 17, 2002, on personnel issues and proprietary budget information will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene January 17, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on January 17, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Acierto, Senior Policy Advisor, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-5033.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on January 3, 2002, that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of the staffing of positions in MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in that portion of the meeting is likely to reveal information of a personal nature, where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on January 21-24, 2002.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Fort Brown, 1900 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, TX 78520; telephone: 956-546-2201. Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

January 21

8:30 a.m. thru 10:30 a.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to develop recommendations for mackerel and cobia status determination criteria.

The full Council will consider these recommendations on Thursday morning.

10:30 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to hear a NMFS report on the Texas closure analyses and make recommendation for the full Council for discussion on Thursday morning.

1 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review a draft regulatory amendment containing alternatives for rebuilding of the red grouper stock and to hear the total allowable catch (TAC) recommendations of the scientific panels and Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) for gag, vermillion snapper, and gray triggerfish. The Committee will also discuss development of a red snapper individual transferable quota protocol.

January 22

8:30 a.m. thru 10:30 a.m.—Continue the Reef Fish Management Committee, if necessary.

10:30 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Deep-Water Crab Management Committee to discuss an options paper for the development of a Deep-water Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The species that would be managed under the Deep-water Crab FMP will be the golden crab (*Chaceon fenneri*) and red crab (*Chaceon quinque-dens*). The preliminary issues and options paper for the development of a Deep-water Crab FMP examines fisheries issues including management needs, gear requirements and restrictions, crab size and sex limitations for harvest, and requirements for fishery participants.

1 p.m. thru 3:30 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to discuss congressional bills entitled the "Fishery Recovery Act" and "Freedom to Fish Act." The Committee recommendations will be considered by the Council as recommendations for amending the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act).

3:30 p.m. thru 4:30 p.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the AP Selection Committee to recommend members for two Ad Hoc panels to review preparation of a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment. 4:30 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the Personnel Committee to consider revisions to the personnel section of the Administrative Handbook.

January 23

8:30 a.m.—Convene Council.