

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 032602G]****Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (MAFMC) Atlantic Mackerel, Squid and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Friday, April 19, 2002, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Sheraton International Hotel, Baltimore Washington International Airport, 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD; telephone: 410-859-3300.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to make quota recommendations for the 2003 fishing year for Atlantic mackerel, *Loligo* and *Illex* squid, and butterfish and consider an in-season adjustment to the 2002 *Loligo* quota.

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

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the MAFMC Office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 27, 2002.

**Theophilus R. Brainerd,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 032602C]****Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** NMFS has issued permit 1355.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has issued permit 1355 to Mr. Eugene Greer, of Columbia Environmental Research Center.

**DATES:** Permit 1355 was issued to Mr. Eugene Greer on March 21, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR1, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (phone: 301-713-2319).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lillian Becker, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-2319, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: [Lillian.Becker@noaa.gov](mailto:Lillian.Becker@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

**Species Covered in This Notice**

The following species are covered in this notice:

Endangered Shortnose Sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

**Permit 1355**

Notice was published on January 3, 2002 that Mr. Eugene Greer, of Columbia Environmental Research Center applied for a scientific research permit (1355). The applicant proposes to test the effects of toxins found in the waters of North Carolina on the growth and survival of shortnose sturgeon fry. Up to 3,000 fry will be placed into water shipped in from the rivers of North Carolina and measured. Permit 1355 was issued on March 21, 2002, authorizing take of shortnose sturgeon. Permit 1355 expires June 1, 2004.

Dated: March 28, 2002.

**Ann Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits, Conservation, and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION****Notice of Proposed information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed information collection requests.

**SUMMARY:** The Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** An emergency review has been requested in accordance with the Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3507 (j)), since public harm is reasonably likely to result if normal clearance procedures are followed. Approval by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has been requested by April 10, 2002. A regular clearance process is also beginning. Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 3, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments regarding the emergency review should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Karen Lee, Desk Officer: Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget; 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or should be electronically

mailed to the Internet address  
KarenF.Lee@omb.eop.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Director of OMB provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. ED invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: March 29, 2002.

**John D. Tressler,**

*Leader, Regulatory Information Management,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

#### **Office of Educational Research and Improvement**

*Type of Review:* New.

*Title:* Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) Program—Phase I—Grant Application Package.

*Abstract:* This application package invites small business concerns to submit a Phase I research application for the Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program. This is in response to Pub. L. 106-554, the "Small Business Reauthorization Act of 2000, H.R. 5667"

(the "Act") enacted on December 21, 2000. The Act requires certain agencies, including the Department of Education (ED), to establish a Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) program by reserving a statutory percentage of their extramural research and development budgets to be awarded to small business concerns for research or R&D through a uniform, highly competitive, three-phase process each fiscal year.

*Additional Information:* The Act further requires the Small Business Administration (SBA) to issue policy directives for the general conduct of the SBIR programs within the Federal Government. In order to avoid public harm and comply with the law and SBA Policy Directives, the Department is requesting an emergency clearance by April 10, 2002. This is the only way to assure that applicants have an adequate response time, that their applications receive an expert peer review, and that their awards are made before the end of the fiscal year.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:*

Responses: 250.

Burden Hours: 10,000.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting "Browse Pending Collections" and clicking on link number. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651 or to the e-mail address [vivian.reese@ed.gov](mailto:vivian.reese@ed.gov). Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address [OCIO\\_RIMG@ed.gov](mailto:OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov) or faxed to 202-708-9346. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at (540) 776-7742 or via her Internet address [Kathy.Axt@ed.gov](mailto:Kathy.Axt@ed.gov). Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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#### **ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

[FRL -7167-6]

#### **EPA Science Advisory Board Metals Assessment Panel; Request for Nominations; EPA Science Advisory Board MARLAP Review Panel; Correction to Meeting Location; EPA Science Advisory Board Clean Air Scientific Advisory Committee; Advance Meeting Notification**

##### **1. Metals Assessment Panel; Request for Nominations**

**ACTION:** Notice; request for nominations to serve on the Metals Assessment Panel of the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency's Science Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (Agency, EPA) Science Advisory Board (SAB) is announcing the formation of a Metals Assessment Panel and is soliciting nominations of qualified individuals to serve on this Panel. The SAB was established to provide independent scientific and technical advice to the EPA Administrator on Agency positions; in this case advice on development of cross-Agency guidance for assessing certain hazards and risks for metals and metal compounds.

Any interested person or organization may nominate qualified individuals for membership on the Panel. Nominations (preferably in electronic format) should include the individual's name, occupation, position, qualifications to address the issue, and contact information (i.e., telephone number, fax number, mailing address, email, and/or Website). To be considered, all nominations must include a current resume (preferably electronic) providing information on the nominee's background, experience, and qualifications for this Panel.

##### **Background**

There has been considerable interest in the scientific assessments that the Agency conducts on metals and metal compounds. Discussions between the Agency and external stakeholders, as well as concerns expressed formally as part of the recent Toxics Release Inventory (TRI) lead rulemaking, have demonstrated the need for a more comprehensive, cross-Agency approach to metals assessments that can be applied to human health and ecological assessments. Therefore, the Agency is developing a Framework that will offer guidance for EPA programs to use when considering the various environmental properties of metals, such as