

experience of the applicant (and partners) that relate to the Program Priorities? Are the proposers capable of conducting a project of the scope and scale proposed (*i.e.*, scientific, professional, facility, and resources/capabilities)? Will appropriate partnerships be employed to achieve the highest quality content and maximum efficiency?

(7) *Innovation (5 Points)*: Does the collaborator propose to develop novel concepts, approaches, measures or methods in basic research that will address the Program Priorities? Are they original and innovative?

#### Selection Procedures

All proposals will be evaluated in accordance with the above evaluation criteria by an independent peer review panel which may consist of both NOAA and non-NOAA Federal experts. The panel will review and discuss each proposal and make a consensus recommendation of the most meritorious and relevant proposal to the Selecting Officials. The selecting officials are the Directors of the National Climatic Data Center and the Coastal Services Center.

The Selecting Officials may accept the proposal recommended by the review panel, or may select another proposal based on the following program policy factors: (a) Duplication of on-going Federal support; (b) ease and effectiveness of interaction with applicant; (c) history of institutional commitment to related endeavors. The successful proposal will be forwarded to the NOAA Grants Officer for action. The final budget may be negotiated after selection is made.

#### Other Requirements/Information

(1) Disposition of Unsuccessful Proposals. Proposals will be held in the Program Office until an award is made to the selected applicant and then destroyed.

(2) Federal Policies and Procedures Applicable to this announcement:

(a) The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification of Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the **Federal Register** notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), is applicable to this solicitation.

(b) In accordance with Federal statutes and regulations, no person on grounds of race, color, age, sex, national origin, or disability shall be excluded from participation in, denied benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any program or activity receiving financial assistance. Telephone Device

for the Deaf (TDD) capabilities are available through the National Climatic Data Center at 828-271-4010 between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This notice contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, and SF-LLL has been approved by OMB under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0340, and 0348-0046. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget control number.

#### Executive Orders 12866 and 12372

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866. Applications under this program are not subject to E.O. 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### Administrative Procedure Act/ Regulatory Flexibility Act

Notice and comment are not required under 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2), or any other law, for rules relating to public property, loans, grants, benefits or contracts. Because notice and comment are not required, a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis, 5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*, is not required and has not been prepared for this notice.

Dated: April 15, 2003.

Gregory W. Withee,

Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Public Meeting

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES) will meet May 16, 2003.

**DATES AND TIMES:** The meeting is scheduled as follows: May 16, 2003, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The first part of this meeting will be closed to the public. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Room 4527 of Silver Spring Metro

Center Building III (SSMC III) in Silver Spring, Maryland. SSMC III is located at 1315 East-West Highway. It is located near the Silver Spring Metro Station on the Red Line. While open to the public, seating capacity may be limited.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of the meeting of ACCRES. ACCRES was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for the licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems.

#### Matters To Be Considered

The first part of the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended by section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409 and in accordance with section 552b(c)(1) of Title 5, United States Code, that the portions of this meeting which involve briefings on the ongoing review and implementation of commercial space policy relating to the National Security Presidential Directive-15 and the national security and foreign policy considerations for NOAA's licensing decisions may be closed to the public. These briefings are likely to disclose matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such *Executive Order*.

All other portions of the meeting will be open to the public. During the open portion of the meeting, the Committee will discuss initial findings, the development of its work plan, and will receive public comments on its activities.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

#### Additional Information and Public Comments

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact

Timothy Stryker, Designated Federal Officer for ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained from Tahara Moreno at (301) 713-2024 ext. 202, fax (301) 713-2032, or e-mail

*Tahara.Moreno@noaa.gov.*

The ACCRES expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation may be limited to a total time of five minutes. Written comments (please provide at least 13 copies) received in the NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office on or before May 12, 2003, will be provided to Committee members in advance of the meeting. Comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to Committee members at the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Timothy Stryker, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-2024 x205, fax (301) 713-2032, e-mail *Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov*, or Douglas Brauer at telephone (301) 713-2024 x213, e-mail *Douglas.Brauer@noaa.gov*.

**Gregory W. Withee,**

*Assistant Administrator for Satellite and Information Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meetings**

**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 (MAFMC) and its Ad-Hoc Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Act Committee; Executive Committee; Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee meeting as a Council Committee of the Whole will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on Tuesday, May 6, through Thursday, May 8, 2003. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Westin Hotel New York at Times Square, 270 West 43rd Street, New York, NY; telephone: 212-201-2700.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Tuesday, May 6, the Ad-Hoc Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. The Executive Committee will meet from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Wednesday, May 7, the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. The MAFMC will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. On Thursday, May 8, the MAFMC will meet from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Agenda items for the Council's committees and the Council itself are: review most recent Council Chairmen's position on Magnuson-Stevens Act, review most recent MAFMC's position on Magnuson-Stevens Act, review input received on Magnuson-Stevens Act; the Executive Committee will review status of Council Request for Proposal (RFP) re audit of 1999, 2000, and 2001 operations; the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will discuss implications of limited access in herring fishery, discuss limited access system for Atlantic mackerel, discuss possible coordination mechanisms for joint approach to limited access; the Council will review staff's recommendations regarding adoption of public hearing document for Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP), and approve public hearing document for adoption of Amendment 9; presentation of NOAA Environmental Hero Award to Phil Ruhle; discuss and approve actions to be included in Framework 3 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP, discuss Amendment 14 possibilities, discuss and develop a MAFMC position regarding the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's (ASMFC) Addendum VIII, and discuss previous Council motion regarding vessel/power upgrade; hear a presentation on the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center Observer Program; receive and discuss

organizational and committee reports including Protected Resources, Executive Committee actions, New England Council's report regarding possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting; South Atlantic Council's report; and, Highly Migratory Species (HMS) issues. Act on any continuing and/or new business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

**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 Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 16, 2003.

**Matteo J. Milazzo,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS**

**Designations Under the Textile and Apparel Commercial Availability Provisions of the United States-Caribbean Basin Trade Partnership Act (CBTPA)**

April 16, 2003.

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

**ACTION:** Determination.

**SUMMARY:** The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (Committee) has determined that certain knitted outer fusible material with a fold line that is knitted into the fabric (as described in the attached Annex I, item (1) and a knitted inner fusible material with an adhesive (thermoplastic resin) coating (as described in the attached Annex I, item (2), both classified under item 5903.90.2500 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States