

identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 228-2815.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 30, 2003.

Dated: May 13, 2003.

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

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting in Rockport, Texas on the site selection process for the nomination of a candidate site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System.

DATES: Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Saltwater Pavilion, 810 Seabreeze Drive, Rockport Beach Park, Rockport, Texas 78383.

SUMMARY: In accordance with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the State of Texas and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) intend to conduct a public meeting on June 11, 2003 in Rockport, Texas as part of NOAA's site selection process for the nomination of a candidate site for the National Estuarine Research Reserve System (Reserve System).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The mission of the Reserve System is to promote stewardship of the nation's estuaries through science and education using a system of protected areas. NOAA has developed a classification

scheme and typology of national estuarine areas that places the coastlines of the United States into biogeographic regions and subregions. Reserves are selected to represent these biogeographic regions and subregions and the wide range of coastal and estuarine habitats found in the United States.

Site selection criteria for a new reserve are based on environmental representativeness; value for research, monitoring, education, interpretation, and stewardship; acquisition and accessibility considerations; and coastal management considerations. The site ultimately designated will be used by researchers, educators, and the general public to study estuarine ecology and resource management issues that can aid in coastal policymaking and management decisions.

During the past year, the State of Texas in consultation with NOAA has undertaken a process to identify a site that adequately represents the major estuarine characteristics of a coastal ecosystem in the western Gulf of Mexico. An estuary located in Texas would be the first site to represent the Western Gulf Subregion of the Louisianian Biogeographic Region (Galveston to Mexico).

After consideration of several possible sites along the Texas coast, the Texas National Estuarine Research Reserve Site Selection Committee and Site Evaluation Subcommittee have selected Mission/Aransas Estuary located on the central Texas coast as a candidate site for nomination as a potential reserve. The public meeting is being held to provide details and solicit comments on this proposed site.

At the public meeting, the University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute will provide an overview of the Reserve System Program, the Texas site selection process, a physical description of the proposed site, and an open question and answer period.

Following the public meeting, a site nomination document will be finalized based on existing research documents and literature, and comments received from NOAA, the Texas Site Selection Committee and Site Evaluation Subcommittee, and the general public. The final site selection document will then be sent to the Governor of Texas for approval. If approved, the Governor will forward the site selection package and a nomination letter to NOAA for final clearance. A draft and final Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan must be prepared prior to final site designation.

The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 11, 2003 at 2 p.m. at

the Saltwater Pavilion, 810 Seabreeze Drive within the Rockport Beach Park, Rockport, Texas 78383. Interested parties who wish to comment on the site selection are invited to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Montagna, University of Texas at Austin Marine Science Institute at (361) 749-6779 or paul@utmsi.utexas.edu; or Nathalie Peter, Project Manager, Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOAA, at (301) 713-3155, extension 119, or nathalie.peter@noaa.gov.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420 (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves.

Dated: May 9, 2003.

Jamison S. Hawkins,

Acting Assistant Administrator, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051303B]

New England 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 New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Enforcement Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel and a Joint Meeting of its Herring Oversight and Advisory Panel in June, 2003 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held on June 2 and June 3, 2003. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Portsmouth, NH and Portland, ME. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, June 2, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.—Enforcement Oversight and Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Urban Forestry Center, 45 Elwyn Road, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431-6774.

The committee will review habitat enforcement analyses for groundfish, scallops, and monkfish. The committee will also discuss the enforcement aspects of allowing fishing vessels to land fish, harvested on the same trip, at multiple ports. Finally, the committee will discuss any other business that comes before it.

Tuesday, June 3, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.—Joint Herring Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775-2311.

The panels will review the May 29, 2003 Plan Development Team (PDT) Report. They will develop goals and objectives for Amendment 2 to the Herring Fishery Management Plan. They will also begin development of alternatives for Amendment 2 and provide guidance to the Herring PDT.

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 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: May 13, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

Office of the Secretary

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations and Environment).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Environmental) announces the proposed extension of a public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by July 18, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment), Attention: Ms. Patricia Ferree, 3400 Defense Pentagon, Washington, 20301-3400.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request further information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposed and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Ms. Patricia Ferree, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary of Defense (Installations & Environment), (703) 695-6107.

Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number: Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Application, DD Form 2749, OMB Control Number 0704-0392.

Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to identify products or services requested by community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees to aid in their participation in the Department of Defense's environmental restoration program, and

to meet Congressional reporting requirements.

Affected Public: Not-for profit institutions.

Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Responses to Respondent: 1.

Average Burden per Response: 4 hours.

Frequency: On occasion.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Information Collection

Respondents are community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees requesting technical assistance to interpret scientific and engineering issues regarding the nature of environmental hazards at an installation. This assistance will assist communities in participating in the cleanup process. The information, directed by 10 U.S.C. 2705, will be used to determine the eligibility of the proposed project, begin the procurement process to obtain the requested products or services, and determine the satisfaction of community members of restoration advisory boards and technical review communities receiving the products and services.

Dated: May 12, 2003.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

[Transmittal No. 03-12]

36(b)(1) Arms Sales Notification

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Security Cooperation Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is publishing the unclassified text of a section 36(b)(1) arms sales notification. This is published to fulfill the requirements of section 155 of Public Law 104-164 dated 21 July 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. J. Hurd, DSCA/COMPT/RM, (703) 604-6575.

The following is a copy of a letter to the Speaker of the House of Representatives, Transmittal 03-12 with attached transmittal, policy justification, and Sensitivity of Technology.