

industries, education, and health care as described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be familiar with the quality improvement operations of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, education and health care organizations. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledge the responsibilities of serving on the Judges Panel, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Judges Panel. Besides participation at meetings, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of seventeen days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, reading Baldrige applications, and so forth, in furtherance of their Committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Judges Panel membership.

Dated: June 25, 2003.

**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

**ACTION:** Request for nominations of members to serve on the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

**SUMMARY:** NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board). The terms of some of the members of the Board will soon expire. NIST will consider nominations

received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before July 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-948-3716. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic Home page at: <http://www.quality.nist.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program and Designated Federal Official, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1020; telephone 301-975-2361; FAX—301-948-3716; or via e-mail at [harry.hertz@nist.gov](mailto:harry.hertz@nist.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Information

The Board was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(2)(B), pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.2).

##### *Objectives and Duties*

1. The Board shall review the work of the private sector contractor(s), which assists the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) in administering the Award. The Board will make such suggestions for the improvement of the Award process as it deems necessary.

2. The Board shall provide a written annual report on the results of Award activities to the Secretary of Commerce, along with its recommendations for the improvement of the Award process.

3. The Board will function solely as an advisory committee under the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Board will report to the Director of NIST and the Secretary of Commerce.

##### *Membership*

1. The Board will consist of approximately eleven members selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance, and for their preeminence in the field of quality management. There will be a balanced representation from U.S. service and manufacturing industries, education

and health care. The Board will include members familiar with the quality improvement operations of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, education, and health care. No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Board of Overseers.

2. The Board will be appointed by the Secretary of Commerce and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. The term of office of each Board member shall be three years. All terms will commence on March 1 and end on February 28 of the appropriate year.

##### *Miscellaneous*

1. Members of the Board shall serve without compensation, but may, upon request, be reimbursed travel expenses, including per diem, as authorized by 5 U.S.C. 5701 *et seq.*

2. The Board will meet twice annually, except that additional meetings may be called as deemed necessary by the NIST Director or by the Chairperson. Meetings are one day in duration.

3. Board meetings are open to the public. Board members do not have access to classified or proprietary information in connection with their Board duties.

##### II. Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from the private sector as described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be familiar with the quality improvement operations of manufacturing companies, service companies, small businesses, education, and health care. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the Board, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Board. Besides participation at meetings, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of seven days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, and so forth, in furtherance of their Board duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the

workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Board membership.

Dated: June 25, 2003.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB)

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

**ACTION:** Request for nominations of members to serve on the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board.

**SUMMARY:** NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Board, in addition to nominations already received.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before July 17, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Ms. Carrie Hines, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-963-6556.

Additional information regarding the Board, including its charter and current membership list may be found on its electronic Home page at <http://www.mep.nist.gov/index-nist.html>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Carrie Hines, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800; telephone 301-975-3360, fax 301-963-6556; or via e-mail at [carrie.hines@nist.gov](mailto:carrie.hines@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Board will advise the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) of MEP programs, plans, and policies.

The Board will consist of nine individuals appointed by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the advisement of the Director of MEP. Membership on the Board shall be balanced to represent the views and needs of customers, providers, and

others involved in industrial extension throughout the United States.

The Board will function solely as an advisory body, in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

**Authority:** Federal Advisory Committee Act: 5 U.S.C. App. 2 and General Services Administration Rule: 41 CFR subpart 101-6.10.

Dated: June 25, 2003.

**Karen H. Brown**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062603A]

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Northeast Region Sea Scallop Exemption Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before September 2, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Peter Christopher, 978-281-9288, or at [Peter.Christopher@noaa.gov](mailto:Peter.Christopher@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Sea scallop fishermen wishing to fish in exemption areas are subject to certain vessel monitoring system (VMS) and communications requirements. The information requirements are: (1) VMS purchase and installation, (2)

documentation and verification of VMS installation, (3) automated position reports from the VMS twice per hour, (4) daily reporting of catch and related information, (5) notification of intent to participate in the fishery 15 days prior to the opening of the exemption area, and (6) notification at least 5 days prior to leaving on a fishing trip to allow for observer assignment.

##### II. Method of Collection

Verification of VMS installation is made by submission of a paper document. Other reporting is done electronically via the VMS unit's e-mail messaging system.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0416.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 267.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 1 hour for VMS installation; 5 minutes for a VMS documentation/verification requirement; 5 seconds for an automated VMS position report; 10 minutes for daily transmittal of catch and related information; and 2 minutes for a notification of intent to participate in the fishery or a notification before leaving on a fishing trip.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 2,950.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$195,000.

##### IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.