

2004 MAY MEETING REPORT ON PROPOSALS—Continued

Doc No.	Title	Action
NFPA 555	Guide on Methods for Evaluating Potential for Room Flashover	C
NFPA 701	Standard Methods of Fire Tests for Flame Propagation of Textiles and Films	C
NFPA 780	Standard for the Installation of Lightning Protection Systems	C
NFPA 1150	Standard on Fire-Fighting Foam Chemicals for Class A Fuels in Rural, Suburban, and Vegetated Areas	C
NFPA 1201	Standard for Developing Fire Protection Services for the Public	C
NFPA 1250	Recommended Practice in Emergency Service Organization Risk Management	C
NFPA 1710	Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations, and Special Operations to the Public by Career Fire Departments.	P
NFPA 1720	Standard for the Organization and Deployment of Fire Suppression Operations, Emergency Medical Operations and Special Operations to the Public by Volunteer Fire Departments.	C
NFPA 1931	Standard on Design of and Design Verification Tests for Fire Department Ground Ladders	C
NFPA 1932	Standard on Use, Maintenance and Service Testing of Fire Department Ground Ladders	C

P = Partial revision; W = Withdrawal; R = Reconfirmation; N = New; C = Complete Revision.

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Arden L. Bement, Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

International Code Council: The Update Process for the International Codes and Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Code Council (ICC), promulgator of the International Codes ("I-Codes") and Standards, maintains a process for updating the entire family of International Codes based on receipt of proposals from interested individuals and organizations involved in the construction industry as well as the general public. The first edition of the I-Codes was the 2000 edition. The codes are updated every three years (2003 current edition, 2006 editions, etc.) with an intervening Supplement published every 18 months. There are two hearings for each code development cycle; the first hearing (Code Development Hearing) where a committee considers the proposals and recommends an action on each proposal, followed by the assembled members of ICC afforded the opportunity to vote; and the second hearing (Final Action Hearing) to consider comments submitted in response to the committee action on proposals. The schedule is printed below.

The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by ICC to develop and maintain its codes and standards. The

publication of this notice by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of ICC is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the codes or standards referenced in the notice.

DATES: The 2003/2004 Code Development Cycle will start with the Code Development Hearings on September 5-14, 2003, at the Gaylord Opryland, Nashville, Tennessee. This will be followed by the Final Action Hearing tentatively scheduled for May 17-20, 2004, in Overland Park, Kansas.

Completion of this cycle results in the 2004 Supplement to the International Codes.

The agenda for the hearing as well as updates to the schedule are also posted on the ICC Web site at: <http://www.iccsafe.org>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Pfeiffer, PE, Vice President, Codes and Standards Development at ICC's Chicago Regional Office, 4051 West Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, Illinois 60478, Telephone 708/799-2300, Extension 338.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

ICC produces the only family of Codes and Standards that are comprehensive, coordinated and necessary to regulate the built environment. Federal agencies frequently use these codes and standards as the basis for developing federal regulations concerning new and existing construction.

The Code Development Process is initiated when proposals from interested persons, supported by written data, views, or arguments are solicited and published in the Proposed Changes document. This document is distributed a minimum of 30 days in advance of the first hearing and serves as the agenda.

At the first hearing (Code Development Hearing), the ICC Code

Development Committee considers testimony on every proposal and acts on each one individually (Approval, Disapproval, or Approval as Modified). The assembled body of all ICC members is then afforded the opportunity to vote on the proposal if they disagree with the Committee. The results are published in a report entitled the Report of the Public Hearing, which identifies the disposition of each proposal and the reason for the committee's action. Anyone wishing to submit a comment on the committee's action, expressing support or opposition to the action, is provided the opportunity to do so. Comments received are published and distributed in a document called the Final Action Agenda which serves as the agenda for the second hearing. Proposals which are approved by a vote of the Active Governmental Members of ICC at the second hearing (Final Action Hearing) are incorporated in either the Supplement or Edition, as applicable, with the next cycle starting with the submittal deadline for proposals.

Proponents of proposals automatically receive a copy of all documents (Proposed Changes, Report of the Public Hearing and Final Action Agenda). Interested parties may also request a copy, free of charge, from ICC's Chicago Regional Office at: International Code Council, Chicago Regional Office, 4051 W. Flossmoor Road, Country Club Hills, IL 60478-5795 or download a copy from the ICC Web site at <http://www.iccsafe.org>.

The International Codes and Standards consist of the following:
 International Building Code
 ICC Electrical Code
 International Energy Conservation Code
 International Existing Building Code
 International Fire Code
 International Fuel Gas Code
 International Mechanical Code
 ICC Performance Code for Buildings and Facilities
 International Plumbing Code

International Private Sewage Disposal Code
 International Property Maintenance Code
 International Residential Code
 International Urban-Wildland Interface Code
 International Zoning Code
 ICC/ANSI A 117.1 Accessible and Usable Buildings and Facilities
 ICC Standard on Bleachers, Folding and Telescopic Seating, and Grandstands
 ICC is currently in the process of developing two new standards, one on Storm Shelters and one on Hurricane Resistant Construction.

The maintenance process for ICC Standards follows a similar process of soliciting proposals, committee action, public comment, and ultimately the update and publication of the standard.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service, (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following six vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Hawaii County, Honolulu County, Kauai County, Maui County, Education and Research. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by August 1, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained on our Web site <http://>

hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov/ or from Amy Glester at the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Suite 104, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Glester at (808) 397-2655 or amy.glester@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HIHWNMS Advisory Council was established in March 1996 (the current Council has served since July 2001) to assure continued public participation in the management of the Sanctuary. Since its establishment, the Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary surrounding the main Hawaiian Islands.

The Council's twenty-four voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public, plus ten local, state and federal governmental jurisdictions.

The Council is supported by three subcommittees: A Research Committee chaired by the Research Representative, an Education Committee chaired by the Education Representative, and a Conservation Committee chaired by the Conservation Representative, each respectively dealing with matters concerning research, education and resource protection.

The Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and federal government agencies, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the humpback whale and its habitat around the main Hawaiian Islands.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager and is instrumental in helping to develop policies and program goals, and to identify education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection and revenue enhancement priorities. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program within the context of Hawaii's marine programs and policies.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.*
 (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 Monkfish Oversight Committee in August, 2003 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, August 1, 2003, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel, 407 Squire Road, Revere, MA 02151; telephone: (781) 284-7200.

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: The Committee will review the Plan Development Team's analyses of alternatives under consideration in the Amendment 2 Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) and make recommendations on preferred alternatives to the New England and Mid-Atlantic Councils.

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.