activities of American Commodity Company, LLC;

(d) Establish prices, quantities and terms for sales of rice in export markets;

(e) Solicit orders from potential foreign distributors and purchasers of U.S. rice for delivery to export markets;

(f) Submit offers to potential distributors and purchasers for sale of U.S. rice for delivery to export markets;

(g) Negotiate and enter into agreements for sale of U.S. rice in export markets;

(h) Enter into agreements to purchase U.S. rice from one or more suppliers to fulfill a specific sales commitment, which may be agreements whereby suppliers agree to sell exclusively to American Commodity Company, LLC for delivery in a particular export market or markets and/or whereby American Commodity Company, LLC agrees to purchase exclusively from particular supplier(s) for resale of U.S. rice in a particular export market or markets;

(i) Enter into agreements with one or more export trade intermediaries or purchasers for their purchases of U.S. rice which may be agreements whereby American Commodity Company, LLC agrees to deal exclusively with a given customer and/or by which that customer agrees to deal exclusively with American Commodity Company, LLC and/or agrees not to purchase from competitors of the American Commodity Company, LLC unless authorized by American Commodity Company, LLC to do so;

(j) Allocate sales of U.S. rice and/or distribute export orders among suppliers on any basis American Commodity Company, LLC deems appropriate;

(k) Act as broker and/or operate as sub-contractor to suppliers and possibly taking title to U.S. rice;

(l) Utilize applicable export assistance and incentive programs which are available to American Commodity Company, LLC within the government and trade sectors;

(m) Provide and/or arrange for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services;

(n) Use its discretion, in good faith, to purchase rice or provide information regarding export sales of rice to any suppliers or other entities of its choosing, for any reason the American Commodity Company, LLC deems appropriate;

(o) Use its discretion, in good faith, to sell rice, quote prices for rice, provide information regarding rice, or to market or sell rice to any distributors or purchasers of its choosing in export markets or in any countries or geographic areas in export markets; and

(p) Meet with suppliers or other entities periodically to discuss general matters specific to exporting U.S. rice (not related to price and supply arrangements between applicant and the individual suppliers) such as relevant facts concerning export markets (*e.g.*, demand conditions, transportation costs and prices) or the possibility of joint marketing, selling or bidding arrangements in the export markets.

**Definition**

''Supplier'' means a person who produces, provides or sells a Product.

Dated: September 3, 2003.

**Jeffrey C. Anspacher,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading, Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

### Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Thursday, September 18, 2003. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the consensus process, select applicants for site visits, determine possible conflict of interest for site visited companies, review feedback to first stage applicants, begin stage III of the judging process, a debriefing on the State and Local Workshop and a program update. The applications under review contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register 48 hours in advance in order to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Virginia Davis no later than Monday, September 15, 2003, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Davis' e-mail address is *virginia.davis@nist.gov* and her phone number is 301/975–2361.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene September 18, 2003 at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on September 18, 2003. It is estimated that the closed portion of the meeting will last from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. and the open portion of the meeting will last from 2 p.m. until 3 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975–2361.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 3, 2002, that part of the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed 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 the Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and a discussion of this data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend Award recipients, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, because the meetings are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: September 2, 2003.

**Arden L. Bement, Jr.,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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