

not later than June 28, 2004, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B).

Dated: February 19, 2004.

James J. Jochum,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Meeting of the President's Export Council

AGENCY: International Trade
Administration, U.S. Department of
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Export
Council (PEC) will hold a full Council
meeting to discuss topics related to
export expansion. The meeting will
include discussion of trade priorities
and initiatives, the World Trade
Organization, PEC subcommittee
activity and proposed letters of
recommendation. The PEC was
established on December 20, 1973, and
reconstituted May 4, 1979, to advise the
President on matters relating to U.S.
trade. It was most recently renewed by
Executive Order 13316.

DATES: March 17, 2004.

Time: 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: Room 2247, Rayburn House
Office Building, Washington, DC 20515.
This program is physically accessible to
people with disabilities. Requests for
sign language interpretation or other
auxiliary aids should be submitted no
later than March 3, 2004, to J. Marc
Chittum, President's Export Council,
Room 2015B, Washington, DC 20230.
Seating is limited and will be on a first
come, first served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J.
Marc Chittum, President's Export
Council, Room 2015B, Washington, DC
20230 (Phone: 202-482-1124).

Dated: February 20, 2004.

J. Marc Chittum,
Staff Director and Executive Secretary,
President's Export Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Comment Request: National Estuary Restoration Inventory

AGENCY: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this document
is to invite the public to comment on
the recently launched National Estuary
Restoration Inventory (NERI), an on-line
database of estuary habitat restoration
projects that is available to the public
for electronic submission and viewing
of project information. This document
provides background information about
the inventory and guidelines for
submitting comments. The National
Estuary Restoration Inventory contains
information about estuary habitat
restoration projects implemented across
the country. Restoration practitioners
may submit eligible projects to the
inventory over the Internet via a user-
friendly data entry interface. Approved
project information will be made
available to the public through queries
and reports on the NERI web site.

DATES: Written comments (in paper or
electronic format) will be accepted upon
publication of this document in the
Federal Register and must be received
by March 26, 2004. Comments received
by this date will be summarized and
may be incorporated into the NERI site
at a later phase.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments
to Nancy Lou, NOAA Damage
Assessment and Restoration Center,
7600 Sand Point Way, Seattle, WA
98115; ATTN: NERI Public Comments
(or via the Internet at
Nancy.Lou@noaa.gov). NERI is available
at the following URL: <http://neri.noaa.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Nancy Lou at (206)526-0000 (or via the
Internet at Nancy.Lou@noaa.gov) or
Amy Zimmerling at (301)713-2989 (or
via the Internet at
Amy.Zimmerling@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

The Estuary Restoration Act (ERA),
signed into law in November 2000,
makes restoring our estuaries a national
priority. The ERA promotes the
restoration of one million acres of
estuarine habitat by 2010 by leveraging
limited Federal resources with state and
local funding, developing and

enhancing monitoring and research
capabilities, and encouraging
partnerships among public agencies and
between the public and private sectors.
As part of the ERA, NOAA is required
to develop and maintain an inventory of
estuary restoration projects.

The purpose of the inventory is to:
provide information on monitoring and
restoration techniques to advance the
science of restoration, track acres of
habitat restored toward the one million
acre goal of the ERA, and provide
information for reports transmitted to
Congress. In addition, the inventory
may be a resource for restoration
practitioners to monitor the progress of
their own restoration projects. Project
information can also be shared with the
restoration community over the NERI
web site (see **ADDRESSES**).

Phase 1 developments have been
completed for the inventory which went
on-line on February 16, 2004. Phase 2
developments will include additional
searching capabilities, an interactive
mapping application, as well as the
incorporation of any viable suggestions
from this request for comments.

II. Overview of the Inventory

The National Estuary Restoration
Inventory is an on-line database of
restoration projects. Restoration
practitioners may voluntarily submit
eligible restoration projects for entry
into the inventory using an on-line
submission form. Eligible projects must:
(1) aim to provide ecosystem benefits for
estuaries and their associated
ecosystems, and (2) include monitoring
to gauge the success of restoration
efforts. Submission is mandatory for
projects funded through the Estuary
Restoration Act.

Restoration practitioners are notified
once their project(s) is (are) accepted
into the inventory via e-mail at which
time they may log into the inventory
and begin entering information for their
project(s). The data entry interface
contains twelve sections for entering
data including general information,
project abstract, contacts, geographic
location, project benefits, habitat types
and acreage restored, restoration
techniques, monitoring and success
criteria, regional restoration plans,
project partners, budget, and project
photos. Once updated project
information is approved by NERI
administrators, the data will be made
available on-line through queries and
reports. To assist users with entering
and querying data, a detailed Help
section has been created with
descriptions of all inventory fields as
well as useful tips for searching the
inventory. In addition, users may