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Regional Administrator, Southwest Region

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Protected Resources Committee; its Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee; its Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) Reauthorization Committee; its Executive Committee; and, Ecosystems Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: Tuesday, January 18, 2005 through Thursday, January 20, 2005. On Tuesday, January 18 the Protected Resources Committee will meet from 9–11 a.m. The Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet from 11 a.m. through 1 p.m., and the MSA Reauthorization Committee will meet from 2–5 p.m. On Wednesday, January 19 from 8:30–9:30 a.m., the Executive Committee will meet and the Council will convene at 9:30 a.m. From 9:30 a.m. through 12:00 noon, Council will approve the October and December Council meeting minutes, hear organizational and liaison reports. At 1 p.m., Council will present its 2004 Fisheries Achievement Award; from 1:15–2 p.m., Council will hear a National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) presentation regarding “Front Loading” requirements of regulatory actions; and, from 2–4 p.m., Council will meet as a Committee of the Whole for the Demersal Committee. On Thursday, January 20 the Ecosystem Committee will meet from 8–10 a.m. Council will convene at 10 a.m., and from 10–11 a.m. will receive a NMFS presentation regarding its Northeast Regional Office’s (NERO) updated Draft Regional Bycatch Plan. At 11 a.m. Council will receive status of the Council’s Fishery Management Plans,

hear the Executive Director’s Report, and address any new and/or continuing business.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be at the Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settler’s Landing Road, Hampton, VA, telephone 757-727-9700.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Agenda items for the Council’s committees and the Council itself are: on January 18 the Protected Resources Committee will review and comment on a November 10, 2004 proposed rule regarding NMFS’ Bottlenose Dolphin Take-Reduction Plan. The Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will review the Public Hearing Document (PHD) and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Study (SEIS) for Amendment 9 to the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. The Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Committee will review and discuss proposed changes to the Magnuson-Stevens Act and develop a Council position for suggested changes to the Act. On January 19 the Executive Committee will review changes in the Council’s Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures regarding pay administration for staff. Following the Executive Committee, the Council will convene and approve the October and December Council meeting minutes and hear organizational and liaison reports. Beginning its afternoon session, the Council will present its 2004 Fisheries Achievement Award to the Virginia Marine Resources Commission’s Law Enforcement Unit, and receive a presentation by the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) regarding “Front Loading” requirements for regulatory actions. The Council will then meet as a Committee of the Whole for the Demersal Committee to review and comment on the status of action for Amendment 14 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (Pre-Scoping). On Thursday, January 20 the Ecosystem Committee will review the NMFS Northeast Science Center’s ecosystem efforts regarding development of science-based approaches to fishery management. The Council will convene at 10 a.m. to receive a presentation from NMFS/NERO regarding its updated Draft

Regional Bycatch Plan; hear staff and committee reports; and, act on any new and/or continuing business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Debbie Donnangelo (302-674-2331) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 27, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

The United States-Russia Innovation Council on High Technologies (ICHT)

AGENCY: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Technology Administration invites nominations of individuals representing high technology business in the United States for appointment to five vacancies on the U.S.-Russia Innovation Council on High Technologies. The U.S. Department of Commerce (D.O.C.) and the Ministry of Education and Science (M.E.S.) of the Russian Federation (hereinafter referred to as “the Participants”), formed the Innovation Council on High Technologies (hereinafter referred to as “the Council”) in accordance with Article 3 of the Memorandum of Understanding between the D.O.C. and the M.E.S. on Cooperation in Technology and Innovation, signed at Washington, DC on April 19, 2004. The Technology Administration will consider all nominations received in response to this notice.

DATES: Nominations must be received at the address below by no later than January 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Ken Ferguson, Chief, International Technology Programs, Office of Technology Policy, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4817, 14th and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Nominations may also be submitted by fax or e-mail to Ken Ferguson, Chief, International Technology Programs at 202-501-6849 or *Ken.Ferguson@Technology.Gov* if followed up with a hard copy sent by mail or courier.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ken Ferguson, Chief, International Technology Programs, telephone: 202-482-0150; fax: 202-501-6849, e-mail: *Ken.Ferguson@Technology.Gov*.

General Principles of the Council

Innovation activities, commercialization of the results of scientific and technical activities, entrepreneurship, and a pro-competitive legal and policy environment are important stimulators of economic growth and job creation. The U.S. and Russia have a mutual interest in strengthening and expanding cooperation through the establishment of an ongoing dialogue and the creation of cooperative programs in order to develop sustained commercial partnerships between U.S. and Russian developers of high technologies and entrepreneurs.

The Council is a forum for the free exchange of information, ideas, and problems in the interests of:

- Studying existing problems and making recommendations on developing joint entrepreneurship in the field of innovation activities and commercialization of the results of scientific and technical activities;
- Preparing analytical reviews and developing recommendations on creating favorable conditions for cooperation in the field of innovation and high technologies, which promote the economic development of the U.S. and Russia;
- Providing guidance to private sector representatives in taking advantage of opportunities for cooperation in the field of innovation activities and commercialization of the results of scientific and technical activities;
- Establishing a dialogue on creating pro-competitive technology policies that stimulate scientific research and development based on sustainable U.S. and Russian private sector partnerships;
- Enabling U.S. and Russian technology joint ventures, in order to afford greater access to, and a greater ability to serve, global markets.

Aim of Council Activities

The aim of the Council is to promote development of cooperation between the U.S. and Russia in the field of innovation, commercialization, and high technologies, and to promote interaction and cooperation between representatives of government agencies and the business and scientific communities of the United States and of Russia for the purpose of commercializing the results of scientific and technical activities, including those developed through government funding or sponsorship.

Objectives of the Council

- The objectives of the Council are to:
- Identify promising areas of innovation cooperation for commercialization of the results of scientific and technical activities,
 - Stimulate joint research and development that has significant commercial potential, and support joint innovation projects to bring the results of such research and development to the market for science-intensive products and services,
 - Create and maintain a pro-competitive environment that allows business and partnerships in innovation to develop successfully,
 - Facilitate the establishment of U.S.-Russian business partnerships to produce new jointly developed science-intensive goods and services and to promote them on world markets through market-based commercialization programs,
 - Develop recommendations for harmonizing legislation in the field of innovation activities and technology standards of the U.S. and Russia, and
 - Promote in the global marketplace the commercial technology partnerships that have been established.

Council Structure and Work

The Council will be headed by two Co-Chairs, one from each Participant. The U.S. Co-Chair will be appointed by the Department of Commerce. The Russian Co-Chair will be appointed by the Ministry of Education and Science. The Council will be composed of not more than twenty representatives. The Participants will each select ten representatives from government agencies, and business and scientific communities of the U.S. and Russia, respectively.

The Council will establish working groups on the main areas of its activities. These working groups will be responsible for:

- Reviewing possibilities for harmonizing legislation in the area of

- innovation activities and studying the results of intellectual activities;
- Providing guidance on the management, funding, and effectiveness of innovation programs and projects, including joint programs for market-based commercialization of technologies;
- Promoting the formation of U.S. and Russian innovation and technology business partnerships; and
- Stimulating technology incubation by identifying scientific innovations with commercial applications.

Meetings of the Council

Council meetings are to be held at least once a year, alternately in the U.S. and Russia, on issues proposed for consideration and coordinated between the Council Co-Chairs. The first meeting of the Council will be on or before May 16, 2005, in Russia at a location to be determined. Travel and living expenses associated with attending these meetings are the responsibility of the Council members.

Length of Service

A U.S. member's length of service on the Council is discretionary with the U.S. Department of Commerce. Individuals chosen for membership will serve a term that is consistent with the needs and objectives of the Council although the term's average duration is expected to last around two years. Upon the completion of a U.S. member's term, the U.S. Department of Commerce may either repeat this recruitment and selection process or extend the member's term, based on the member's expertise and participation on the Council.

Membership Criteria and Requirements

The U.S. business members of the Council are expected to be eminent leaders in the private sector, representative of industry, who have experience in science and technology development, technology diffusion, and technology collaboration in the Russian Federation. They shall be U.S. citizens. They should be familiar with the business climate and the status of technology and economic development in the Russian Federation and with Russian industry. Members of the Council will serve without compensation.

Conflict of Interest

Nominees will be evaluated for their ability to contribute to the goals and objectives of the Council. Nominees will be vetted in accordance with processes established by the U.S. Department of Commerce in February 1997, as soon as

possible following tentative selection. The vetting system has three components: (1) An internal review for possible appearance of conflict problems; (2) an external review for possible appearance of problems; and (3) a recusal/ethics agreement review.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

Phillip J. Bond,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.
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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.
SUMMARY: The Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before January 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of

collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: December 23, 2004.

Jeanne Van Vlandren,

Director, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Institute of Education Sciences

Type of Review: New.

Title: 2005 High School Transcript Study (KA).

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs; Not-for-profit institutions.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses, 768, Burden Hours, 2304.

Abstract: This clearance package contains descriptions, supporting statements, and burden information for the 2005 High School Transcript Study. The study collects transcripts for graduating high school students from schools participating in the 2005 NAEP 12th grade assessment. To interpret the transcript information school catalogs are collected and school administrative personnel are interviewed.

Requests for copies of the submission for OMB review; comment request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2627. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMS@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. Please specify the complete title of the information collection when making your request.

Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Kathy Axt at 540-776-7742. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education

AGENCY: National Advisory Council on Indian Education (NACIE), U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of teleconference meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming teleconference meeting of the National Advisory Council on Indian Education (the Council) and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to listen as the council conducts their meeting by teleconference. This notice also describes the functions of the Council. Notice of the Council's meetings is required under Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and by the Council's charter.

Agenda: The purpose of the meeting will be a discussion of the NACIE activity work plan, development of the annual report to Congress, and preparations for making recommendations for reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) legislation.

Date and Time: January 18, 2005; 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Location: The Department of Education, Room 1W103, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202.

Note: Attendees will be required to show picture identification to enter the building.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bernard Garcia, Group Leader, Office of Indian Education, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202. Telephone: 202-260-1454. Fax: 202-260-7770. For security clearance to the building, please submit your name to Bernard Garcia by January 6, 2005.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council advises the Secretary of Education on the funding and administration (including the development of regulations, and administrative policies and practices) of any program over which the Secretary has jurisdiction and includes Indian children or adults as participants or programs that may benefit Indian children or adults, including any program established under Title VII, Part A of the ESEA. The Council submits to the Congress, not later than June 30 of each year, a report on the activities of the Council that includes recommendations the Council considers appropriate for the improvement of Federal education programs that include Indian children or adults as participants or that may benefit Indian children or adults, and recommendations concerning the funding of any such program.

The general public is welcome to listen to the January 18, 2005 meeting to be held from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the U.S.