regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by March 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Nancy Daschbach and Fagatele Bay National Marine Sanctuary Program PO Box 4318 Pago Pago AS 96799. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy Daschbach, PO Box 4318 Pago Pago AS 96799, phone number (684) 633–633–7354, and *nancy.daschbach@noaa.gov*.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*

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Daniel J. Basta,

Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Notice of Intent to Hold Public Information Meetings on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Conservation Plan

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

ACTION: Notice of Intent to hold public information meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act, as amended (NEPA), that the National Marine Fisheries Service and the Fish and Wildlife Service (known hereafter as the Services) intend to hold public information meetings on a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) and Conservation Plan for forest practices in the State of Washington. These documents were announced in the **Federal Register** for a 90–day public comment period. Representatives from the Services and the State of Washington will be at the public information meetings to answer questions about the documents and to provide further information to interested parties.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates.

ADDRESSES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting locations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sally Butts, (360) 753–5832.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written public comments will be accepted at the public information meetings. Attendees may submit prior written comments at the public meetings, or a blank form will be available for attendees to write comments during the meetings. Please see the **Federal Register** for standard, electronic, and facsimile contact information to submit written public comments if not attending one of the public information meetings The public information meetings will be held from 4 p.m. 7p.m., or until business is concluded. The public information meeting dates and locations are:

March 28, 2005, Red Lion Hotel, Port Angeles, WA.

March 29, 2005, Squalicum Boat House, Bellingham, WA.

March 30, 2005, Sheraton Hotel, Seattle, WA.

April 4, 2005, Red Lion Hotel, Kelso, WA.

April 5, 2005, Gwinwood Christian Conference Grounds and Westwood Retreat Center, Olympia, WA.

April 6, 2005, Red Lion Yakima Center, Yakima, WA.

April 12, 2005, Double Tree Hotel, Spokane, WA.

April 13, 2005, Ag and Trade Center, Colville, WA.

Any changes to meeting times or locations will be noted on the State of Washington's Department of Natural Resources Forest Practices Habitat Conservation Plan (Federal Assurances Program) website, *http://www.dnr.wa.gov/htdocs/agency/federalassurances/*.

Dated: March 4, 2005.

Maria Boroja,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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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 meeting

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Oversight Committee in March, 2005 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 March 28, 2005. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Newport, RI.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465–0492. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Time and Location of Meeting

Monday, March 28, 2005 at 12:30 p.m. - Habitat/MPA/Ecosystem Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Hotel Viking, One Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI 02840; telephone: (401) 847–3300.

The Committee will meet to hear presentations on topics relating to Ecosystem Approaches to Fisheries Management. Speakers include: Staff (Integrating Ecosystem Approaches into New England fisheries management); Dr. Steve Murawski, NOAA Fisheries Director, Office of Science and Technology (An Overview of Ecosystem Approaches to Fishery Management) and Dr. Kristy Wallmo, NOAA Fisheries- Economics and Social Sciences (An Overview of the Ecosystem Management/Social Science Survey).

In addition, the Committee will provide input on various tasks toward completing the Ecosystems Approaches to Fishery Management Pilot Project and address other topics at their discretion.