

the section **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Public hearings will be held on October 31, 2005 and November 1, 2005. The public comment period commenced on September 23, 2005 and will close on November 7, 2005.

Public Comment Hearings: The start of the public comment period on the DEIS was September 23, 2005, and will end on November 7, 2005. Two public hearings will be held; one on October 31, 2005 and one on November 1, 2005, in Juneau and Anchorage, Alaska, respectively. The public hearing on Monday, October 31, 2005 will be held in Juneau, Alaska at the Centennial Hall Convention Center, Egan Room, (101 Egan Drive) and will begin at 10 a.m. and last until 3 p.m. The public hearing on Tuesday, November 1, 2005 will be held in Anchorage, Alaska at the Hotel Captain Cook (939 West Fifth Avenue) and will begin at 1 p.m. and last until 6 p.m.

DEIS Availability and Review

Copies of the DEIS are available either on CD or hard copy by contacting Helen Bass at the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. In addition, the DEIS has been posted on OCRM's Web site at <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/pcd/up.html> and the Alaska Coastal Management Program's Web site at <http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us>.

Comments from interested parties on the DEIS are encouraged and may be presented orally at the public hearings. Written comments may be submitted to OCRM during the public hearings and at the address (including e-mail address) listed in the section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

OCRМ encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the DEIS. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential of alternatives. Reviewers should organize their comments so that it is meaningful and makes the agency aware of the viewer's interests and concerns using quotations and other specific references to the text of the DEIS and related documents. Matters that could have been raised with specificity during the comment period on the DEIS may not be considered if they are raised later in the decision process. This commenting procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to OCRM in a timely manner so that OCRM has an opportunity to address them.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The DEIS discloses the environmental consequences associated with OCRM's

review of amendments to the State of Alaska's federally-approved coastal management program (CMP). OCRM's approval of Alaska's request to incorporate changes into the Alaska CMP would allow the State to continue its certification as a federally-approved CMP, receive Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) funds to implement the revised program, and conduct State and federal consistency reviews based on the revised program policy. Incorporation of Alaska's new laws and regulations and one Executive Order into its program will result in the following changes:

- Eliminate the Alaska CMP Coastal Policy Council and transfer of its functions to the Alaska Department of Natural Resources;
- Replace current statewide coastal standards with new standards, along with mandated revisions for all district plans to achieve new standards and meet new policy development requirements;
- Assure that matters regulated or authorized by State or federal law are not duplicated by coastal or district enforceable policies, and that district plans address matters specific to local concern;
- Exempt certain activities from the coastal consistency review process through coverage under the State's ABC list review or Department of Environmental Conservation review; and
- Limit the parties who have standing to file legal claims challenging Alaska CMP consistency decisions.

The proposed review will be completed, and OCRM's decision finalized by December 31, 2005. Depending on the alternative implemented, there may be positive socio-economic benefits associated with a more efficient permitting process, negative impacts to subsistence resources due to changes in Alaska's coastal standards and procedures for district plan development, or long-term negative environmental and socio-economic impacts associated with Alaska's withdrawal from the federal CZMA program.

The purpose and need for OCRM's review of the amendments is reviewed in the DEIS. All reasonable, prudent and feasible alternatives are being considered, including the no-action alternative.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Helen Bass, Environmental Protection Specialist, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, OCRM/CPD, N/ORM3 Station 11207, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910

or Helen.Bass@noaa.gov. Ms. Bass may be contacted during business hours at (301) 713-3155, extension 175 (telephone) and 301-713-4367 (fax).

The comment period will close on November 7, 2005.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: October 3, 2005.

Eldon Hout,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 041108311-5001-02; I.D. 092705A]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice That Vendor Will Provide Year 2006 Cage Tags

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

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide year 2006 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surfclam and ocean quahog allocation owners that they will be required to purchase their year 2006 cage tags from a vendor. The intent of this notice is to comply with regulations for the surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries and to promote efficient distribution of cage tags.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be sent to Brian R. Hooker, National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian R. Hooker, Fishery Policy Analyst, (978) 281-9220; fax (978) 281-9135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries regulations at 50 CFR 648.75(b) authorize the Regional Administrator of the Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the Federal Register a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the year 2006 Federal

surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to allocation owners in these fisheries within the next several weeks.

Authority: Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: September 30, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100405A]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of its Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in Tampa, FL on Thursday, October 27, 2005.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, October 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Quorum Hotel - Tampa, 700 North Westshore Boulevard, Tampa, FL 33609.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.348.1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene its Ecosystem Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) in Tampa, Florida to review the work it has done to date in compiling information to use in developing a fisheries ecosystem plan (FEP), and will discuss a timeline for completion of a draft FEP. The SSC will also discuss the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita relevant to fishery management on the Gulf of Mexico Ecosystem and may make recommendations to the Council.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling 813.348.1630. Although other non-

emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the SSC will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: October 4, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Wednesday, October 26, 2005.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Rule Enforcement Review.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Direct Grant Programs

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice reopening competitions or extending application deadline dates for certain direct grant and fellowship programs.

SUMMARY: The Secretary extends the deadline dates for the submission of applications for several programs. In all of the affected competitions the Secretary is making new awards for

fiscal year (FY) 2006. The Secretary takes this action to allow more time for the preparation and submission of applications by potential applicants who have been affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita and are located in Louisiana, Texas, Alabama, Mississippi, and Florida. The reopening and extension of the programs or competitions are intended to help potential applicants compete fairly with other applicants under these programs.

Note: Two of the affected programs or competitions are administered by the Office of Postsecondary Education and three are administered by the Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services. You can find information related to each of these competitions under the "List of Programs Affected" in this notice.

Eligibility: The reopening or extension of deadline dates in this notice applies to you if you are: (1) an institution of higher education, state educational agency (SEA), local educational agency (LEA), non-profit organization or other public or private organization applicant that is located in a federally-declared disaster area as determined by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) (*see <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema>*) and you were adversely affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita, or (2) an individual applicant who resides or resided, on the disaster declaration date, in a federally-declared disaster area as determined by FEMA (*see <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema>*) and you were adversely affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita. You must provide a certification in your application that you meet one of these criteria for submitting an application on the *Extended Deadline* and be prepared to provide appropriate supporting documentation, if requested. If you are submitting the application electronically, the submission of the application serves as your attestation that you meet the criteria for submitting an application on the *Extended Deadline*.

Note for Individual Applicants Under Competition 84.170A, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program:

The reopening or extension of deadline date for this competition also applies to you if you cannot obtain your undergraduate academic records or references from your undergraduate institution because the institution is in a federally-declared disaster area as determined by FEMA (*see <http://www.fema.gov/news/disasters.fema>*) and was adversely affected by Hurricanes Katrina and/or Rita.

DATES: The new deadline date for transmitting applications under each competition is listed with that competition in the "List of Programs