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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public hearings.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a series of 8 public hearings regarding Amendment 14 to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 14 will establish a series of 8 marine protected areas (MPAs) in Federal waters off the South Atlantic to protect a portion of the population and habitat of long-lived, slow-growing, deepwater snapper grouper species (snowy grouper, misty grouper, speckled hind, yellowedge grouper, warsaw grouper, golden tilefish, and bluefin tilefish) from directed fishing pressure. Proposed as "Type II" MPAs, fishing for and possession of snapper grouper species would be prohibited in the area, but fishermen would be allowed to troll for pelagic species such as tuna, mackerel, and billfish. Amendment 14 includes alternatives for the use of Vessel Monitoring Systems as an enforcement tool for the MPAs.

Additionally, the Council intends to work closely with NOAA Fisheries' Highly Migratory Species Division to prohibit the use of bottom longlines by shark fishermen in the proposed MPAs.

DATES: The public hearings will be held in September 2006. Written comments must be received in the Council office by close of business on September 29, 2006. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the specific dates and times of the public hearings.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Bob Mahood, Executive Director, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699, or via email to

SGAM14@safmc.net. Copies of the Public Hearing Document are available from Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699; telephone: 843-571-4366 or toll free at 866/SAFMC-10.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407-4699; telephone: 843-571-4366; fax: 843-769-4520; email address: *kim.iverson@safmc.net*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Public Hearing Dates and Locations

All hearings are scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

September 5, 2006—Hampton Inn, 678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston, SC 29414, Phone: 843-573-1200

September 6, 2006—Baywatch Resort, 2701 S. Ocean Boulevard, N. Myrtle Beach, SC 29582, Phone: 843-272-4600

September 7, 2006—Holiday Inn Sunspree, 1706 N. Lumina Avenue, Wrightsville Beach, NC 28480, Phone: 910-256-2231

September 11, 2006—Holton's Seafood Restaurant, 13711 E. Oglethorpe Hwy., Midway, GA 31320, Phone: 912-884-9151

September 12, 2006—Hampton Inn St. Augustine, 430 A1A Beach Boulevard, St. Augustine, FL 32080, Phone: 904-471-4000

September 13, 2006—Hutchinson Island Marriott, 555 NE Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, FL 34996, Phone: 772-225-3700

September 14, 2006—Islander Resort, MM 82.1 Oceanfront, Islamorada, FL 33036, Phone: 305-664-2031

September 19, 2006—The Westin, 2 Grasslawn Avenue, Hilton Head, SC 29928, Phone: 843-681-4000.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) by September 1, 2006.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

National Mathematics Advisory Panel

AGENCY: National Mathematics Advisory Panel, U.S. Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting & Public Hearing.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of an upcoming meeting, including a public hearing, with members of the National Mathematics Advisory Panel. The notice also describes the functions of the Panel. Notice of this meeting is required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and is intended to notify the public of their opportunity to attend.

DATES: Wednesday, September 13, 2006, and Thursday, September 14, 2006.

TIMES: Meetings on September 13, 2006: 9 a.m.–12 noon; and September 14, 2006: 9–11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: All meetings and the open session for public comment will be held at the Broad Institute, Auditorium, First Floor, 7 Cambridge Center (415 Main Street), Cambridge, MA 02142.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tyrrell Flawn, Executive Director, National Mathematics Advisory Panel, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20202; telephone: (202) 260-8354.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel was established by Executive Order 13398. The purpose of this Panel is to foster greater knowledge of and improved performance in mathematics among American students, in order to keep America competitive, support American talent and creativity, encourage innovation throughout the American economy, and help State, local, territorial, and tribal governments give the nation's children and youth the education they need to succeed.

The September 13 meeting will include testimony from the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics, the National Science Foundation, the American Competitiveness Council, and major mathematics textbook publishers. Individuals interested in attending the meeting are advised to register in advance to ensure space availability. Please contact Jennifer Graban at (202) 260-1491 or by e-mail at *Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov* by Friday, September 8, 2006.

The September 14 meeting will begin with an *Open Public Session* from 9 to 10 a.m. At that time, the public is invited to comment on elements of the Executive Order and the Panel's work. Immediately following, from 10 to 11 a.m., the four task groups—Conceptual Knowledge and Skills, Learning Processes, Instructional Practices, and Teachers—will report on their progress.

If you are interested in giving testimony during the public session on

September 14th, please contact Jennifer Graban at (202) 260-1491 or Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov by Friday, September 8, 2006, to reserve time on the agenda. Please include your name, the organization you represent, if appropriate, and a brief description of the issue you would like to present. Presenters will be allowed five minutes to make their comments. Presenters are requested to submit three written copies and an electronic file (CD or diskette) of their comments at the meeting, which should be labeled with their name and contact information. Individuals interested in solely attending the meeting are advised to register in advance to ensure space availability.

Given the expected number of individuals interested in providing comments at the meeting, reservations for presenting comments should be made as soon as possible. Reservations will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Persons who are unable to obtain reservations to speak during the meeting are encouraged to submit written comments. Written comments will be accepted at the meeting site or via e-mail at Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov. If you will be emailing written comments, please do so by Friday, September 1, 2006.

The Panel will submit to the President, through the Secretary, a preliminary report not later than January 31, 2007, and a final report not later than February 28, 2008. Both reports shall, at a minimum, contain recommendations, based on the best available scientific evidence.

The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Individuals who will need accommodations in order to attend the meeting, such as interpreting services, assistive listening devices, or materials in alternative format, should notify Jennifer Graban at (202) 260-1491 or Jennifer.Graban@ed.gov no later than September 8, 2006. We will attempt to meet requests for accommodations after this date, but cannot guarantee their availability.

Records are kept of all Panel proceedings and are available for public inspection at the staff office for the Panel, from the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Dated: August 9, 2006.

Margaret Spellings,

Secretary, U.S. Department of Education.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Loan Guarantees for Projects That Employ Innovative Technologies; Guidelines for Proposals Submitted in Response to the First Solicitation

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: DOE publishes policy guidelines that DOE intends to use in connection with the first solicitation of proposals for a loan guarantee for Eligible Projects under Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 that are expected to contribute to the goals of the President's Advanced Energy Initiative.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The guidelines in this Notice are effective August 14, 2006.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Director, DOE Loan Guarantee Program Office, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121, Phone: 202-586-8336. Email: LGProgram@hq.doe.gov.

With a copy to: Warren Belmar, Deputy General Counsel for Energy Policy, Office of the General Counsel, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0121.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Introduction

Title XVII of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (42 U.S.C. 16511-16514) authorizes the Secretary of Energy, after consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, to make loan guarantees for projects that "avoid, reduce, or sequester air pollutants or anthropogenic emissions of greenhouse gases; and employ new or significantly improved technologies as compared to commercial technologies in service in the United States at the time the guarantee is issued." Commercial technology is defined as a technology in general use in the marketplace. More specifically, Title XVII identifies ten discrete categories of projects that are eligible for a loan guarantee, including those that employ:

1. Renewable energy systems;
2. Advanced fossil energy technology (including coal gasification meeting the criteria in subsection 1703(d));
3. Hydrogen fuel cell technology for residential, industrial, or transportation applications;
4. Advanced nuclear energy facilities;
5. Carbon capture and sequestration practices and technologies, including agricultural and forestry practices that store and sequester carbon;
6. Efficient electrical generation, transmission, and distribution technologies;
7. Efficient end-use energy technologies;

8. Production facilities for fuel efficient vehicles, including hybrid and advanced diesel vehicles;

9. Pollution control equipment; and

10. Refineries, meaning facilities at which crude oil is refined into gasoline. A principal purpose of the Title XVII loan guarantee program is to encourage early commercial use in the United States of new or significantly improved technologies in energy projects. DOE's loan guarantee program is not intended for technologies in research and development. Indeed as section 1702(d) requires a "reasonable prospect of payment" of any loan or debt obligation issued to a project, technologies for project proposals should be mature enough to assure dependable commercial operations and generate sufficient revenues, and not solely a demonstration project (i.e., a project designated to demonstrate feasibility of a technology on any scale). DOE believes that accelerated commercial use of these new or improved technologies will help to sustain economic growth, yield environmental benefits, and produce a more stable and secure energy supply.

Today, DOE begins implementation of Title XVII with two actions. First, DOE publishes guidelines in the nature of a general statement of policy that DOE intends to apply *only* to the first solicitation of projects. Second, DOE makes available the first solicitation for Pre-Applications for Federal Loan Guarantees for Projects that Employ Innovative Energy Technologies by posting it on the internet at: <http://www.LGProgram.energy.gov/>. Neither a procurement action (under Title 48 of the Code of Federal Regulations) nor a financial assistance award (under 10 CFR part 600) is contemplated by these guidelines and the solicitation. As further described in the solicitation, interested parties are being asked to file an initial Pre-Application for review by DOE. If the Pre-Application meets the suggested requirements of these guidelines, DOE may invite the interested party to submit a comprehensive Application.

DOE anticipates receiving a significant volume of interest in the loan guarantee program, and therefore plans to issue multiple solicitations, following adoption of final regulations within the next year, that will cover the broad array of eligible projects under Title XVII. Applicants who respond to the solicitation but are not approved for a loan guarantee may submit a new or revised proposal in response to future solicitations under the final regulations DOE plans to adopt. DOE does not intend to review Pre-Applications or