

Act (ESA) and the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA).

NMFS announces the availability of a revised list of equipment models that NMFS has approved as meeting the minimum design specifications for the careful release of sea turtles caught in hook and line fisheries. The revised list is available at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/sfa/hms/Protected%20Resources/Required_Gear.pdf. To see the previous list of NMFS approved models for the careful release of sea turtles caught in hook and line fisheries, see 69 FR 40734, July 6, 2004. Revision of the list is necessary due to NMFS approval of the following additional sea turtle bycatch mitigation gear for use in the pelagic and bottom longline fisheries for Atlantic HMS: (1) Robey dehooker (for external hooks only), (2) NOAA/Bergmann dehooker (with modification) and (3) notch modification of the previously approved Aquatic Release Conservation (ARC) dehooker pigtail curl. Other sea turtle bycatch mitigation gears previously approved remain approved for use in the fishery.

The list is not a list of required gears, but is a list of NMFS approved models of equipment that may be used as options to meet the requirements for gear that must be carried on board vessels participating in the Atlantic pelagic and bottom longline fisheries (50 CFR 635.21(c)(5)(i) and (d)(3)(i)). Equipment may also be fabricated and used by individuals according to the minimum design specifications (50 CFR 635.21(c)(5)(i)). The benefit of using these gears is to maximize safe and efficient gear removal from incidentally captured sea turtles, thereby minimizing the potential for serious injury or mortality.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*; 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

NOAA's Oceans and Human Health Initiative Advisory Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Oceans and Human Health Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108 447) created a national, interagency research program to improve understanding of the role of the oceans in human health. Section 903(a) of this Act authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to establish an Oceans and Human Health Initiative (OHHI) to coordinate and implement research and activities of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) related to the role of the oceans, the coasts, and the Great Lakes in human health. Section 903(b) of the OHH Act further authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to establish an oceans and human health advisory panel to assist in the development and implementation of the NOAA OHHI. This advisory panel is to provide for balanced representation of individuals with multi-disciplinary expertise in the marine and biomedical sciences and is not subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.).

In 2005, authorities provided to the Secretary of Commerce under the OHH Act were delegated to the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere and then redesignated to the Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management. Initial appointments to the advisory panel were completed by the NOAA Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management in May 2006.

Date and Time: The meeting will be held Thursday March 8, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. and Friday March 9, 2007 from 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.

Location: The meeting will be held at the Hotel Deca, Seattle Washington, 4507 Brooklyn Ave, NE., Seattle, Washington (WA) 98105; (Tel) 206–634–2000. Meeting rooms are the Chancellor and College Rooms and subject to change.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Paul Sandifer, National Ocean Service Senior Scientist for Coastal Ecology, c/o Hollings Marine Laboratory, 331 Fort Johnson Road, Charleston, South Carolina 29412; (Tel) 843–762–8814 (E-mail: paul.sandifer@noaa.gov) or visit the OHHI Web site: <http://www.eol.ucar.edu/project/ohhi/>.

Matters to be Considered: (1) Approval of Advisory Panel Charter; (2) review of revised vision, mission and goals for the OHHI; (3) review of OHHI strategic objectives; (4) review of on-going research and outreach and education activities, products and services; (5) review of Congressionally

mandated interagency and agency OHH reports.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013)

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of availability and solicitation of public comments on the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013).

SUMMARY: NOAA publishes this notice to announce availability of the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013) for public comment.

DATES: Comments must be received before 11:59 p.m. EDT, March 19, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Electronic submission of comments via e-mail to nccos.hd@noaa.gov is preferred. Comments may also be sent by fax to (301) 713–4353 or mail to NOAA National Ocean Service, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, c/o Marybeth Bauer, PhD, 1315 East-West Highway, NOS HQTR Route N/SCI, Silver Spring, MD 20910. E-mail and fax comments should state “Comments” in the subject line.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) provides coastal