

representatives regarding British Columbia's fishery management practices and bycatch reduction efforts. The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will review the DOC Inspector General's Report on NEFSC's use of best science for ecosystems, receive a report from Dr. Jason Link regarding NEFSC prey-predator relationship studies, and review the status of proposed LNG facilities in the Mid-Atlantic Council's jurisdiction off New Jersey. There will be an evening scoping session for the ACL/AM Omnibus Amendment. Wednesday, April 15—The ACL / AM Committee will review the status of action for the Omnibus Amendment, and discuss risk philosophies to be considered by the Council for the Omnibus Amendment.

The Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will review the management alternatives addressed in Amendment 11, and review the recommendations of the Fishery Management Action Team (FMAT). The Council will convene for its regular business session to receive various reports including a report on risk considerations. The Council will also review alternatives associated with proposed management measures and if appropriate select preferred alternatives contained in Amendment 11 to the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP, and review and adopt the Public Hearing Document (PHD) and associated draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for Amendment 11. Thursday, April 16 - The Executive Committee will review highlights of the Council Coordination Committee meeting and review discussions and outcomes from the Northeast Regional Coordinating Council (NRCC) meeting. The Council will convene to receive an update on the Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP), receive an update on Amendments 17 and 18 to the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (SAFMC) Snapper Grouper FMP, develop a Council position and provide comments to the SAFMC on proposed actions contained in Amendments 17 and 18, receive Committee Reports and conduct any continuing and/or new 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 action to address such emergencies.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Bryan (302-674-2331 ext 18) at least five days prior to the meeting date.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene meetings of the Hawaii Archipelago Plan Team (PT), Advisory Panel (AP), and Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee (REAC) in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**DATES:** The Hawaii Archipelago PT meeting will be held Tuesday-Wednesday, April 14-15, 2009, the Hawaii AP meeting will be held Thursday, April 16, 2009, and the Hawaii REAC meeting will be held Friday, April 17, 2009. For the specific dates, times, and agendas for the meetings see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings of the Hawaii Archipelago PT, AP and REAC will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop St. Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii 96814.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808)522-8220.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Schedule and Agenda for Hawaii Archipelagic Plan Team Meeting

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 14, 2009

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members
2. Approval of Draft Agenda

3. Update on Federal Fisheries Management Actions

a. Fishery Ecosystem Plan amendments on Annual Catch Limits (ACLs)/Allowable Catch Targets (ACTs)/Accountability Measures

b. Defining Small-scale traditional fishing

c. Discussion and recommendations

4. Ecosystem and Habitat

a. Habitat Assessment Improvement Plan

b. Updating EFH/HAPC information

i. FEP/FMP designations

ii. Defining/improving EFH/HAPC definitions, boundaries and information

c. Stimulus Funding for Habitat

5. Fishery Development

a. Identify Marine, Education and Training Priorities

b. Cooperative Research priorities

c. Marine Conservation Plan

d. Discussion and recommendations

6. Review of Annual Report Modules for Hawaii & Pacific Remote Island Areas

a. Coral Reef Ecosystem

b. Precious Coral

c. Crustaceans

d. Discussion and Recommendations Hawaii Archipelagic Plan Team

Meeting  
9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 2009

e. Bottomfish

i. Main Hawaiian Island Module

ii. Northwestern Hawaiian Island

Module

iii. Market/Economic Report

iv. Administrative report

8. Precious Corals Issues

a. State of Hawaii Black Coral

Research

b. National Marine Fisheries Service

Pacific Island Fisheries Science Center

Gold Coral Research

c. Corallium (Pink Coral) Issues

d. Review of Current and Proposed

Management Measures

9. Other Business

10. Public Comments

11. Discussion and Recommendation

##### Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelago Advisory Panel Meeting

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Thursday, April 16, 2009

1. Welcome and Introduction of Members

2. Introduction to the Council and Magnuson Stevens Act

3. Status Report on 2008 Advisory Panel Recommendations

4. Emerging Fishery Issues

5. Community Marine Management

a. Marine Education and Training Program

b. Aha Moku Community

Consultation Process

- c. Recreational Fishing Data Collection Options
- d. Status of State of Hawaii Fishing Regulations Review
- e. Report on State of Hawaii Protected Species Activities
- f. Allowing Commercial Harvest of Invasive Sardines/Herrings
- g. Cooperative Research — Report on Bottomfish Tagging Project
- 6. Upcoming 145th Council Meeting Actions
  - a. Hawaii Offshore Handline Permits and Limited Entry
  - b. Main Hawaiian Islands Bottomfish Stock Assessment Review
  - c. Annual Catch Limits for Non-Pelagic Species
  - d. Small-scale Traditional Fisheries
- 7. Other Business
- 8. Public Comment
- 9. Discussion and Action

### Schedule and Agenda for the Hawaii Archipelagic Regional Ecosystem Advisory Committee Meeting

9:00 a.m. — 4:00 p.m. Friday, April 17, 2009

- 1. Welcome and Introduction of Members
- 2. Approval of Draft Agenda
- 3. Update on Federal Fisheries Management Actions
  - a. Hawaii Offshore Handline Permits and Limited Entry
  - b. FEP amendments on ACLs/ACTs/AMs
  - c. Defining Small-scale traditional fishing
  - d. Discussion and Recommendation
- 4. Community Marine Management Forum
  - a. Hawaii's Living Seascape: A Strategy For A Prosperous Future
  - b. Report on Aha Kiole Final Report and Legislation
  - c. Invasive Species
    - i. Hawaii Invasive Species Council Strategy 2008–2013
    - ii. Allowing Commercial Harvest of Invasive Sardines/Herrings
  - d. Discussion and Recommendation
- 5. Coastal Ecosystems
  - a. Marine Education and Training Program Priorities
  - b. Coastal America Program and Projects
  - c. Report on the State's Recreational Renaissance Plan
  - d. Marine Recreational Information Program Initiatives
    - e. Habitat Initiatives
      - i. Habitat Assessment Improvement Plan
      - ii. Refining Essential Fish Habitat Designations in Hawaii
      - iii. Military Activities to Remove Mangroves
- 6. Public Comments

7. Discussion and Recommendations  
The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. Public comment periods will be provided throughout each agenda. The PT, AP and REAC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

#### Defense Base Act Insurance Acquisition Strategy; Questions for Industry and Other Interested Parties

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Request for public input.

**SUMMARY:** DoD is soliciting information and feedback from defense contractors, insurance industry representatives, and others, on DoD's requirement to develop a comprehensive acquisition strategy for Defense Base Act insurance that will address provisions of Section 843 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009. Responses must be limited to no more than 20 pages.

**DATES:** Submit written comments to the address shown below on or before April 3, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments using any of the following methods. E-mail is the preferred method.

○ *E-mail:* [Teresa.Lawson@osd.mil](mailto:Teresa.Lawson@osd.mil).

○ *Fax:* 703–602–7887.

○ *Mail:* Deputy Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (Cost, Price, and Finance), ATTN: Ms. Teresa Lawson, 3062 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301–3062.

○ *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Deputy Director, Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy (Cost, Price, and Finance), ATTN: Ms. Teresa Lawson, Crystal Square 4, Suite 200A, 241 18th Street, Arlington, VA 22202–3402.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Teresa A. Lawson, by telephone at 703–602–2402, or by e-mail at [Teresa.Lawson@osd.mil](mailto:Teresa.Lawson@osd.mil).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD is soliciting information and feedback from defense contractors, insurance industry representatives, and others, on DoD's requirement to develop a comprehensive acquisition strategy for Defense Base Act insurance that will address the following provisions of Section 843 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009 (Pub. L. 110–417):

The Secretary of Defense shall adopt an acquisition strategy for insurance required by the Defense Base Act (42 U.S.C. 1651 *et seq.*) which minimizes the cost of such insurance to the Department of Defense and to defense contractors subject to such Act \* \* \* The Secretary shall ensure that the acquisition strategy adopted \* \* \* addresses the following criteria: (1) Minimize overhead costs associated with obtaining such insurance, such as direct or indirect costs for contract management and contract administration. (2) Minimize costs for coverage of such insurance consistent with realistic assumptions regarding the likelihood of incurred claims by contractors of the Department. (3) Provide for a correlation of premiums paid in relation to claims incurred that is modeled on best practices in government and industry for similar kinds of insurance. (4) Provide for a low level of risk to the Department. (5) Provide for a competitive marketplace for insurance required by the Defense Base Act to the maximum extent practicable. \* \* \* In adopting the acquisition strategy \* \* \* the Secretary shall consider such options (including entering into a single Defense Base Act insurance contract) as the Secretary deems to best satisfy the (five aforementioned) criteria \* \* \*

### 1. Policy Options

Under current law and DoD regulations, generally contractors performing work outside the United States are required to have Defense Base Act (DBA) insurance to provide workers' compensation benefits for employees, unless the requirement has been waived by the Department of Labor (DoL). To meet the requirement of Section 843 of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2009, DoD is considering all options for its acquisition strategy and welcomes comments highlighting the advantages and disadvantages of any of a non-exclusive set of options, which includes but is not limited to: (1) A single-source contract awarded on a competitive basis issued and administered by DoD; (2) a multiple-award contract awarded on a competitive basis issued and administered by DoD; (3) no change (*i.e.*, contractors are required to obtain