

comment on this plan begins March 27, 2009.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to 43 CFR 11.32 and 11.81–82, notice is hereby given that a document entitled, “A Draft Damage Assessment and Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Bayou Verdine Site, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana” (Draft DARP/EA) is available for public review and comment. This document has been prepared by the state and federal natural resource trustee agencies (the “Trustees”) to address natural resource injuries and resource services losses attributable to past releases of hazardous substances from two facilities situated in the upper Calcasieu Estuary, in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana that are presently owned and operated by ConocoPhillips Company and Sasol North America Inc (collectively, the “potentially responsible parties” or “PRPs”). The Trustees include the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce; United States Fish & Wildlife Service, acting on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior (USFWS/DOI); Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF).

This Draft DARP/EA presents the Trustees’ proposed assessment of natural resource injuries and service losses in the upper Calcasieu Estuary due to hazardous substances released from these facilities, and presents the restoration plan that the Trustees are proposing for use to compensate for these losses. The Trustees will consider comments received during the public comment period before adopting the final DARP/EA.

**Deadline for Comments:** Comments on the Draft DARP/EA must be submitted in writing on or before May 26, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Draft DARP/EA should be sent to John Rapp of NOAA at 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC3, F/HC3, Silver Spring, MD 20910, e-mail:

*Verdine.Comments@noaa.gov*. The Draft DARP/EA is also available for downloading at <http://www.darrp.noaa.gov> (by clicking on the document title in the Bayou Verdine announcement on that page).

Comments on this plan are to be sent in writing to John Rapp of NOAA for receipt on or before May 26, 2009. These written comments may be submitted either by mail at the address provided above; by fax to 301–713–0184, or by e-mail to *Verdine.Comments@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Bayou Verdine is a shallow, sinuous bayou in

the upper Calcasieu Estuary, southwest of the City of Westlake and slightly northwest of the City of Lake Charles, in Calcasieu Parish, LA. It originates in an agricultural area immediately north and northwest of petroleum facilities owned and operated by ConocoPhillips Company and Sasol North America Inc., and flows in a south-southeast direction through this industrialized segment before entering the Calcasieu River at Coon Island Loop. Historical operations at these two facilities have resulted in releases of hazardous substances, such as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), heavy metals, and other hazardous compounds, into Bayou Verdine and Coon Island Loop, within the Estuary.

The upper Calcasieu Estuary has been the focus of a number of past investigations related to contaminant releases and is the subject of several ongoing response or corrective action planning processes under the direction or oversight of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) and/or LDEQ. The most extensive effort to identify the nature and extent of hazardous substances present in the Estuary to date is the federal-lead Remedial Investigation (RI) of contaminants in sediments, surface water, and biota in the Calcasieu Estuary undertaken by the USEPA in 1999. Results from this investigation, combined with other relevant data and information, prompted the Trustees to pursue a natural resource damage assessment (NRDA) to determine and quantify resource injuries and losses in the Estuary attributable to hazardous substances from the PRPs’ facilities, and to develop a restoration plan that would be sufficient to compensate for those losses. The Trustees’ decision to proceed with this NRDA was identified in a “Notice Of Intent To Perform Damage Assessment & Develop Restoration Plan for Natural Resources Injured by Hazardous Substances in Bayou Verdine & Coon Island Loop in Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana” published September 26, 2004, in the *American Press*, a newspaper of general circulation in Calcasieu Parish, LA. That notice also invited public input regarding potential restoration opportunities in the watershed that the Trustees could consider in developing an appropriate restoration plan. The PRPs were cooperatively involved in the NRDA process as well, consistent with 43 CFR 11.32.

The Draft DARP/EA released today identifies the Trustees’ proposed assessment of natural resource injuries and losses due to past releases from these facilities and identifies the

restoration action which is preferred for use to restore, replace or acquire resources or services equivalent to those lost.

In undertaking this NRDA and in releasing this Draft DARP/EA, the Trustees are acting in accordance with their designation and authorities under section 107(f) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (“CERCLA”), 42 U.S.C. § 9607(f), section 311 of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (FWPCA), 33 U.S.C. section 1321, Subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR sections 300.600–300.615, and regulations at 43 CFR part 11 that are applicable to natural resource damage assessments under CERCLA. The Trustees act on behalf of the public under these authorities to protect and restore natural resources injured or lost as a result of discharges or releases of hazardous substances.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Rapp, at (301) 713–0174 x174, or e-mail: *Verdine.Comments@noaa.gov*.

Dated: March 9, 2009.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Public Meeting; The Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES)

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES) will meet April 7, 2009.

**Date and Time:** The meeting is scheduled as follows: April 7, 2009, 9 a.m.–3 p.m. The first part of this meeting will be closed to the public. The public portion of the meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Crowne Plaza Hotel located at 8777 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring, MD 20910. While open to the public, seating capacity may be limited.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5

U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of the meeting of ACCRES. ACCRES was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on long- and short-range strategies for the licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems.

#### Matters To Be Considered

The first part of the meeting will be closed to the public pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94-409 and in accordance with Section 552b(C)(1) of Title 5, United States Code. Accordingly, portions of this meeting which involve the ongoing review and implementation of the April 2003 U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Space Policy and related national security and foreign policy considerations for NOAA's licensing decisions are closed to the public. These briefings are likely to disclose matters that are specifically authorized under criteria established by Executive Order 12958 to be kept secret in the interest of national defense or foreign policy and are in fact properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order.

All other portions of the meeting will be open to the public. During the open portion of the meeting, the Committee will receive updates on NOAA's Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs activities. The Committee will also be available to receive public comments on its activities.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 8260, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

#### Additional Information and Public Comments

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact Jane D'Aguanno, Designated Federal Officer for ACCRES, NOAA/NESDIS Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 8260, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Copies of the draft meeting agenda can be obtained from David Hasenauer at (301) 713-1644, fax (301)

713-0204, or e-mail [David.Hasenauer@noaa.gov](mailto:David.Hasenauer@noaa.gov).

The ACCRES expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. In general, each individual or group making an oral presentation may be limited to a total time of five minutes. Written comments (please provide at least 13 copies) received in the NOAA/NESDIS Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office on or before March 31, 2009, will be provided to Committee members in advance of the meeting. Comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to Committee members at the meeting.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane D'Aguanno, NOAA/NESDIS Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 8260, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-3385, fax (301) 713-0204, e-mail [Jane.Daguanno@noaa.gov](mailto:Jane.Daguanno@noaa.gov), David Hasenauer at (301) 713-1644, fax (301) 713-0204, or e-mail [David.Hasenauer@noaa.gov](mailto:David.Hasenauer@noaa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council), its Dogfish Committee, its Bycatch / Limited Access Committee, its Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee, its Annual Catch Limits/ Accountability Measures (ACL/AM) Committee, its Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee, and its Executive Committee will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** Tuesday, April 14, 2009 through Thursday, April 16, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** The Sanderling Hotel, 1461 Duck Road, Duck, NC 27949; telephone: 252-261-4111.

**Council Address:** Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New St., Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331 ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On Tuesday, April 14 the Mid-Atlantic section of the Joint Dogfish Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Bycatch / Limited Access Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. The Ecosystems and Ocean Planning Committee will meet from 2:30 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. From 7:00 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. there will be a scoping session for the Omnibus Amendment regarding ACL/AM.

On Wednesday, April 15 the ACL / AM Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. The Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will meet from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 p.m. The Council will convene at 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m. to conduct its regular business session, receive organizational reports, liaison reports, Executive Director's report, the Status of the Fishery Management Plans (FMP) report, a report on risk considerations, and an update on Amendment 11 to the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish FMP.

On Thursday, April 16 the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 a.m. The Council will convene at 9:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. 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 Snapper Grouper FMP, Committee Reports, and any continuing and/or new business.

Agenda items by day for the Council's Committees and the Council itself are: Tuesday, April 14—the Mid-Atlantic section of the Joint Spiny Dogfish Committee will receive a report on the March meeting of the Joint Dogfish Committee, review and discuss pre-scoping issues related to the development of Amendment 1 to the Dogfish FMP, and develop Committee recommendations for consideration and future action by the Joint Dogfish Committee. The Bycatch / Limited Access Committee will discuss possible modifications to black sea bass pots, and finalize text and lay-out of the bycatch reduction pamphlet. It will also develop a plan of action for distribution of the bycatch reduction pamphlet, and receive a presentation from Environmental Defense Fund