

Services selects those applications that will receive funding. In addition to the Evaluation Criteria for Projects above, the Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing and Services may consider the selection factors listed below: 1. The selection panel's written assessments, 2. The degree to which applications satisfy the ITA priorities established under Project Funding Priorities above, 3. Geographic distribution of the proposed awards, 4. Diversity of industry sectors and overseas markets covered by the proposed awards, 5. Diversity of project activities represented by the proposed awards, 6. Avoidance of redundancy and conflicts with the initiatives of other Federal agencies, and 7. Availability of funds.

Intergovernmental Review: There are no intergovernmental review requirements beyond those already noted.

Limitation of Liability: In no event will the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige the Department of Commerce to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

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Executive Order 12866: This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism): It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act:

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because

notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements for the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: April 2, 2009.

Robert W. Pearson,

Director, Office of Planning, Coordination and Management Manufacturing and Services, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Technology Innovation Program (TIP) Notice of Additional Public Meetings (Proposers' Conferences)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), United States Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Technology Innovation Program (TIP) announces that it has scheduled three public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) on April 13, 2009, in Boston, Massachusetts; on April 15, 2009, in Detroit, Michigan; and on April 17, 2009, in San Jose, California. These meetings are in addition to the Proposers' Conference scheduled for April 8, 2009, in Gaithersburg, Maryland, that was announced previously in the **Federal Register** on March 31.

DATES: TIP announces that it is holding public meetings (Proposers' Conferences) on

1. April 8, 2009, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Eastern Time in Gaithersburg, Maryland.
2. April 13, 2009, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Time in Boston, Massachusetts.
3. April 15, 2009, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Time in Detroit, Michigan.
4. April 17, 2009, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Pacific Time in San Jose, California.

ADDRESSES: The Proposers' Conferences will be held at the following locations:

1. NIST Red Auditorium, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Electronic registration at: <https://rproxy.nist.gov/CRS/>.
2. Marriott Boston Cambridge, Two Cambridge Center, 50 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142.

3. Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243.
4. San Jose Marriott, 301 S. Market St., San Jose, California 95113.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Barbara Cuthill at 301-975-3273 or by e-mail at barbara.cuthill@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 31, 2009, the National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Technology Innovation Program (TIP) announced that it was soliciting high-risk, high-reward research and development (R&D) proposals for financial assistance. TIP is soliciting proposals under this fiscal year 2009 competition in two areas of critical national need entitled "Civil Infrastructure" and "Manufacturing" (74 FR 14524). TIP also announced the date and location of its Proposers' Conference on April 8, 2009, in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and indicated that any additional Proposers' Conferences would be announced in the **Federal Register**, on the <http://grants.gov> Web site and on the TIP Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/tip>. The legal authority for TIP is 15 USC 278n.

TIP is holding Proposers' Conferences to provide general information regarding TIP, to offer guidance on preparing proposals, and to answer questions. Proprietary technical discussions about specific project ideas with NIST staff are not permitted at this Conference or at any time before submitting the proposal to TIP. Therefore, proposers should not expect to have proprietary issues addressed at the Proposers' Conference. Also, NIST/TIP staff will not critique or provide feedback on project ideas while they are being developed by a proposer. However, NIST/TIP staff will answer questions about the TIP eligibility and cost-sharing requirements, evaluation and award criteria, selection process, and the general characteristics of a competitive TIP proposal at the Proposers' Conference and by phone and e-mail. Attendance at the TIP Proposers' Conference is not required.

No registration fee will be charged at the Proposers' Conference. Presentation materials from the Proposers' Conference will be made available on the TIP Web site.

The Proposers' Conferences will be held as follows:

April 8, 2009, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Eastern Time: NIST Red Auditorium, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, (301-975-8910). Pre-registration is required by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 6, 2009 for the Proposers' Conference being held at NIST Gaithersburg, MD. Due to increased

security at NIST, no on-site registrations will be accepted and all attendees must be pre-registered. Photo identification must be presented at the NIST main gate to be admitted to the April 8, 2009 Conference. Attendees must wear their Conference badge at all times while on the NIST campus. Electronic registration at: <https://rproxy.nist.gov/CRS/>.

April 13, 2009, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Time: Marriott Boston Cambridge, Two Cambridge Center, 50 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142, (617–494–6600) Pre-registration is not required.

April 15, 2009, 1 p.m.–5 p.m. Eastern Time: Detroit Marriott at the Renaissance Center, 400 Renaissance Center, Detroit, Michigan 48243, (313–568–8000) Pre-registration is not required.

April 17, 2009, 9 a.m.–1 p.m. Pacific Time: San Jose Marriott, 301 S. Market St., San Jose, California 95113, (408–280–1300) Pre-registration is not required.

Additional Information: The full Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) announcement for this request for proposals contains detailed information and requirements for the program. Proposers are strongly encouraged to read the FFO in developing proposals. The full FFO announcement text is available at <http://www.grants.gov> and on the TIP Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/tip/helpful.html>. In addition, proposers are directed to review the March 2009 Technology Innovation Program Proposal Preparation Kit available at <http://www.nist.gov/tip/helpful.html>. The TIP Proposal Preparation Kit must be used to prepare a TIP proposal. The TIP implementing regulations are published at 15 CFR Part 296, and included in the TIP Proposal Preparation Kit as Appendix B.

Dated: April 1, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XO48

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Herring Oversight Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 21, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930; telephone: (978) 281–9300; fax: (978) 281–9333.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. Continue development of management alternatives to be included in Amendment 4 to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP);
2. Review/discuss alternatives for annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) and related changes to Atlantic herring fishery specification process; and
3. Continue development of management alternatives related to catch monitoring, which may include: monitoring and reporting requirements for herring vessels and processors, measures related to observer coverage and at-sea monitoring, measures to establish a dockside monitoring program, vessel monitoring system (VMS) requirements, and other related management measures.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: April 2, 2009.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XO50

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council's (Council) Habitat/MPA/Ecosystems Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2009, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 436–2121; fax: (603) 430–7666.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee's agenda are as follows:

1. Discuss the March 18, 2009 Science and Statistical Committee review of Fishing Gear Seabed Impact Model (FiGSI);
2. Presentation of FiGSI results available since the March 3, 2009 Committee meeting;
3. Summary of plan development team (PDT) progress towards completing the FiGSI analyses;
4. Review timeline for completion of Phase II of the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment 2; and
5. Other issues at the discretion of the Chair.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues