

the proposed alternatives to establish a catch monitoring program, including: provisions for "maximized retention" and other measures to address slippage and minimize bycatch; measures to implement a dockside monitoring program; measures to improve reporting, compliance, and quota monitoring; and measures to address at-sea monitoring (including measures to improve observer working conditions and data collection);

(3) Other business.

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 17, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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International Whaling Commission; 61st Annual Meeting; Announcement of Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date, time, and location of the public meetings being held prior to the 61st annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

DATES: The public meetings will be held May 27 and May 29, 2009, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting on May 27th will be held in the Chesapeake Room of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The meeting on May 29th will be held in the NOAA Western Regional Center Auditorium, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Seattle, WA 98115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ryan Wulff, 301-713-9090, Extension 196.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, the Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies.

Once the draft agenda for the annual IWC meeting is completed, it will be posted on the IWC Secretariat's website at <http://www.iwcoffice.org>.

NOAA will hold meetings prior to the annual IWC meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. positions for the upcoming IWC meeting, including the upcoming report of the Small Working Group. Because the meeting discusses U.S. positions, the substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation.

Persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating positions and are a necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings.

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Special Accommodations

Both meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ryan Wulff, 301-713-9090 by May 4, 2009.

Dated: April 16, 2009.

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Director, Office of International Affairs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System; Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement; Requests for Equitable Adjustment (OMB Control Number 0704-0397)

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

ACTION: Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed extension of an approved information collection requirement.

SUMMARY: In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), DoD announces the proposed extension of a public information collection requirement and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. DoD invites comments on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of DoD, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved this information collection for use through April 30, 2009. DoD proposes that OMB extend its approval for use for three additional years.

DATES: DoD will consider all comments received by June 22, 2009.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by OMB Control Number 0704-0397, using any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.
- *E-mail:* dfars@osd.mil. Include OMB Control Number 0704-0397 in the subject line of the message.