

before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions 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 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, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 7, 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 (NOAA)

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in Anchorage, Alaska.

DATES: The meeting will be held Wednesday, September 9, 2009, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Thursday, September 10, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday, September 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hilton Anchorage, 500 West Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-3100 x136. Fax: 301-713-3110); e-mail: lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov; or visit the

National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of section 4 of Executive Order 13158 on MPAs. The meeting will be open to public participation from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 9, 2009, and from 8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 2009. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by September 4, 2009.

Matters To Be Considered: The Committee meeting will include two expert panel presentations, one on how the national system can contribute to ecological resilience in the face of climate change, and one, including invited management agencies and stakeholders, on marine protected areas in Alaska. The Scientific and Technical Subcommittee and the Review and Evaluation Subcommittee will meet to finalize recommendations, and will report back to the full MPA FAC for deliberations and action. The meeting also will include elections of a new MPA FAC Chair and Vice Chair. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: August 3, 2009.

David M. Kennedy,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Public Comment Period for the Revised Management Plan for the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty day public comment period on the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revision.

The Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve consists of public lands within the Mullica River-Great Bay watershed of New Jersey and managed by a variety of local, state, and federal agencies. The site was designated as the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve in 1998 pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating in partnership with The Institute of Marine and Coastal Sciences of Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey under a management plan approved in 1997. Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve. A boundary expansion and land conservation initiative, new facilities, and updated programmatic objectives are notable revisions to the 1997 approved management plan.

The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the research, coastal training, education and outreach, and stewardship goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations. This management plan describes how the reserve will focus on three key coastal management issues: Nutrient inputs into coastal waters; human alteration of habitat and water quality; and effects of climate change on coastal and estuarine systems.

Since 1997, the reserve has completed a site profile that characterizes the reserve; they have also expanded the coastal training, research and monitoring, stewardship and education programs significantly. A new administrative building, the Jacques Cousteau Coastal Center, and a new interpretive exhibit, "Life on the Edge" at the Tuckerton Seaport, have been built to support the growth of reserve programs.

With the approval of this management plan, the Jacques Cousteau National Estuarine Research Reserve will expand their total acreage from 114,665 acres to 114,873 acres. This change is