DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

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AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces voluntary product standard DOC PS 20–10 “American Softwood Lumber Standard” which will supersede DOC PS 20–05. The Standard establishes standard sizes and requirements for developing and coordinating the lumber grades of the various species of softwood lumber, the assignment of design values, and the preparation of grading rules applicable to each species. Its provisions include implementation of the Standard through an accreditation and certification program; establishment of principal trade classifications and lumber sizes for yard, structural, factory/shop use; classification, measurement, grading and grade-marking of lumber; Definitions of terms and procedures to provide a basis for the use of uniform methods in the grading, inspection, measurement and description of softwood lumber; commercial names of the principal softwood species: Definitions of terms used in describing standard grades in lumber; and commonly used industry abbreviations. The Standard also includes the organization and functions of the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Board of Review, and the National Grading Rule Committee.


ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of DOC PS 20–10 should be submitted to: Standards Services Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–2150. The standard is also available at http://ts.nist.gov/Standards/Conformity/vps.cfm.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David F. Alderman, Standards Services Division, telephone: 301–975–4019, fax: 301–975–4715, or e-mail david.alderman@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: DOC PS 20–10 “American Softwood Lumber Standard” was developed by the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Standing Committee responsible for maintaining the standard. The revision was processed in accordance with provisions of Department of Commerce “Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards” (15 CFR part 10). A notice, which appeared in the Federal Register on April 3, 2009 (74 FR 15255) announced NIST’s circulation of the revision for public review, requested public comments, and provided the history of the revision.

Analysis of Comments

NIST received one comment from an association representing lumber retailers.

Comment: The commenter requested that the standard be expanded to include a “single regime” for verifying the eco-attribute of lumber products with an on-product eco-label.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Geospatial Summit To Provide Information on Upcoming Improvements To the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS), Including the Replacement of the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) and the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88)

AGENCY: National Geodetic Survey (NGS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Geodetic Survey (NGS) will host a Federal Geospatial Summit to discuss the impact updating the National Spatial Reference System (NSRS) will have on federal government agencies by replacing the North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83), the North American Vertical Datum of 1988 (NAVD 88), and other state and territorial island vertical datums. The proposed changes will affect the surveying, mapping, charting, and Geographic Information System (GIS) programs of federal government agencies, as well as those tribal, state, county, and municipal governments that have adopted the NSRS.

DATES: The public meeting will be held Tuesday, May 11 and Wednesday, May 12, 2010 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting location is the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s (NOAA) Science Center and Auditorium, located at 1301 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to Christine Gallagher, Program Analyst, National Geodetic Survey (N/NGS1), 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone: (301) 713–3231 x 105; E-mail: christine.gallagher@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Abstract

In January 2008, NGS adopted a 10-year plan identifying the need to change the geometric and vertical geodetic datums of the United States to improve the efficient use of the NAVSTAR Global Positioning System (GPS). Continuing technological developments and enhancements in space-based positioning, navigation, and timing systems by the United States, as well as in other international programs, including the Chinese global satellite navigation system COMPASS, the European Union’s satellite navigation system GALILEO, and the Russian GLONAS (Global'naya Navigatsionnaya Sputnikovaya Sistema), will have a profound impact on the integration of Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) technologies with Federal surveying, mapping, charting, and GIS programs. In an effort to support these rapid changes in positioning technologies, NGS has adopted a plan to replace NAD 83 and NAVD 88, as well as other state and territorial island datums, with more contemporary geodetic reference systems, thereby reducing several significant impediments to the efficient use of these positioning and navigation systems. This meeting will serve as a forum to allow Federal geospatial program managers, technical specialists, and contractors to address the impacts of the planned changes, offer an opportunity to discuss these changes, and explain how NGS may provide training and technical assistance to ensure minimal technical and budgetary impacts resulting from these new systems.


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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 Charleston, South Carolina.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Wednesday, April 21, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m., and Thursday, April 22, 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 Francis Marion Hotel, 387 King Street, Charleston, South Carolina.

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 p.m. to 4:45 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 2010, and from 8:35 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2010. 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 April 15, 2010.

Matters to be Considered: The focus of the Committee’s meeting will be the establishment of appropriate Subcommittees and Workgroups and their development of work plans to address the Committee’s new charge. The Committee will receive an update on the Administration’s Ocean Policy Task Force and Coastal and Marine