DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Extension of Award Period for FY 2007 Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Grants

AGENCY: National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service publishes this notice to announce that for those grants issued in fiscal year 2007 that are due to expire on September 30, 2010, NOAA may extend the financial assistance award period for up to six additional months, providing for a potential maximum award duration of three years and six months.

DATES: The provisions in this notice are implemented as of September 15, 2010. Award recipients who wish to avail themselves of the extension to the award period should contact their Program Officer by September 30, 2010 to inform them of their intent to seek an extension.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact: Elaine Vaudreuil, 301–713–3155 ext. 103, Elaine.Vaudreuil@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program was established pursuant to Public Law 107–77 for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses. In accordance with Public Law 107–77, CELCP published in the Federal Register on June 17, 2003 (68 FR 35860) program guidelines delineating the criteria for grant awards. The Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) outline a planning process for states to identify the conservation needs and priorities within each state; provide the information necessary for eligible coastal states to develop land conservation plans and nominate projects to a national competitive selection process; and delineate the criteria for grant awards. Consistent with the criteria for grants awarded in the Final Guidelines, the standard financial assistance award period for these awards is 18 months, which can be extended an additional 18 months if circumstances warrant, but may not exceed three years.

Several FY 2007 awards, whose award period is set to expire on September 30, 2010, have experienced circumstances late in the process that precluded their completion within the three-year timeframe provided in the CELCP Guidelines. Although the Final Guidelines indicate that the financial assistance award period may not exceed three years, NOAA is extending the maximum potential award duration for those FY 2007 grants in an open status on September 29, 2010, from three years to three years and six months, ending no later than March 31, 2011, in order to enable projects to be completed and funds expended for their intended purpose.

Award recipients who wish to avail themselves of the extension to the award period should contact their Program Officer by September 30, 2010 to inform them of their intent to seek an extension.

This extension applies to only FY 2007 CELCP awards in an open status on September 29, 2010. This notice does not modify any provision in the Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program published on June 17, 2003.

Classification

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.

Advisory 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 of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 et seq.) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 105th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and 149th Council meetings to take recommendations and action on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

DATES: The 105th SSC Meeting will be held on October 6–8 2010 in Honolulu, and the 149th Council meeting will be held on October 11–14, 2010, in Honolulu. For specific times and agendas, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The 105th SSC will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813. The 149th Council Standing Committee meeting will be held at Council office on October 11, 2010, and the full Council meeting between October 12–14, 2010, at the Laniaka YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In addition to the agenda items listed here, the SSC and Council will hear recommendations from Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Schedule and Agenda for 105th SSC Meeting:

Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 8:30 a.m.

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Draft Agenda and Assignment of Rapporteurs
3. Status of the 104th SSC Meeting Recommendations
4. Report from the Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center Director
5. Program Planning
   A. Annual Catch Limits (ACLs) Process
   1. Reef Fishery Data Analysis
   B. Third National SSC Workshop
   C. Public Comment
   D. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
6. Insular Fisheries
   A. Mariana Islands
   1. Bottomfish Scoping Meetings
   2. Community Fishery Monitoring
   3. Biosampling in the Mariana Islands
   B. Hawaii
   1. Bottomfish Stock Assessment
   2. Bottomfish Essential Fish Habitat
   3. Mesophotic Coral Ecosystem Assessments
   4. Puvalu Recommendations
   C. American Samoa
   D. Changes in socio-economic factors related to social resilience during post-tsunami rehabilitation in coastal Thailand
   E. Public Comment
   F. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Thursday, October 7, 2010, 8:30 a.m.
7. Pelagic Fisheries
   A. Hawaii Longline Bigeye Tuna Management Under a Catch Limit (Action)
   B. Proposed Changes to American Samoa Large Pelagic Fishing Vessel ≤50 ft Area Closure (Action)
   C. Hawaii Longline Bigeye Tuna Catch Shares Update
   D. Mitigation to reduce catches of North Pacific striped marlin in the Hawaii-based tuna fishery
   E. American Samoa and Hawaii Longline Quarterly Reports
   F. International Fisheries Meetings
      1. Western & Central Pacific Fisheries Commission (WCPFC) (Science Committee, Northern Committee, Technical & Compliance Committee)
      2. Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) (Sharks, Bluefin, Science Committee, IATTC Plenary)
      3. Fifth International Fishers Forum
   G. Public Comment
   H. SSC Discussion and Recommendations
8. Protected Species
   A. False Killer Whale Issues
      1. Longline Mitigation
      2. Take Reduction Plan Proposed Rule
      3. Stock Assessment Cruise
      4. Insular False Killer Whale Status
   Review and 12-month Finding
   B. Biological Opinion: American Samoa Longline Fishery
   C. U.S. National Research Council’s Review of Sea Turtle Population Assessment Methods
   D. Public Comment
   E. SSC Discussion and Recommendations

Friday, October 8, 2010, 8:30 a.m.
9. Other Business
   A. 106th SSC Meeting
   10. Summary of SSC Recommendations to the Council
149th Council Meeting, Monday, October 11, 2010, Council Office
Executive and Budget Standing Committee, 2 p.m. - 5 p.m.
149th Council Meeting, Tuesday, October 12, 2010, Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
   1. Introductions
   2. Guest Speaker
   3. Approval of Agenda
   4. Approval of the 148th Meeting Minutes
   5. Executive Director’s Report
   6. Agency Reports
      A. National Marine Fisheries Service
      1. Pacific Islands Regional Office
      2. Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center
   B. NOAA Regional Counsel
   C. State Department
   D. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
   E. Enforcement
      1. U.S. Coast Guard
      2. NMFS Office for Law Enforcement
      3. NOAA General Counsel for Enforcement and Litigation
   4. NOAA National and Regional Enforcement Priorities
   F. National Marine Sanctuaries Program
   G. Public Comment
   H. Mariana Islands Range Complex
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   C. Legislative Report
   D. Enforcement Issues
   E. Monument Activities
   F. Report on Bottomfish Scoping Meetings
   G. Update on Military Activities
   1. Mariana Islands Range Complex
   2. Guam Buildup
   H. Community Activities and Issues
      1. Cumulative Impacts to Guam fisheries and Fishermen
      2. Community Monitoring Workshop Report
   I. Public Comment
   J. Council Discussion and Action
   K. Program Planning and Research
   L. Public Comment
   M. Council Discussion and Action
   N. Program Planning and Research
   O. Public Comment
   P. Council Discussion and Action
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   X. Program Planning and Research
   Y. Public Comment
   Z. Council Discussion and Action

Fishers Forum, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Aloha Tower Marketplace
Marine Spatial Planning: Fishermen and Ocean User Perspectives

Wednesday, October 13, 2010, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.
10. Hawaii Archipelago
   A. Moku Pepa
   B. Commercial Marine License Compliance
   C. Hawaii Shark Fin Law
   D. Action Items
      1. Bottomfish Stock Assessment
      2. Community Development Program Application
   E. Permitting Issues
      1. MHI Research Permits
      2. NWRI Monument Permits
   F. Sustenance Fishing in the Monument Policy
   G. Community Activities and Issues
      1. Hawaii Bottomfish Restricted Fishing Areas
      a. Monitoring
      b. State and Federal Enforcement
      c. Hawaii Community Fishery Workshop Report
      3. Puwalu and Moku Meeting Report
      H. SSC Recommendations
      1. Public Hearing
      J. Council Discussion and Action
      11. Program Planning and Research
      A. Annual Catch Limits
         1. Recommendations on a Process for Establishing Annual Catch Limits (Final Action)
      2. Reef Fisheries Data Analysis
      B. Fisheries Monitoring and Compliance
      1. Vessel Monitoring System Policy
      C. Marine Spatial Planning
      D. Hawaii, Regional, National & International Education and Outreach
      E. SSC Recommendations
      F. Public Hearing
      G. Council Discussion and Action
      12. Protected Species
         A. False Killer Whale Issues
            1. Take Reduction Plan Proposed Rule
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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meeting

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’s (MAFMC) Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: Wednesday, October 6, 2010, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESS: The meeting will be held at the Embassy Suites Philadelphia Airport, 9000 Bartram Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19153; (telephone: 215–365–4500).

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674–2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher M. Moore Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 526–5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee meeting is to begin the development of Amendment 14 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan. Amendment 14 will be focused on monitoring, bycatch, and management integration issues, especially as related to alolwef, blueback herring, American shad, and hickory shad in terms of their interactions with the directed Atlantic mackerel and Loligo fisheries. The meeting will generally be non-decisional and informational in nature, with the Committee receiving a variety of presentations on topics relevant to Amendment 14. An agenda, list of speakers, and any briefing documents will be posted to the Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish section of the Mid-Atlantic Council’s website, http://www.mafmc.org/fmp/msb.htm, by September 29, 2010.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (808) 522–8220 (voice) or (808) 522–8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: September 13, 2010

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Multi-Sector Trade Mission to Nigeria

Mission Statement: Multi-Sector Trade Mission to Nigeria, March 8–10, 2011

I. Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service is organizing a Trade Mission to Nigeria March 8–10, 2011, to help U.S. firms find business partners and sell equipment and services in Lagos and Abuja, Nigeria. Targeted sectors include, but are not limited to, energy and power generation, health care, information technology, transportation and construction. This mission will be led by a senior official and will include business-to-business matchmaking with local companies, market briefings, and meetings with key government officials.

II. Commercial Setting

In 2009, the Nigerian economy was among the top 20 fastest growing in the world at 6+%, and is one of the two largest economies in Africa. The International Monetary Fund projects Nigeria’s economy to continue to grow at 6+% for the next 4 years. With a population of 150 million people, the largest in Africa and 8th largest in the world, Nigeria has a thriving consumer market. Total U.S.-Nigeria trade did fall from $3.4 trillion to $2.6 trillion in 2008 but is expected to surge in conjunction with Nigeria’s growing economy. U.S. exports to Nigeria in 2009 consisted mostly of cereals, vehicles, machinery, fuel and aircraft.

There is significant business potential for U.S. businesses willing to conduct due diligence and draw on Commercial Service assistance in screening prospective partners and customers in Nigeria. Nigerians prefer U.S. products due to quality, name brand recognition and seek competitive pricing. The business culture relies heavily on the strength of personal contacts to consummate deals. This trade mission offers U.S. company