

3. Whether this project duplicates other projects funded or considered for funding by NOAA or other agencies.

4. Program priorities and policy factors.

5. Applicant's prior award performance.

6. Partnerships and/or participation of targeted groups.

7. Adequacy of information necessary for NOAA staff to make a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) determination and draft necessary documentation before recommendations for funding are made to the Grants Officer.

*Intergovernmental Review:*

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Programs."

*Limitation of Liability:* In no event will NOAA or 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 NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

*National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA):* NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, [http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.hss.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm).

Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required.

Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

*The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements:* The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of February 11, 2008 (73 FR 7696), are applicable to this solicitation.

*Paperwork Reduction Act:* This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 4040-0004, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

*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 implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

*Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act:* Prior notices 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: November 9, 2010.

**Leon M. Cammen,**

*Acting, Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### (NOAA) Science Advisory Board (SAB)

**AGENCY:** Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Science Advisory Board (SAB) was established by a Decision Memorandum dated September 25, 1997, and is the only Federal Advisory Committee with responsibility to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on strategies for research, education, and application of science to operations and information services. SAB activities and advice provide necessary input to ensure that National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) science programs are of the highest quality and provide optimal support to resource management.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 30, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Wednesday, December 1, 2010, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Please refer to the Web page <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Meetings/meetings.html> for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

*Place:* The meeting will be held both days at Dupont Hotel, 1500 New Hampshire Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20036, Phone: (202) 483 6000.

Please check the SAB Web site <http://www.sab.noaa.gov> for confirmation of the venue and for directions.

*Status:* The meeting will be open to public participation with a 30-minute public comment period on November 30 at 5:15 p.m. (check Web site to confirm time). The SAB expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments should be received in the SAB Executive Director's

Office by November 19, 2010 to provide sufficient time for SAB review. Written comments received by the SAB Executive Director after November 19, 2010, will be distributed to the SAB, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Matters to be Considered:** The meeting will include the following topics: (1) NOAA Overview, Background and Introduction to the Climate Service, including Responses to the Reviews and Reports from the SAB Climate Working Group; (2) Strategic Framework for the Climate Service; (3) Report on the Climate Service Study by the National Academy of Public Administration; (4) The Plan for NOAA Reorganization to Form the Climate Service and Strengthen Science; (5) The Future of NOAA Oceanic and Atmospheric Research; (6) NOAA Response to the Ecosystem Science and Management Working Group Recommendations on the Ocean Color Satellite Continuity Mitigation Study; (8) NOAA Response to the Ecosystem Sciences and Management Working Group Recommendations on the NOAA Coastal Strategy Initiative; (9) Report on the Review of the Cooperative Institute for Limnology and Ecosystems Research (CILER); (10) NOAA Cooperative Institutes: New CIs and New Models for CIs; (11) NOAA Education Programs: Results of the National Academy of Sciences Report; (12) NOAA Educational Partnership Program Cooperative Science Centers; (13) Update of the SAB Working Group Subcommittee and (14) Updates from SAB Working Groups.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Cynthia Decker, Executive Director, Science Advisory Board, NOAA, Rm. 11230, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Phone: 301-734-1156, Fax: 301-713-1459, E-mail: [Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov](mailto:Cynthia.Decker@noaa.gov); or visit the NOAA SAB Web site at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov>.

Dated: November 9, 2010.

**Leon M. Cammen,**

*Acting Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Texas Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

**DATES:** The meeting will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 and conclude no later than 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Hampton Inn & Suites Houston-Clear Lake-NASA, 506 West Bay Area Blvd., Webster, TX 77598; telephone: (281) 332-7952.

*Council Address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Rester, Habitat Support Specialist, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: (228) 875-5912.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At this meeting, the Advisory Panel will tentatively discuss the Long Term Recovery Plan After the Deepwater Horizon Oil Spill, the National Ocean Policy Task Force, West Galveston Bay wetland restoration projects, the Deepwater Horizon oil spill, the National Resource Damage Assessment process, the Gulf of Mexico Alliance Regional Sediment Management Plan, and the Essential Fish Habitat 5-Year Review Report.

The Texas group is part of a three unit Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP) of the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council. The principal role of the advisory panels is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. Advisory panels serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities that may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The panels may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the panel for

discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tina O'Hern at the Council (*see ADDRESSES*) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: November 9, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. PTO-T-2010-0085]

**Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure, Seventh Edition**

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Patent and Trademark Office ("USPTO") issued the seventh edition of the *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure* ("TMEP"), and made available archived copies of the fourth, fifth, and sixth editions, on October 15, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** The USPTO prefers that any suggestions for improving the form and content of the TMEP be submitted via electronic mail message to [tmtmep@uspto.gov](mailto:tmtmep@uspto.gov). Written comments may also be submitted by mail addressed to: Commissioner for Trademarks, P.O. Box 1451, Alexandria, VA 22313-1451, marked to the attention of Editor, *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure*, or by hand delivery to the Trademark Assistance Center, Concourse Level, James Madison Building-East Wing, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, Virginia, marked to the attention of Editor, *Trademark Manual of Examining Procedure*.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Catherine P. Cain, Office of the Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Examination Policy, by electronic mail at: [catherine.cain@uspto.gov](mailto:catherine.cain@uspto.gov); or by mail