

contained in the petition and other scientific information available on the status of the ENP gray whale stock. As noted in the Commission's statement above, the pertinent analysis for assessing the status of the ENP gray whale stock is whether or not, based upon the best available scientific information, the ENP gray whale stock is above or below its MNPL. Although NMFS is denying the current petition, the analysis supporting this denial involved an assessment of the status of the stock. In this evaluation, NMFS concluded that Punt and Wade (2010) analyzed and reported the best available information assessing the status of the ENP gray whale stock.

Punt and Wade (2010) used an accepted age- and sex-structured population dynamics model and estimated key biological parameters from a long time series of data collected over a long period of time. Punt and Wade (2010) used all available information from abundance data collected since the mid-1960s to 2006 (and analyzed using consistent methods by Laake *et al.* (2009)), incorporated uncertainty from input parameters and data, and simulated key demographic parameters, thus capturing key biological processes. Punt and Wade (2010) included a catastrophic mortality event, which accommodated the elevated strandings of ENP gray whales observed in 1999 and 2000. As a result of this catastrophic mortality, which was declared and evaluated as an unusual mortality event pursuant to MMPA section 404 (16 U.S.C. 1421c), Punt and Wade (2010) estimated that the population was reduced by about 30 percent (about 15 percent annually for two years) due to the elevated mortality rates observed in 1999 and 2000. Punt and Wade (2010) also estimated that the ENP gray whale stock was currently 129 percent of the MNPL with a probability of 0.884 that the stock was within its OSP. Punt and Wade (2010) used the best and most recent information available and adequately incorporated uncertainties for model parameters. Punt and Wade (2010) may be characterized as follows: the approach and the information analyzed were subjected to internal NMFS and external peer review, and this analysis was consistent with NMFS' previously stated practice to use current K to make OSP determinations where possible. NMFS considers Punt and Wade (2010) to be the best scientific information available for evaluating the status of ENP gray whales relative to their OSP and has included the Punt and Wade (2010) analyses and conclusions in the

draft 2010 marine mammal stock assessment reports in the most recently available abundance estimate in reporting the status of the stock (Allen and Angliss, 2010). Accordingly, NMFS reaffirms that the ENP stock of gray whales is above its MNPL and, therefore, within its OSP.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Council Coordination Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will host a meeting of the Council Coordination Committee (CCC), consisting of the Regional Fishery Management Council chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors in January 2011. The intent of this meeting is to discuss issues of relevance to the Councils, including FY 2011 budget allocations and budget planning, Annual Catch Limits (ACLs), Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning, Recreational Fishery Issues, Enforcement, Catch Shares Policy Implementation, and other topics related to implementation of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. on Tuesday, January 11, 2011, recess at 5:30 p.m. or when business is complete; and reconvene at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, and adjourn by 5 p.m. or when business is complete.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Phoenix Park Hotel, 520 North Capitol Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001, telephone 1-800-824-5419, fax 202-638-4025.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** William D. Chappell: telephone 301-713-2337 or e-mail at [William.Chappell@noaa.gov](mailto:William.Chappell@noaa.gov); or Tara Scott: telephone 301-713-2337 or e-mail at [Tara.Scott@noaa.gov](mailto:Tara.Scott@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (MSRA) of 2006 established the Council Coordination Committee (CCC) by amending Section 302 (16 U.S.C. 1852) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act. The committee consists of the chairs, vice chairs, and executive directors of each of the eight Regional Fishery Management Councils authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Act or other Council members or staff. NMFS will host this meeting and provide reports to the CCC for its information and discussion. All sessions are open to the public.

#### Proposed Agenda

*January, 11, 2011*

9 a.m. Morning Session Begins.  
9-10:30 Welcome comments and Round Robin with Councils.  
10:30-10:45 Break.  
10:45-11:30 Round Robin with Councils (Continued).  
11:30-12 "Managing Our Nation's Fisheries" III Planning.  
12 noon-1:30 p.m. Lunch.  
1:30 Afternoon Session Begins.  
1:30-2:15 Performance Measures.  
2:15-3:15 Budget Issues FY11:  
• Status, Allocation, Council Grants.  
• FY12: Update.  
3:15-3:30 Break.  
3:30-4:15 Budget Issues  
(Continued).  
4:15-5:15 ACLs and Associated Science Issues.  
• National Science ACL Workshop.  
• Report of the 2010 National Scientific and Statistical Committees (SSC) Workshop.  
• Planning for National SSC Workshop—MAFMC.  
• Prioritizing Future Stock assessments to Meet MSRA Requirements.  
5:15-5:30 Review of Procedure for Approval of Councils' Standard Operating Policy and Procedures.  
5:30 Adjourn for the Day.

*Wednesday, January 12, 2011*

8:30 a.m. Morning Session Begins.  
8:30-9 Communication on Ending Overfishing.  
9-9:30 Recreational Fisheries Engagement Strategy.  
9:30-10:30 Marine Recreational Information Program (MRIP) Re-estimation Project Update.  
10:30-10:45 Break.  
10:45-11:30 Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning.  
11:30-1 p.m. Lunch.  
1-Afternoon Session Begins.  
1-2 Catch Shares Policy Implementation.

2–3 Enforcement Issues.  
 3–3:15 Break.  
 3:15–4:15 Impacts and Response to Climate Change.  
 4:15–4:45 May Council Coordination Committee (CCC) Agenda Planning.  
 4:45–5 Wrap-up.  
 5 p.m. Adjourn.

The order in which the agenda items are addressed may change. The CCC will meet as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tara Scott at 301–713–2337x177 at least five working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 20, 2010.

**Emily H. Menashes,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee; Establishment and Meeting

**ACTION:** Announcement of Charter and Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice advises of the public of the establishment of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee (NCADAC) and of an upcoming meeting of the NCADAC.

**Date and Time:** The NCADAC will meet on February 3–4, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Washington, DC—the venue to be announced on the <http://www.globalchange.gov> Web site. The public portion of the meeting may have limited seating capacity.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kandis Wyatt, the NCADAC Designated Federal Official (DFO), NESDIS, SSMC1 Room 8330, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 240–429–0512, e-mail: [Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule of Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41

CFR part 102–3, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the establishment of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee (NCADAC) is in the public interest, in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law. The NCADAC will consist of approximately 35 members to be appointed by the Under Secretary to assure a balanced representation among preeminent scientists, educators, and experts reflecting the full scope of the scientific issues. An additional 15 members are named to represent the federal agencies in the U.S. Global Change Research Program. The NCADAC will function solely as an advisory body, and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Its charter will be filed under the Act 15 days from the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

#### Matters To Be Considered

During this open public meeting, the Committee will receive updates on plans for development of the First Draft of the National Climate Assessment Development and Advisory Committee's Report to Congress and the President.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to Dr. Kandis Wyatt, the NCADAC Designated Federal Official (DFO), NESDIS, SSMC1 Room 8330, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 240–429–0512, e-mail: [Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov).

#### Additional Information and Public Comments

Any member of the public wishing further information concerning the meeting or who wishes to submit oral or written comments should contact: Dr. Kandis Wyatt, the NCADAC Designated Federal Official (DFO), NESDIS, SSMC1 Room 8330, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 240–429–0512, e-mail: [Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov).

The NCADAC expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously-submitted oral or written statements. The meeting will be open to public participation and will include a 30-minute public comment period on February 4, 2011 from 9 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. (please check the <http://www.globalchange.gov> Web site to confirm this time). In general, each individual or group that is not attending

as a member of the FAC but wishes to make a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Written comments will also be accepted and 50 copies should be received by the NCADAC Designated Federal Official (DFO) by January 24, 2011 to provide sufficient time for review. Written comments received after January 24, 2011 will be distributed to the NCADAC, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Kandis Wyatt, the NCADAC Designated Federal Official (DFO), NESDIS, SSMC1 Room 8330, 1335 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone 240–429–0512, e-mail: [Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov](mailto:Kandis.Wyatt@noaa.gov).

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Nomination of Existing Marine Protected Areas to the National System of Marine Protected Areas

**AGENCY:** NOAA, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Public notice and opportunity for comment on the list of nominations received from state and territorial marine protected area programs to join the National System of Marine Protected Areas.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA and the Department of the Interior (DOI) invited federal, state, commonwealth, and territorial marine protected area (MPA) programs with potentially eligible existing MPAs to nominate their sites to the National System of MPAs (national system). The national system and the nomination process are described in the *Framework for the National System of Marine Protected Areas of the United States* (Framework), developed in response to Executive Order 13158 on Marine Protected Areas. The final Framework was published on November 19, 2008, (73 FR 69608) and provides guidance for collaborative efforts among federal, state, commonwealth, territorial, tribal and local governments and stakeholders to develop an effective and well coordinated national system of MPAs that includes existing MPAs meeting national system criteria as well as new sites that may be established by