

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: January 13, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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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 public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held February 7-10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Courtyard Marriott, 1600 E. Beach Blvd, Gulfport, MS 39501.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Stephen Bortone, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Wednesday, February 9, 2011

3:30 p.m.—The Council meeting will begin with a review of the agenda and approval of the minutes.

3:45 p.m.—4 p.m.—The Council will receive a presentation titled “Fisheries 101”.

4 p.m.—6 p.m.—The Council will receive public testimony on exempted fishing permits (EFPs), if any and hold an

open public comment period regarding any fishery issue of concern. People wishing to speak before the Council should complete a public comment card prior to the comment period.

Thursday, February 10, 2011

8:30 a.m.—5:15 p.m.—The Council will review and discuss reports from the committee meetings as follows: Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem; Reef Fish; Administrative Policy; Habitat Protection; SEDAR Selection; AP Selection; Data Collection; Budget/Personnel; Shrimp; Outreach & Education; Coral; Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab; and Coastal Migratory Pelagic (Mackerel).

5:15 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Other Business items will follow.

Approximately 5:30 p.m., the Council will conclude its meeting.

Committees

Monday, February 7, 2011

8:30 a.m.—11:30 a.m. & 1 p.m.—2 p.m.—The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will meet to receive an update on Ecosystem activities; receive a report from the Sector Separation workshop; review the Generic Annual Catch Limits/Accountability Measures Amendment; and review a Scoping Document for the Generic Earned Income Requirement/Crew Size Amendment.

2 p.m.—3:45 p.m.—The Administrative Policy Committee will review and potentially take final action on the Administrative Handbook; discuss initiating a strategic plan for the Council; and discuss SSC attendance issues and possible solutions.

3:45 p.m.—4:15 p.m.—The Habitat Protection Committee will meet to hear summaries and recommendations of the Habitat Protection Advisory Panels’ meetings regarding the Essential Fish Habitat 5-year Review Report.

4:15 p.m.—4:45 p.m.—The Data Collection committee will meet to receive a summary and recommendations of the Vessel Monitoring Systems Advisory Panel.

4:45 p.m.—5 p.m.—SEDAR Selection Committee/Full Council. The SEDAR Selection Committee and full Council will receive a report on the SEDAR Steering Committee meeting.

5 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—Advisory Panel Selection Committee/Full Council will discuss the makeup of the new Ad Hoc Individual Fishing Quota Review Advisory Panel.

5:30 p.m.—5:45 p.m.—CLOSED SESSION—Advisory Panel Selection

Committee/Full Council will appoint members to the new Ad Hoc Individual Fishing Quota Review Advisory Panel.

5:45 p.m.—6 p.m.—CLOSED SESSION—The Full Council will meet to hear a litigation briefing.

Recess

Tuesday, February 8, 2010

8:30 a.m.—9 a.m.—The Budget Committee will review the fourth quarter budget.

9 a.m.—10 a.m.—The Shrimp Management Committee will review the 2010 Texas Closure and consider the 2011 Texas closure; receive a summary of the Shrimp Advisory Panel meeting; receive a preliminary report on the 2010 shrimp effort; and hear a report of the Sawfish Workshop.

10 a.m.—12 noon & 1:30 p.m.—5:30 p.m.—The Reef Fish Management Committee will receive an update of the 2010 red snapper landings and status of the regulatory amendment; review the mutton snapper and goliath grouper benchmark assessments; review the re-run of the gag update assessment; review the goliath grouper assessment; discuss the impact of observed discard estimates on the red grouper stock assessment; review an options paper for a red snapper regulatory amendment to adjust the fall closing date and allow for weekend openings; receive a report on the Limited Access Privilege Program Advisory Panel meeting; discuss the individual fishing quota finance program; and review an individual fishing quota discussion paper.

Recess

Immediately Following Committee Recess—There will be an informal open public question and answer session on Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Issues.

Wednesday February 9, 2011

8:30 a.m.—10 a.m.—The Spiny Lobster/Stone Crab Committee will review the actions of the South Atlantic Council regarding Joint Amendment 10 for Spiny Lobster and then approve the amendment for public hearings.

10 a.m.—12:30 p.m.—The Coastal Migratory Pelagics (Mackerel) Committee will review Draft Amendment 18 to the Coastal Migratory Pelagics and consider approval for public hearings.

2 p.m.—2:45 p.m.—The Outreach & Education Committee will hear a summary of the Outreach & Education Advisory Panel.

2:45 p.m.—3:30 p.m.—The Coral Management Committee will hear a presentation titled “Ecology &

Conservation of Deep-sea Coral Habitats & Communities in the Gulf of Mexico.”

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees 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 these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas 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 action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date/time established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Trish Kennedy at the Council (*see ADDRESSES*) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: January 14, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Closed Meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011, and Tuesday, February 22, 2011, at 10 a.m. at 1400 Key Boulevard, Level A, Room A101, Rosslyn, Virginia, 22209. Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense

has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dated: January 13, 2011.

Morgan F. Park,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Air Force

U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Air Force Academy Board of Visitors, DoD.

ACTION: Meeting notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 9355, Title 10, United States Code (U.S.C.), the United States Air Force Academy (USAFA) Board of Visitors (BoV) will meet in Harmon Hall, 2304 Cadet Drive, Suite 3300, at USAFA in Colorado Springs, CO, on 4-5 February 2011. The meeting will begin on Friday, 4 February at 1330 p.m. and continue the next day, 5 February at 0710 a.m. The purpose of this meeting is to review morale and discipline, social climate, curriculum, instruction, infrastructure, fiscal affairs, academic methods, and other matters relating to the Academy. Specific topics for this meeting include updates on select USAFA metrics; an overview of the bi-annual Sexual Assault and Gender Relations Report; an overview of the USAFA diversity strategic plan; an overview of Don't Ask Don't Tell—the Way Ahead; and an overview of the Association of Graduates and University Endowment.

Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended, and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force has determined that a portion of this

meeting shall be closed to the public. The Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Air Force, in consultation with the Office of the Air Force General Counsel, has determined in writing that the public interest requires two portions of this meeting be closed to the public because it will involve matters covered by subsection (c)(6) of 5 U.S.C. 552b. The Character update/Status of discipline will discuss protected information on individual cases. Likewise, the focus groups will require cadets to share personal information, opinions and experiences concerning their superiors, peers, and the Academy. Closure of these portions of the meeting is appropriate under 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) to protect the privacy of low level “employees.”

Public attendance at the open portions of this USAFA BoV meeting shall be accommodated on a first-come, first-served basis up to the reasonable and safe capacity of the meeting room. In addition, any member of the public wishing to provide input to the USAFA BoV should submit a written statement in accordance with 41 CFR 102-3.140(c) and section 10(a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and the procedures described in this paragraph. Written statements must address the following details: The issue, discussion, and a recommended course of action. Supporting documentation may also be included as needed to establish the appropriate historical context and provide any necessary background information. Written statements can be submitted to the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) at the Air Force Pentagon address detailed below at any time. However, if a written statement is not received at least 10 days before the first day of the meeting which is the subject of this notice, then it may not be provided to, or considered by, the BoV until its next open meeting. The DFO will review all timely submissions with the BoV Chairperson and ensure they are provided to members of the BoV before the meeting that is the subject of this notice. For the benefit of the public, rosters that list the names of BoV members and any releasable materials presented during open portions of this BoV meeting shall be made available upon request.

If, after review of timely submitted written comments, the BoV Chairperson and DFO deem appropriate, they may choose to invite the submitter of the written comments to orally present their issue during an open portion of the BoV meeting that is the subject of this notice. Members of the BoV may also petition the Chairperson to allow specific persons to make oral presentations