Multi-species Fishery Management Plan (FW 47) and other issues. During its deliberations the Committee will consider the advice of the Groundfish Advisory Panel and the Recreational Advisory Panel. FW 47 will modify specifications for the fishery and consider changes to accountability measures, as well as adjust other measures. Changes to the specifications could include the adoption of sub-annual catch limits that limit the catches of Southern New England/Mid-Atlantic Bight (SNE/MAB) windowpane and/or SNE winter flounder by the scallop fishery, and SNE/MAB windowpane by other fisheries. The Committee will review draft FW 47 and may develop recommendations for preferred alternatives that will be presented to the Council. The Committee will review groundfish management priorities for 2012 and will develop a Committee recommendation on these priorities. The Committee will also consider information from a sector review workshop planned for October and may prioritize the issues identified at the workshop that need to be addressed to improve sector performance. Finally, the Committee will develop advice on any accountability measures that may be needed for the recreational fishery (indications are that an AM will be needed for Gulf of Maine haddock). Committee recommendations will be presented to the Council etc. Other business may be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: October 12, 2011.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Schedules for Atlantic Shark Identification Workshops and Protected Species Safe Handling, Release, and Identification Workshops; Correction

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshops; Correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the address for the Atlantic Shark Identification workshop scheduled for November 17, 2011, in Charleston, SC, has been changed. This workshop was originally announced on September 27, 2011. The new address remains within the vicinity of Charleston, SC, but the workshop will be held at another venue. The workshop time and date remain unchanged: 12 p.m. to 4 p.m. on November 17, 2011. The October and December workshop locations remain unchanged. Atlantic Shark Identification workshops are mandatory for Atlantic Shark Dealer permit holders or their proxies. Additional free workshops will be held in 2011 and 2012.

DATES: The address for the Atlantic Shark Identification Workshop scheduled for November 17, 2011, in Charleston, SC, has changed. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further details.

ADDRESSES: The address for the Atlantic Shark Identification workshop in Charleston, SC, has been changed. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for further details.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Pearson of the Highly Migratory Species Management Division at (727) 824–5399.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Correction

In the Federal Register (Doc. 2011–24835) of September 27, 2011, on page 59661, in the third column, correct the location of the second Atlantic Shark Identification workshop listed under the heading “Workshop Dates, Times, and Locations” to read:

“2. November 17, 2011, 12 p.m.–4 p.m., Hampton Inn & Suites, 1104 Isle of Palms Connector, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.”

Dated: October 12, 2011.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Request for Applications for Vacant Seats on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is seeking applications for the following six vacant seats on the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: recreational diving, oil and gas operations, recreational fishing, commercial fishing, research and education. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve three-year terms, pursuant to the council’s Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by December 9, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Jennifer Morgan, NOAA–Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, 4700 Avenue U, Bldg. 216, Galveston, TX 77551 or downloaded from the sanctuary Web site http://flowergarden.noaa.gov. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Morgan, NOAA–Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, 4700 Avenue U, Bldg. 216, Galveston, TX 77551, 409–621–5151 ext. 103, Jennifer.Morgan@noaa.gov.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Located in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico, the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary includes three separate areas, known as East Flower Garden, West Flower Garden, and Stetson Banks. The Sanctuary was designated on January 17, 1992. Stetson Bank was added to the Sanctuary in 1996. The Sanctuary Advisory Council will consist of no more than 21 members; 16 nongovernmental voting members and 5 governmental non-voting members. The Council may serve as a forum for consultation and deliberation among its members and as a source of advice to the Sanctuary manager regarding the management of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary. Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, et seq.

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Dated: October 4, 2011.

Daniel J. Basta,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Membership of the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Performance Review Board

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Membership on the National Telecommunications and Information Administration’s Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C. 4314 (c)(4), the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Department of Commerce (DOC), announce the appointment of those individuals who have been selected to serve as members of NTIA’s Performance Review Board. The Performance Review Board is responsible for (1) reviewing performance appraisals and rating of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and (2) making recommendations to the appointing authority on other performance management issues, such as pay adjustments, bonuses and Presidential Rank Awards for SES members. The appointment of these members to the Performance Review Board will be for a period of twenty-four (24) months.

DATES: The appointment of those individuals selected for NTIA’s Performance Review Board begins on October 17, 2011.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruthie B. Stewart, Department of Commerce Human Resources Operations Center (DOCHROC), Office of Staffing, Recruitment, and Classification/Executive Resources Operations, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 7419, Washington, DC 20230, at (202) 482–3130.

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DATES: The period of appointment for those individuals selected for NTIA’s Performance Review Board begins on October 17, 2011.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

Susan Boggs,
Director, Office of Staffing, Recruitment and Classification, Department of Commerce Human Resources Operations Center.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO–C–2011–0056]

Request for Comments on Intellectual Property Enforcement in China

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for written submissions from the public.

SUMMARY: As China has become a major trading partner for the United States, U.S. rights holders are increasingly seeking to protect and enforce their intellectual property (IP) in that country. China’s patent and trademark offices are now among the largest in the world in terms of filings, and its IP enforcement system is being increasingly utilized by U.S. rights holders. Ensuring that the Chinese IP system works in a fair and timely manner for U.S. innovators is a top priority for the U.S. Government.

To that end, the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), in collaboration with other U.S. Government agencies, is leading an effort to identify and assess the challenges U.S. inventors are facing with China’s judicial and administrative patent enforcement systems. The USPTO would like to address the concerns of rights holders by working with them to identify problems—such as difficulties in gathering evidence, meeting evidentiary requirements, protecting proprietary information, obtaining adequate damages, and enforcing preliminary injunctions—to then find ways to address these issues with the Chinese Government.

As part of this effort, the USPTO, in coordination with the White House Intellectual Property Enforcement Coordinator (IPEC), has conducted a series of roundtables to obtain the views of diverse members of the patent community who have first-hand experience enforcing their patents in China. Roundtables were held on July 19, 2011, in Washington, DC; on July 26, 2011, in Beijing, China; on July 29, 2011, in Shanghai, China; and on August 1, 2011, in Guangzhou, China.