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National Sea Grant Advisory Board (NSGAB) Spring Meeting

March 5–6, 2012

Agenda

The Melrose Hotel, Potomac II, 2430 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20037.

Monday, March 5

8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.—Open to Public

- 8:00 Introductions, review agenda, approval of minutes, etc. (Nancy Rabalais, Chair, NSGAB)
- 8:15 Chair's update (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 8:30 NSGO report (Leon Cammen, National Sea Grant Office—NSGO)
- 9:15 SGA report (Jonathan Pennock, President, Sea Grant Association)
- 9:45 Break—15 minutes
- 10:00 Sea Grant Reauthorization Planning (Rollie Schmitten, NSGAB)
- 10:45 Sea Grant Charter Renewal (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 11:15 Discussion of morning topics and review of Board Assignments
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Biennial Report Discussion (Dick West, NSGAB)
- 2:30 Break—15 minutes
- 2:45 SAB Meeting notes (D. West, NSGAB)
- 3:00 Focus Team liaison reports —Hazard Resilience in Coastal Communities (Mike Liffman, NSGO)
—Healthy Coastal Ecosystems (Dorn Carlson, NSGO)
—Safe and Sustainable Seafood Supply (Amy Scaroni, NSGO)
—Sustainable Coastal Development (Joshua Brown, NSGAB)
- 3:30 Sea Grant Week update (Harry Simmons, NSGAB)
- 4:00 Discussion of afternoon topics
- 4:30 Public Comment Period (15 minutes)
- 4:45 Wrap-up (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 5:00 Adjourn

6:00 *Sea Grant Knauss Fellowship Reception Rayburn House Office Building Rooms B338/B339*

Tuesday, March 6

- 8:30 a.m.–3:00 p.m.—Open to Public
- 8:30 Call to Order, review agenda and previous day's discussions (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 8:45 NOAA, Department of Commerce and Department of the Interior (N.

- Rabalais, NSGAB and L. Cammen, NSGO)
- 9:30 NOAA Research Portfolio (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 10:00 Break—15 minutes
- 10:15 Performance Review Panel (PRP) (Sami Grimes, NSGO)
- 10:45 Strategic Plan update (D. Vortmann, NSGAB, Kola Garber, NSGO)
- 11:00 Dr. Robert Detrick, Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research and Craig McLean, Deputy Assistant Administrator for NOAA Research (Joint Session with SGA in Potomac III)
- 12:00 Lunch
- 1:00 Stuart Levenbach, Office of Management and Budget, NOAA Program Examiner (Joint Session with SGA in Potomac III)
- 2:00 Virginia Tippie, Coastal America (Joint Session with SGA in Potomac III)
- 2:30 Sea Grant and the Draft Implementation Action Plan of the National Ocean Policy follow-up (N. Rabalais, NSGAB)
- 2:45 Discussion of meeting topics and next steps
- 3:00 Adjourn

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648—XB009

Western Pacific Pelagic Fisheries; American Samoa Longline Limited Entry Program

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

ACTION: Notice; availability of permits.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the availability of at least six permits for the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery.

DATES: NMFS must receive completed permit applications by June 22, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Request a blank application form from NMFS Pacific Islands Region (PIR), 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4733, or the PIR Web site www.fpir.noaa.gov. Mail your completed application and payment to NMFS PIR, ATTN: ASLE Permits, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd. Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814–4733.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walter Ikehara, Sustainable Fisheries,

NMFS PIR, tel 808–944–2275, fax 808–973–2940, or email PIRO-permits@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS may issue new permits for the American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry program if the number of permits in a vessel size class falls below the maximum allowed. Six permits are available, as follows:

- Four in Class A (vessels less than or equal to 40 ft in overall length); and
- Two in Class D (over 70 ft in overall length).

The number of available permits may increase before the application period closes.

NMFS will assign the highest priority to the applicant (for any vessel size class) with the earliest documented participation in the fishery on a Class A vessel. Applicants with earliest documented participation in Classes B, C, and D, in that order, will get lower priority. If there is a tie in priority, the person with the documented earliest following participation will receive higher priority.

NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**) will not accept applications received after June 22, 2012. You must provide a completed and signed application form, legible copies of documents supporting historical participation in the American Samoa pelagic longline fishery, and payment (non-refundable) for the application-processing fee.

You may find the regulations governing the American Samoa pelagic longline limited entry program at Title 50 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 665.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Endangered Species; File No. 16253

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center (SEFSC; Responsible Party: