Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

Reports:
1. Executive Director’s Report
2. NMFS Management Report (including report on observer deployment and implementation, report on Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) consultation, update on response to halibut subsistence proposal)
3. Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Report (including report on Chinook salmon conference and update on halibut subsistence proposal)
4. NOAA Enforcement Report
5. United States Coast Guard (USCG) Report (including Aleutian Island Risk Assessment)
6. United State Fish & Wildlife (USFWL) Report
8. Protected Species Report
9. Groundfish Specifications: Review Gulf of Alaska (GOA) pollock Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP); Adopt final catch specifications for GOA groundfish; Adopt final catch specifications for Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) groundfish.
10. Salmon Prohibited Species Catch (PSC): Initial review on BSAI Chum Salmon Bycatch; Initial review on GOA Chinook Bycatch all Trawl Fisheries.
11. Halibut Issues: Recommendations for 2013 Charter Halibut; Discussion paper on Community Quota Entity (CQE) small block restrictions; Discussion paper on retention of 4A halibut in sablefish pots.
14. Miscellaneous Salmon Genetics
15. Review BSAI Salmon Bycatch
16. Review GOA Chinook Bycatch all trawl fisheries

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council except B reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed 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 Gail Bendixen at (907) 271–2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

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

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Hydrographic Services Review Panel Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Hydrographic Services Review Panel (HSRP) is a Federal Advisory Committee established to advise the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 303 of the Hydrographic Services Improvement Act of 1998, its amendments, and such other appropriate matters that the Under Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice.

Date and Time: The public meeting will be held on November 27–29, 2012, November 27th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; November 28th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; and November 29th from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Location: Astoria Crowne Plaza, 739 Canal Street, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70130, tel: (504) 962–0500. Refer to the HSRP Web site listed below for the most current meeting agenda. Times and agenda topics are subject to change.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy Watson, HSRP Program Coordinator, National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301–713–2770 ext. 158; Fax: 301–713–4019; Email: Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov or visit the NOAA HSRP Web site at http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hrsp/hrsp.htm.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HSRP meeting will be open to the public and public comment periods (on-site) will be scheduled in the meeting agenda. Comment periods are scheduled in the afternoon, will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes per person, and are recorded as part of the meeting minutes. A final meeting agenda will be posted on the HSRP Web site at: http://nauticalcharts.noaa.gov/ocs/hrsp/hrsp.htm before November 27, 2012. Written comments should be submitted to Hydroservices.panel@noaa.gov by November 19, 2012. Written comments received after November 19, 2012, will be distributed, but may not reach Panel members for review until the meeting date. Approximately 30 seats will be available for the public, on a first-come, first-served basis.

Special Accommodations: HSRP public meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Watson, HSRP Program Coordinator, National Ocean Service (NOS), Office of Coast Survey, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; Telephone: 301–713–2770 ext. 158, or Email: Kathy.Watson@noaa.gov by November 8, 2012.

Matters to be Considered: Regional and local stakeholders will present to the HSRP on issues relevant to NOAA’s navigation services and products. Broad topics to be heard about include: (1) Current and future needs of regional ports and navigation users; (2) use of coastal observation systems for coastal protection and restoration programs and surge and inundation models to protect coastal populations; and (3) use of geospatial services and spatial reference systems to support sea level rise and land subsidence observations.
The HSRP will also hold focused Stakeholder Breakout Sessions with regional and local stakeholders to further discuss challenges and issues presented during the Stakeholder Panel presentations, and other issues not previously presented. Three Stakeholder Breakout Sessions will be held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 with the general themes: Hydrographic Surveying/Charting; Geospatial Positioning; and Tides, Currents and Water Levels. Regional and local stakeholders with interests in NOAA’s navigation services and products are invited to actively participate in these breakout sessions. You can sign up for these sessions by contacting the NOAA’s Gulf of Mexico Navigation Manager, Mr. Tim Osborn at email: Tim.Osborn@noaa.gov; or the HSRP Program Coordinator, Kathy Watson at email: Kathy.Watson@noaa.gov. The breakout sessions are the opportunity for stakeholders to raise concerns and develop recommended actions to address the issues facing the Gulf of Mexico region. The HSRP will consider input from these breakout sessions, and from the other meeting presentations, to develop its recommendations to the NOAA Under Secretary for improving NOAA’s suite of navigation data, products, and services for the Gulf of Mexico region.

Other matters to be discussed will include HSRP working group updates, meeting administration, and public comments.


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DENALI COMMISSION

Fiscal Year 2013 Draft Work Plan

AGENCY: Denali Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Denali Commission (Commission) is an independent federal agency based on an innovative federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development and training in Alaska by delivering federal services in the most cost-effective manner possible. The Commission was created in 1998 with passage of the October 21, 1998 Denali Commission Act (Act) (Title III of Pub. L. 105–277, 42 U.S.C. 3121). The Act requires that the Commission develop proposed work plans for future spending and that the annual Work Plan be published in the Federal Register, providing an opportunity for a 30-day period of public review and written comment. This Federal Register notice serves to announce the 30-day opportunity for public comment on the Denali Commission Draft Work Plan for Fiscal Year 2013 (FY2013).

DATES: Comments and related material to be received by December 11, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments to the Denali Commission, Attention: Sabrina Hoppas, 510 L Street, Suite 410, Anchorage, AK 99501.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Sabrina Hoppas, Denali Commission, 510 L Street, Suite 410, Anchorage, AK 99501. Telephone: (907) 271–1414. Email: shoppas@denali.gov.

Background: The Denali Commission (Commission) is an independent federal agency based on an innovative federal-state partnership designed to provide critical utilities, infrastructure and support for economic development and training in Alaska by delivering federal services in the most cost-effective manner possible. The Commission was created in 1998 with passage of the October 21, 1998, Denali Commission Act (Act) (Title III of Pub. L. 105–277, 42 U.S.C. 3121).

The Commission’s mission is to partner with tribal, federal, state, and local governments and collaborate with all Alaskans to improve the effectiveness and efficiency of government services, to develop a well-trained labor force employed in a diversified and sustainable economy, and to build and ensure the operation and maintenance of Alaska’s basic infrastructure.

By creating the Commission, Congress mandated that all parties involved partner together to find new and innovative solutions to the unique infrastructure and economic development challenges in America’s most remote communities.

Pursuant to the Act, the Commission determines its own basic operating principles and funding criteria on an annual federal fiscal year (October 1 to September 30) basis. The Commission outlines these priorities and funding recommendations in an annual Work Plan. The Work Plan is adopted on an annual basis in the following manner, which occurs sequentially as listed:

- Project proposals are solicited from local governments and other entities.
- Commissioners forward a draft version of the Work Plan to the Federal Co-Chair.
- The Federal Co-Chair approves the draft Work Plan for publication in the Federal Register providing an opportunity for a 30-day period of public review and written comment. During this time, the draft Work Plan is also disseminated widely to Commission program partners including, but not limited to, the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), the Economic Development Administration (EDA), and the United States Department of Agriculture—Rural Development (USDA–RD).
- Public comment concludes and Commission staff provides the Federal Co-Chair with a summary of public comment and recommendations, if any, associated with the draft Work Plan.
- If no revisions are made to the draft, the Federal Co-Chair provides notice of approval of the Work Plan to the Commissioners, and forwards the Work Plan to the Secretary of Commerce for approval; or, if there are revisions the Federal Co-Chair provides notice of modifications to the Commissioners for their consideration and approval, and upon receipt of approval from Commissioners, forwards the Work Plan to the Secretary of Commerce for approval.
- The Secretary of Commerce approves the Work Plan.
- The Federal Co-Chair then approves grants and contracts based upon the approved Work Plan.

FY 2013 Appropriations Summary

The Commission has historically received federal funding from several sources. These fund sources are governed by the following general principles:

- In FY 2013 no project specific direction was provided by Congress.
- The Energy and Water Appropriation is eligible for use in all programs.
- Certain appropriations are restricted in their usage. Where restrictions apply, the funds may be used only for specific program purposes.
- Final appropriation funds received may be reduced due to Congressional action, rescissions by the Office of Management and Budget, and other federal agency action. Final program available figures may not be provided until later in FY2013.
- All Energy and Water Appropriation funds, including operating funds, designated as “up to” may be reassigned to other programs, if they are not fully expended in a program component area or a specific project.
- Total FY 2013 Budgetary Resources provided: These are the figures that