

States. As indicated below, applicants are encouraged to highlight in their submissions any interest in and experience relevant to the work of this subcommittee.

The Secretary of Commerce appoints all Council members. All Council members serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Council members shall serve in a representative capacity, representing the views and interests of a U.S. entity in the manufacturing industry and its particular sector. For the purposes of eligibility, a U.S. entity is defined as a firm incorporated in the United States (or an unincorporated firm with its principal place of business in the United States) that is controlled by U.S. citizens or by another U.S. entity. An entity is not a U.S. entity if 50 percent plus one share of its stock (if a corporation, or a similar ownership interest of an unincorporated entity) is controlled, directly or indirectly, by non-U.S. citizens or non-U.S. entities.

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To be considered for membership, please provide the following:

1. Name and title of the individual requesting consideration.
2. A sponsor letter from the applicant on his or her entity's letterhead or, if the applicant is to represent an entity other than his or her employer, a letter from the entity to be represented, containing a brief statement of why the applicant should be considered for membership on the Council. This sponsor letter should also address the applicant's manufacturing-related experience, including any manufacturing trade policy experience.
3. The applicant's personal resume.
4. An affirmative statement that the applicant meets all eligibility criteria.
5. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not required to register as a foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended.
6. An affirmative statement that the applicant is not a federally registered lobbyist, and that the applicant understands that, if appointed, the applicant will not be allowed to

continue to serve as a Council member if the applicant becomes a federally registered lobbyist.

7. Information regarding the control of the entity to be represented, including the governing structure and stock holdings, as appropriate, demonstrating compliance with the criteria set forth above.

8. The entity's size, place of incorporation or principal place of business, ownership, product or service line and major markets in which the entity operates.

9. Please include all relevant contact information such as mailing address, fax, email, phone number, and support staff information where relevant.

10. Please indicate if the applicant has an interest in serving on the Economic Security Commission subcommittee, if appointed, and highlight any experience relevant to the work of the subcommittee.

Dated: November 15, 2012.

**Elizabeth Emanuel,**

*Executive Secretary, Manufacturing Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Board of Overseers) will meet in open session on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology and from the Chair of the Judges' Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges' Panel, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program (BPEP) Update, Baldrige Program Business Plan Status Report, Baldrige Performance Excellence Criteria Changes for 2013, and Recommendations for the NIST Director.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Wednesday, December 12, 2012, at 8:30 a.m. Eastern Time and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Wednesday, December 12, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and

Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020, telephone number (301) 975-2361, or by email at: [harry.hertz@nist.gov](mailto:harry.hertz@nist.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(2)(B) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., the Board of Overseers will meet in open session on Wednesday, December 12, 2012. The Board of Overseers is composed of 12 members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges' Panel, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program Update, Baldrige Program Business Plan Status Report, Baldrige Performance Excellence Criteria Changes for 2013, and Recommendations for the NIST Director.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Board's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On December 12, 2012 approximately one-half hour will be reserved in the afternoon for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the Baldrige Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/baldrige/community/overseers.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak, but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1020, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1020, via

fax at 301-975-4967 or electronically by email to [nancy.young@nist.gov](mailto:nancy.young@nist.gov)

All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Nancy Young no later than Wednesday, December 5, 2012, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their passport number, country of citizenship, title, employer/sponsor, address and telephone. Ms. Young's email address is [nancy.young@nist.gov](mailto:nancy.young@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-2361.

Dated: November 15, 2012.

**Phillip Singerman,**

*Associate Director for Innovation & Industry Services.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**RIN 0648-XC309**

**Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone Off Alaska; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice; public comment on an application for exempted fishing permit.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of an application and the public comment period for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Mr. John Gauvin of Gauvin and Associates, LLC. If granted, this permit would allow the applicant to develop and test a salmon excluder device for the Central Gulf of Alaska pollock trawl fishery. This activity is intended to promote the objectives of the Fishery Management Plan for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska (FMP) by reducing salmon bycatch in the Central Gulf of Alaska pollock trawl fishery.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by 5 p.m., Alaska local time (A.l.t.), December 14, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this document, identified by NOAA-NMFS-2012-0208, by any of the following methods:

- *Electronic Submissions:* Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal Web site at <http://www.regulations.gov>. To submit

comments via the e-Rulemaking Portal, first click the "submit a comment" icon, then enter NOAA-NMFS-2012-0208 in the keyword search. Locate the document you wish to comment on from the resulting list and click on the "Submit a Comment" icon on the right of that line.

- *Mail:* Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Mail comments to P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668.

- *Fax:* Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Fax comments to 907-586-7557.

- *Hand delivery to the Federal Building:* Address written comments to Glenn Merrill, Assistant Regional Administrator, Sustainable Fisheries Division, Alaska Region NMFS, Attn: Ellen Sebastian. Deliver comments to 709 West 9th Street, Room 420A, Juneau, AK.

Comments must be submitted by one of the above methods to ensure that the comments are received, documented, and considered by NMFS. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov) without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word or Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Electronic copies of the EFP application and the environmental assessment (EA) may be obtained from <http://www.regulations.gov> or from the Alaska Region Web site at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jeff Hartman, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NMFS manages the domestic groundfish fisheries in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) under the FMP. The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) prepared the FMP under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. Regulations governing

the groundfish fisheries of the GOA appear at 50 CFR parts 600 and 679. The FMP and the implementing regulations at §§ 600.745(b) and 679.6 authorize issuance of EFPs to allow fishing that would otherwise be prohibited. Procedures for issuing EFPs are contained in the implementing regulations.

NMFS received an application for an EFP from Mr. Gauvin in September 2012. The purposes of the EFP research would be to improve the performance of the salmon excluder device developed under EFP 11-01, from 2011 to 2012, and to validate the performance of this device for pollock trawl gear used in the Central GOA. The goal is to develop a device for pollock trawl gear that reduces salmon bycatch without significantly lowering catch rates of pollock. Previous EFP applications, permits and final reports for salmon excluder experiments conducted in Alaska are available at: <https://alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/ram/efp.htm>.

The EFP would allow for development and testing of the salmon excluder device for two years from January 2013 through December 2014, during the pollock A through D seasons. Testing in each season would allow the device to be used under salmon occurrence and pollock fishing practices specific to each season. Testing in the A season would catch primarily Chinook salmon and roe-bearing pollock, while testing in the B through D seasons would catch Chinook salmon and pollock that are not likely to be roe-bearing. EFP fishing would be conducted by one to two vessels in each season.

To test the salmon excluder device, exemptions would be necessary from regulations for Central GOA Chinook salmon prohibited species catch (PSC) limits, retention requirements and trip limits for pollock, halibut PSC limits, selected observer requirements, closures for the pollock directed fishery, and specified total allowable catch amounts (TACs) for pollock. The taking of Chinook salmon during the experiment is crucial for determining the effectiveness of the salmon excluder device to allow Chinook salmon to escape from a pelagic trawl cod end. Chinook salmon taken during the experiment would not be counted toward the Chinook salmon PSC limits under § 679.21(h)(2)(i). The amount of Chinook salmon bycatch by the pollock trawl fishery during the EFP period could potentially approach the Central GOA Chinook salmon PSC limits of 18,316 Chinook salmon. If the EFP Chinook salmon were counted toward the Chinook salmon PSC limits, those