Tuesday, April 23, 2013

The New England Council will hold a closed session on Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. to address appointments to its Scientific and Statistical Committee. Following the closed session, the Chairman will make any necessary introductions and announcements. The Council will then receive brief reports from the NEFMC Chairman and Executive Director, NOAA Fisheries Regional Administrator, the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaisons, as well as NOAA General Counsel, and representatives of the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, Coast Guard, and staff from NOAA Enforcement/VMS. The Council also will receive an update about Northeast Regional Ocean Council activities. Prior to the lunch break, an open period for public comments is scheduled during which any interested party may provide brief remarks on issues relevant to Council business but not listed on the meeting agenda.

During the afternoon session the Council will receive a report from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center staff summarizing the findings of the 56th Stock Assessment Workshop/Stock Assessment Review Committee meetings. The species addressed were surf calms and ocean quahogs and white hake. The Transboundary Management Guidance Committee will brief the Council on its February inter sessional meeting held to discuss quota trading, assessment timing, alternative management strategies and the U.S./Canada Resource Sharing Understanding. The Groundfish Committee report will follow and include: an update on the development of Amendment 18 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP); a presentation by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center’s Social Sciences Branch on its fishing year 2011 Groundfish Report; and a discussion about cod catch reporting in the Eastern Georges Bank Area.

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

The Council will begin its second day of meetings with a brief update on recent recommendations concerning habitat management areas, dedicated habitat research areas, and the inclusion of gear modification measures in the Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2. Following this report, the Council will continue to address groundfish management issues as it discusses recent correspondence that requests a review of the impacts of climate change on groundfish status determination criteria and catch advice and any follow up action. Additionally, Council members will consider Groundfish Committee recommendations for new alternatives in Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2 that would improve conservation of juvenile groundfish habitat and protect concentrations of large spawning groundfish. These new area alternatives could replace some or all of the status quo year-round groundfish closed areas and rolling closures. After the April Council meeting, the groundfish management alternatives will be consolidated and possibly combined with the existing habitat and dedicated habitat research areas that have been proposed by the Habitat Committee.

Thursday, April 25, 2013

The NEFMC’s Monkfish Committee will review the development of Amendment 6 to the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). This report also will include a review of the April 2013 update assessment. Under this agenda item the Council also may discuss the ability of NOAA Fisheries to provide data that adequately supports a monkfish sector or ITQ program. The Scallop Committee will initiate Framework Adjustment 25 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP (specifications for fishing year 2014 and default measures for 2015). The action will include accountability measures for windowpane flounder, among other issues. The Council also will approve priorities for inclusion in the upcoming scallop research set-asid program announcement that will detail future funding opportunities for sea scallop-related research. The Enforcement Committee will review recommendations for possible approval concerning sector managers and joint liability; gear marking requirements across all FMPs; small, seasonal closed areas; and allowing vessels to simultaneously carry nets with different mesh sizes for different fisheries in the regulated mesh areas. Prior to a lunch break, the NOAA Fisheries Northeast Regional Office will present a Draft Environmental Assessment on Standard Scallop Committee will initiate Groundfish closed areas and rolling closures. After the April Council meeting, the groundfish management alternatives will be consolidated and possibly combined with the existing habitat and dedicated habitat research areas that have been proposed by the Habitat Committee.

Since other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal action during this meeting. Council 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 Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 days prior to the meeting date.

DATED: April 2, 2013.

William D. Chappell,
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

First Responder Network Authority Board Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of Open Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will convene an open public meeting of the Board of the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet).

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 4, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: Board members will meet in the Cotton II Room at the Westin Westminster Hotel, 10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado, 80020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230: telephone (202) 482–0016; email uzoma@firstnet.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA’s Office of Public Affairs, (202) 482–7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice informs the public that the FirstNet Board has scheduled a meeting on June 4, 2013, in Westminster, Colorado. The June 4 Board meeting will be held in conjunction with the Public Safety Communications Research Program (PSKR) 2013 Public Safety Broadband Stakeholder Conference, organized to discuss public safety’s opportunities and challenges associated with deployment of the nationwide public safety broadband network. For information on the conference, please visit http://www.pscr.gov/about_pscr/highlights/pskr_062013/pskr_june_2013_stakeholdermtg_info.php.

Background: The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act), Public Law 112–96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012), created the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA). The Act directs FirstNet to establish a single nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network. The FirstNet Board is responsible for making strategic decisions regarding FirstNet’s operations. The FirstNet Board held its first public meeting on September 25, 2012.

Matters To Be Considered: NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its Web site, http://www.ntia.doc.gov, prior to the meeting on June 4, 2013. The agenda topics are subject to change. The Board may, by a majority vote, close a portion of the meeting as necessary to preserve the confidentiality of commercial or financial information that is privileged or confidential, to discuss personnel matters, or to discuss legal matters affecting FirstNet, including pending or potential litigation. See 47 U.S.C. 1424(e)(2).

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on June 4, 2013, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mountain Daylight Time. The time is subject to change.

Place: Board members will meet in the Cotton II Room at the Westin Westminster Hotel, 10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80020.

Other Information: The meeting is open to the public and press. Given the space limitations of the meeting room, members of the public wishing to attend the meeting in person will be directed to the Westin Westminster Ballroom at the Westin Westminster Hotel, 10600 Westminster Boulevard, Westminster, Colorado 80020, where they can observe the meeting by video.

1 On November 9, 2012, NTIA published a notice in the Federal Register noting that a public meeting of the FirstNet Board would be held on June 11, 2013, in San Francisco, California, and that NTIA would publish a future notice for this meeting. 77 FR 67342 (Nov. 9, 2012). This notice provides an update to correct the date, time, and location information for the Board’s June 2013 meeting.

The meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Uzoma Onyeije, Secretary, FirstNet, at (202) 482–0016 or uzoma@firstnet.gov at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

The meeting will also be webcast. Please refer to NTIA’s Web site at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet for webcast instructions and other information. If you have technical questions regarding the webcast, please contact Charles Franz at cfranz@ntia.doc.gov. Access details for these meetings are subject to change. Please refer to NTIA’s Web site at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet for the most current information.

Records: NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board minutes will be available at http://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/firstnet.

DATED: April 1, 2013.

Kathy D. Smith,
Chief Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Customer Account Registration and Maintenance

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on this new information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104–13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 2013.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Email: InformationCollection@uspto.gov.
Include “0651–00xx Customer Account Registration and Maintenance” in the subject line of the message.

Mail: Susan K. Fawcett, Records Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, United States Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313–1450.