DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

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

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Award) will meet in closed session on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time. The purpose of this meeting is to review the results of examiners’ scoring of written applications. Panel members will vote on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality improvements claimed by applicants. The Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary performing the non-exclusive duties of the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 19, 2013, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in Sunshine Act, Public Law 94–409, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential; and, 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meeting is likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of these data as compared to the Award criteria in order to select applicants for site visit review, conducted prior to recommending Award recipients, will be closed to the public.

DATES: The meeting will convene on Wednesday, August 28, 2013, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Eastern time. The entire meeting will be closed to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Phillip Singerman, Associate Director for Innovation & Industry Services. [FR Doc. 2013–18938 Filed 8–5–13; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Genome in a Bottle Consortium—Progress and Planning Workshop

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: NIST announces the Genome in a Bottle Consortium meeting to be held on Thursday, August 28, 2013. The Genome in a Bottle Consortium is developing the reference materials, reference methods, and reference data needed to assess confidence in human whole genome variant calls. A principal motivation for this consortium is to enable science-based regulatory oversight of clinical sequencing. At the August 2012 meeting, the consortium established work plans for four technical working groups with the following responsibilities:

1. Reference Material (RM) Selection and Design: select appropriate sources for whole genome RMs and identify or design synthetic DNA constructs that could be spiked-in to samples for measurement assurance.
(2) Measurements for Reference Material Characterization: design and carry out experiments to characterize the RMs using multiple sequencing methods, other methods, and validation of selected variants using orthogonal technologies.

(3) Bioinformatics, Data Integration, and Data Representation: develop methods to analyze and integrate the data for each RM, as well as select appropriate formats to represent the data.

(4) Performance Metrics and Figures of Merit: develop useful performance metrics and figures of merit that can be obtained through measurement of the RMs.

The products of these technical working groups will be a set of well-characterized whole genome and synthetic DNA RMs along with the methods (documentary standards) and reference data necessary for use of the RMs. These products will be designed to help enable translation of whole genome sequencing to regulated clinical applications.

There is no cost for participating in the consortium. No proprietary information will be shared as part of the consortium, and all research results will be in the public domain.

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted and present appropriate government-issued photo ID to gain entry to NIST. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must pre-register at https://www.s.nist.gov/CRS/ by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, August 8, 2013, in order to attend.

Dated: July 29, 2013.

Willie E. May,
Associate Director of Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council’s (Pacific Council) Ad Hoc Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Committee and Ad Hoc Trawl Groundfish Electronic Monitoring Technical Advisory Committee (GEM Committees) will hold a work session, which is open to the public.

DATES: The meeting will be held August 20 and 21, 2013, from 8 a.m. until the earlier of 5 p.m. or when business for each day has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Portland Airport, Salon C Room, 8439 NE., Columbia Blvd. Portland, OR, 97220, telephone: 503–256–5000.

Council address: Pacific Council, 7700 NE., Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220–1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Brett Wiedoff, Staff Officer, Pacific Council: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of the meeting is to discuss and develop potential alternatives for electronic monitoring (EM) for vessels participating in the West Coast groundfish trawl catch share program for consideration by the Pacific Council and to develop other recommendations as needed to further the Pacific Council process for considering EM. The GEM Committees were established by the Pacific Council at the June 2013 meeting in Garden Grove, California. No management actions will be decided at this meeting. The meeting will include review of the 2013 Trawl Catch Share Program EM Workshop Report and other reports to guide discussions. Although nonemergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may come before the GEM committees for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The meeting 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 GEM committees’ intent to take final action to address the emergency. A meeting report will be prepared by Pacific Council staff for consideration by the Pacific Council at its September 2013 meeting in Boise, Idaho.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt at (503) 820–2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 1, 2013.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force; Cancellation of August 6, 2013 Meeting

AGENCY: Director of Administration and Management, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting; cancellation.

SUMMARY: On Wednesday, July 31, 2013 (78 FR 46329), the Department of Defense published a notice announcing an August 6, 2013 meeting of the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force. Under the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (5 U.S.C., Appendix, as amended), and the Government in the Sunshine Act of 1976 (5 U.S.C. 552b, as amended), this notice announces that the National Commission on the Structure of the Air Force meeting scheduled for Tuesday, August 6, 2013 is hereby cancelled. Due to unforeseen circumstances arising from the furlough on civilian employee hours, the Chairman has re-evaluated the schedule to complete the Commission’s report by February 1, 2014. A more efficient agenda is planned, whereby the Chairman will combine the August 6, 2013 meeting with a future meeting.


Dated: August 1, 2013.

Aaron Siegel,
Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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