

Administration; advising NOAA on out-year budget development with respect to ocean exploration; and other matters as described in the agenda found on the OEAB Web site at <http://oeab.noaa.gov>.

**Time and Dates:** The announced meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 26, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–5:45 p.m. EDT, and Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 8:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m. EDT.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Venable LLC, 575 7th Street NW., Washington, DC.

**Status:** The meeting will be open to the public with a 30-minute public comment period on Tuesday, April 26th from 2:15 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. EDT (please check the agenda on the Web site to confirm the time). The public may listen to the meeting and provide comments during the public comment period via teleconference. Dial-in information may be found on the meeting agenda posted to the OEAB Web site.

The OEAB expects that public statements at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to three minutes. The Designated Federal Officer must receive written comments by April 19, 2016 to provide sufficient time for OEAB review. Written comments received after April 19, 2016 will be distributed to the OEAB but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

**Special Accommodations:** These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer (see below) by April 19, 2016.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. David McKinnie, Designated Federal Officer, Ocean Exploration Advisory Board, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115, (206) 526-6950.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA established the OEAB under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) and legislation that gives the agency statutory authority to operate an ocean exploration program and to coordinate a national program of ocean exploration. The OEAB advises NOAA leadership on strategic planning, exploration priorities, competitive ocean exploration grant programs and other matters as the NOAA Administrator requests.

OEAB members represent government agencies, the private sector, academic

institutions, and not-for-profit institutions involved in all facets of ocean exploration—from advanced technology to citizen exploration.

In addition to advising NOAA leadership, NOAA expects the OEAB to help to define and develop a national program of ocean exploration—a network of stakeholders and partnerships advancing national priorities for ocean exploration.

Dated: April 7, 2016.

**Jason Donaldson,**

*Chief Financial Officer, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### **Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR); Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species (Red Drum, Lane Snapper, Wenchman, Yellowmouth Grouper, Speckled Hind, Snowy Grouper, Almaco Jack, Lesser Amberjack)**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of SEDAR 49 Data Workshop for Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR 49 assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Data-limited Species will consist of: A Data Workshop; A series of Assessment Webinars; and a Review Workshop.

**DATES:** The SEDAR 49 Data Workshop will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, May 2, 2016, and end at 12 p.m. on Friday, May 6, 2016; the Assessment Webinars and Review Workshop dates and times will publish in a subsequent issue in the **Federal Register**, to view the agenda, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The SEDAR 49 Data Workshop will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton New Orleans, 300 Canal Street, New Orleans, LA, 70130; 800-222-TREE.

**SEDAR address:** 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Julie Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10;

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### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **Agenda**

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three step process including: (1) Data Workshop; (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars; and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include: Data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs); international experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

The items of discussion in the Data Workshop agenda are as follows:

1. An assessment data set and associated documentation will be developed.
  2. Participants will evaluate all available data and select appropriate sources for providing information on life history characteristics, catch statistics, discard estimates, length and age composition, and fishery dependent and fishery independent measures of stock abundance, as specified in the Terms of Reference for the workshop.
- 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 this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least ten working days prior to the meeting.

**Note:** The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: April 8, 2016.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Public Availability of Fiscal Year 2015 Service Contract Inventory

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (“CFTC”) is publishing notice to advise the public of the availability of CFTC’s Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2015 Service Contract Inventory.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Questions regarding the service contract inventory should be directed to Sonda R. Owens in the Financial Management Branch, Procurement Section, at 202-418-5182 or [sowens@cftc.gov](mailto:sowens@cftc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In accordance with Section 743 of Division C of the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2010, Pub. L. 111-117, 123 Stat. 3034, CFTC is publishing this notice to advise the public of the availability of the FY 2015 Service Contract Inventory. CFTC has posted its inventory and a summary of the inventory on the CFTC homepage at the following link: <http://www.cftc.gov/About/CFTCReports/index.htm>.

This inventory provides information on service contract actions over \$25,000 that were awarded in FY 2015. The

information is organized by function to show how contracted resources are distributed throughout the agency. The inventory has been developed in accordance with guidance issued on November 5, 2010 by the Office of Management and Budget’s Office of Federal Procurement Policy (“OFPP”) and any subsequent guidance issued on the subject matter. OFPP’s November 5, 2010 guidance is available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/omb/procurement/memo/service-contract-inventories-guidance-11052010.pdf>.

Dated: April 7, 2016.

**Robert N. Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket No. DARS-2016-0013]

### Negotiation of a Reciprocal Defense Procurement Memorandum of Understanding With the Ministry of Defense of Latvia

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On behalf of the U.S. Government, DoD is contemplating negotiating and concluding a Reciprocal Defense Procurement (RDP) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Ministry of Defense of Latvia. DoD is requesting industry feedback regarding its experience in public defense procurements conducted by or on behalf of the Latvian Ministry of Defense or Armed Forces.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 13, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit comments to Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Attn: Lt Col Judy Anderson, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Room 5E621, Washington, DC 20301-3060; or by email to [judy.p.anderson1.mil@mail.mil](mailto:judy.p.anderson1.mil@mail.mil).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lt Col Judy Anderson, Senior Analyst, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology and Logistics (OUSD (AT&L)), Defense Procurement and Acquisition Policy, Contract Policy and International Contracting; Room 5E621, 3060 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-3060; telephone 703-695-7197.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DoD has concluded RDP MOUs with 23

qualifying countries, as defined in the Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) 225.003, at the level of the Secretary of Defense and his counterpart. The purpose of an RDP MOU is to promote rationalization, standardization, and interoperability of conventional defense equipment with allies and other friendly governments. These MOUs provide a framework for ongoing communication regarding market access and procurement matters that enhance effective defense cooperation.

RDP MOUs generally include language by which the Parties agree that their defense procurements will be conducted in accordance with certain implementing procedures. These procedures relate to—

- Publication of notices of proposed purchases;
- The content and availability of solicitations for proposed purchases;
- Notification to each unsuccessful offeror;
- Feedback, upon request, to unsuccessful offerors concerning the reasons they were not allowed to participate in a procurement or were not awarded a contract; and
- Provision for the hearing and review of complaints arising in connection with any phase of the procurement process to ensure that, to the extent possible, complaints are equitably and expeditiously resolved.

Based on the MOU, each country affords the other country certain benefits on a reciprocal basis consistent with national laws and regulations. The benefits that the United States accords to the products of qualifying countries include—

- Offers of qualifying country end products are evaluated without applying the price differentials otherwise required by the Buy American statute and the Balance of Payments Program;
- The chemical warfare protection clothing restrictions in 10 U.S.C. 2533a and the specialty metals restriction in 10 U.S.C. 2533b(a)(1) do not apply to products manufactured in a qualifying country; and
- Customs, taxes, and duties are waived for qualifying country end products and components of defense procurements.

If DoD (for the U.S. Government) concludes an RDP MOU with the Ministry of Defense of Latvia, then Latvia would be listed as one of the qualifying countries in the definition of qualifying country at DFARS 225.003, and offers of products of Latvia or that contain components from Latvia would be afforded the benefits available to all qualifying countries. This also means