

have been taken during construction activities, and provides an interpretation of the results and effectiveness of all monitoring tasks. The report shall contain the following information:

- A summary of the activity and monitoring plan (*i.e.*, dates, times, locations);
- A summary of mitigation implementation;
- Monitoring results and a summary that addresses the goals of the monitoring plan, including the following:
 - Environmental conditions when observations were made:
 - Water conditions (*i.e.*, Beaufort sea-state, tidal state)
 - Weather conditions (*i.e.*, percent cloud cover, visibility, percent glare)
 - Date and time survey initiated and terminated
 - Date, time, number, species, age, and any other relevant data regarding marine mammals observed
 - Description of the observed behaviors (in both the presence and absence of activities):
 - If possible, the correlation to underwater sound level occurring at the time of any observable behavior
 - Estimated exposure/take numbers during activities; and
 - An assessment of the implementation and effectiveness of prescribed mitigation and monitoring measures.

10. This Authorization may be modified, suspended, or withdrawn if the Holder fails to abide by the conditions prescribed herein or if the authorized taking is having more than a negligible impact on the species or stock of affected marine mammals, or if there is an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of such species or stocks for subsistence uses.

11. A copy of this Authorization and the Incidental Take Statement must be in the possession of each vessel operator taking marine mammals under the authority of this Incidental Harassment Authorization.

12. The Holder is required to comply with the Terms and Conditions of the Incidental Take Statement corresponding to NMFS' Biological Opinion.

Request for Public Comments

NMFS requests comment on our analysis, the draft authorization, and any other aspect of the Notice of Proposed IHA for DWBI's proposed dynamic positioning vessel thruster use associated with inter-array and export cable installation activities off the southeast coast of Block Island, Rhode

Island. Please include with your comments any supporting data or literature citations to help inform our final decision on DWBI's request for an MMPA authorization.

Dated: April 11, 2016.

Donna S. Wieting,

*Director, Office of Protected Resources,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice Requesting Nominations for the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES)

ACTION: Notice requesting nominations for the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES).

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is seeking highly qualified individuals who are knowledgeable about the commercial space-based remote sensing industry and uses of space-based remote sensing data to serve on the Advisory Committee on Commercial Remote Sensing (ACCRES). The Committee is comprised of leaders in the commercial space-based remote sensing industry, space-based remote sensing data users, government, and academia. The **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice provides committee and membership criteria.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ACCRES was established by the Secretary of Commerce on May 21, 2002, to advise the Secretary, through the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, on matters relating to the U.S. commercial remote sensing industry and NOAA's activities to carry out responsibilities of the Department of Commerce as set forth in Title 51 U.S.C. 60101, et seq, the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010.

Committee members serve in a representative capacity for a term of two years and may serve additional terms, if reappointed. No more than 20 individuals at a time may serve on the Committee. ACCRES will have a fairly balanced membership consisting of approximately 9 to 20 members. Nominations are encouraged from all interested U.S. persons and organizations representing interests affected by the National and Commercial Space Programs Act of 2010 and the U.S. commercial space based remote sensing policy. Nominees must

possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to the space based commercial remote sensing industry or exploitation of space based commercial remotely sensed data and be able to attend committee meetings that are held usually two times per year. Membership is voluntary, and service is without pay. Each nomination that is submitted should include the proposed committee member's name and organizational affiliation, a brief description of the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee, a curriculum vitae or resume of the nominee, and no more than three supporting letters describing the nominee's qualifications and interest in serving on the Committee. Self-nominations are acceptable. The following contact information should accompany each submission: the nominee's name, address, phone number, fax number, and email address.

Nominations should be sent to Tahara Dawkins, Director, Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 8260, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Nominations must be postmarked no later than 30 days from the publication date of this notice. The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the Agency's Web page at: <http://www.nesdis.noaa.gov/CRSRA/accresHome.html>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Samira Patel, Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs Office, NOAA Satellite and Information Services, 1335 East-West Highway, Room 8247, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-7077, email samira.patel@noaa.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via webinar to discuss the SEDAR assessment schedule and progress on SEDAR projects. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2016.

ADDRESSES:

Meeting address: The Steering Committee meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact John Carmichael at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** below) at least 24 hours in advance to request webinar access information.

SEDAR address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC), 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405; www.sedarweb.org.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Carmichael, Deputy Director for Science and Statistics, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405; phone: (843) 571-4366 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: john.carmichael@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion are as follows:

SEDAR Steering Committee Agenda, Monday, May 9 2016, 1 p.m.–3 p.m.

1. Review and consideration of ongoing SEDAR projects including data best practices, identification of priority stocks to address MRIP data revisions, SSC and Council feedback on the research track process, and the NMFS stock assessment prioritization.

2. Review and consideration of the SEDAR assessment schedule, including updates on 2016 assessment projects, 2017 workshop schedules and data deadlines, and future assessment priorities.

Although non-emergency issues not contained on 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

This meeting is accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the SAFMC

office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 10 business 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 12, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting of its Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene Tuesday, May 3, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, May 4, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council's office, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Assane Diagne, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; assane.diagne@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

1. Adoption of Agenda
 2. Summary of April Council Meeting
 3. Management Goals and Objectives for the Headboat Component
 4. Review of Management Alternatives
 5. Recommendations to the Council
 6. Other Business
- Meeting Adjourns—

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the File Server link in the lower left of the Council Web site: <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>. The username and password are both

“gulfguest”. Click on the “Library Folder”, then scroll down to “Ad Hoc Reef Fish Headboat AP”.

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda 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 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 Kathy Pereira at the Gulf Council Office (see **ADDRESSES**), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: April 12, 2016.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2016-0001]

Request for Comments on the Application of the Written Description Requirement to Specific Situations in Design Applications

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (“USPTO” or “Office”) is evaluating how the written description requirement applies to certain design applications. In particular, the USPTO has developed a proposed approach for design examiners to apply general principles governing compliance with the written description requirement to specific situations in design applications. The USPTO is seeking public comment on the