

meeting its obligations under the AIDCP and obligations of membership in the IATTC. Every five years, the government of the harvesting nation must request a new affirmative finding and submit the required documentary evidence directly to the Assistant Administrator. On an annual basis, NMFS reviews the affirmative finding and determines whether the harvesting nation continues to meet the requirements. A nation may provide information related to compliance with AIDCP and IATTC measures directly to NMFS on an annual basis or may authorize the IATTC to release the information to NMFS to annually renew an affirmative finding determination without an application from the harvesting nation.

An affirmative finding will be terminated, in consultation with the Secretary of State, if the Assistant Administrator determines that the requirements of 50 CFR 216.24(f) are no longer being met or that a nation is consistently failing to take enforcement actions on violations, thereby diminishing the effectiveness of the AIDCP.

As a part of the affirmative finding process set forth in 50 CFR 216.24(f)(8), the Assistant Administrator considered documentary evidence submitted by the governments of The Nations and obtained from the IATTC, and has determined that The Nations have met the MMPA's requirements to receive affirmative finding annual renewals.

After consultation with the Department of State, the Assistant Administrator issued affirmative finding annual renewals to The Nations, allowing the continued importation into the United States of yellowfin tuna and products derived from yellowfin tuna harvested in the ETP by The Nations' flagged purse seine vessels or purse seine vessels operating under The Nations' jurisdiction for the one-year period of April 1, 2016, through March 31, 2017.

El Salvador's five-year affirmative finding will remain valid through March 31, 2018 and Ecuador, Guatemala, Mexico, and Spain's five-year affirmative findings will remain valid through March 31, 2020, subject to subsequent annual reviews by NMFS.

Dated: November 23, 2016.

**Eileen Sobeck,**

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Notice of Availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment for the Bluefield Holdings, Inc. Site 2 Shoreline Restoration Project Credit Purchase

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Assessment; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that a document entitled, "Draft Environmental Assessment for the Bluefield Holdings, Inc. Site 2 Shoreline Restoration Project Credits Purchase" (Draft EA) is available for public review and comment. This document has been prepared by the state, tribal, and Federal natural resource trustee agencies (the "Trustees")—NOAA, United States Fish & Wildlife Service (USFWS) acting on behalf of the U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI), Washington Department of Ecology (as lead State trustee), Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, and the Suquamish Tribe—to evaluate potential impacts to the environment from purchasing 30 credits in the Bluefield Holdings, Inc. Site 2 Shoreline Restoration Project (Site 2). The proposed credits purchase in the Site 2 project is a component of the overall effort to restore natural resources and resource services that have been injured and lost resulting from releases of hazardous substances into the Lower Duwamish River (LDR). This draft EA is tiered from the June 2013 Final LDR NRDA Restoration Plan and Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (RP/EIS). The EA describes the Trustees' proposed plan to purchase 30 credits in the Site 2 project. The purchase would utilize a portion of the funds provided to the Trustees from the Pacific Sound Resources settlement (*United States et al. v. Pacific Sound Resources et al.*, Civ. No. C94-687 (W.D. Wash. Aug. 29, 1994)). The Trustees may only use these funds for restoration purposes. The Trustees will consider comments received during the public comment period before finalizing this EA.

**DATES:** Comments on the Draft EA must be submitted in writing on or before December 27, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests for copies of the Draft EA should be sent to Rebecca Hoff of NOAA at 7600 Sand Point Way NE., DARC Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115 or by email: [Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov). The Draft EA is also available for downloading at <http://bit.ly/2fjIE8G>. Comments on this plan are to be sent in writing to Rebecca Hoff of NOAA. These written comments may be submitted either by mail at the address provided above; by fax to 206-526-6665, or by email to [Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rebecca Hoff, at 206-526-6276, or email: [Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The LDR is the estuarine portion of the Duwamish River, and starts from the mouth at the East and West Waterways on both sides of Harbor Island at Seattle's Elliott Bay and ends at the natural rock formation commonly known as North Winds Weir (approximately 7 miles), in central Puget Sound. Historic operations of various entities resulted in releases of hazardous substances, such as polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs), polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), heavy metals, and other hazardous compounds, into the LDR.

The RP/PEIS describes the type of restoration that the Trustees believe would be most effective in addressing the injuries in the LDR resulting from releases of hazardous substances—Integrated Habitat Restoration. The Site 2 project will create the full suite of habitats identified in the Integrated Habitat Restoration approach, and is consistent with the description of projects and project impacts discussed in the RP/PEIS. The Draft EA released today identifies the Trustees' proposed use of some of the settlement funds to purchase restoration credits sufficient to allow Bluefield Holdings to begin implementing the Site 2 project. The Site 2 project will create and/or rehabilitate shallow subtidal habitat, intertidal mudflat habitat, marsh habitat, and riparian habitat.

In undertaking this NRDA restoration effort and in releasing this Draft EA, the Trustees are acting in accordance with their designation and authorities under section 107(f) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. 9607(f) of the Federal Water Pollution and Control Act (FWPCA), 33 U.S.C. 1321, Subpart G of the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR 300.600 through 300.615, and regulations at 43 CFR part 11, which are applicable to natural resource

damage assessments under CERCLA. The Trustees act on behalf of the public under these authorities to protect and restore natural resources injured or lost resulting from discharges or releases of hazardous substances.

Dated: November 22, 2016.

**Patricia A. Montanio,**

*Director, Office of Habitat Conservation,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Digital Economy Board of Advisors Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces an open meeting of the Digital Economy Board of Advisors. The Board advises and provides recommendations to the Secretary of Commerce, through the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Communications and Information and the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), on a broad range of issues concerning the digital economy and Internet policy.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 15, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST).

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. Public comments may be mailed to: Digital Economy Board of Advisors, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; or emailed to: [DEBA@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:DEBA@ntia.doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Evelyn Remaley, Designated Federal Officer (DFO), at (202) 482-3821 or [DEBA@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:DEBA@ntia.doc.gov); and/or visit NTIA's Web site at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/digital-economy-board-advisors>.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Background:* Economic prosperity is increasingly tied to the digital economy, which is a key driver of competitiveness, business expansion, and innovation. Indeed, virtually every modern company relies on the Internet to grow and thrive. As a result, the Department of Commerce (Department)

has made technology and Internet policy a top priority, investing resources to address challenges and opportunities businesses face in a global economy.

Last year, the Secretary of Commerce unveiled the Department's Digital Economy Agenda, which will help businesses and consumers realize the potential of the digital economy to advance growth and opportunity. The Agenda focuses on four key objectives: Promoting a free and open Internet worldwide; promoting trust online; ensuring access for workers, families, and companies; and promoting innovation. To support the Agenda, the Secretary directed NTIA to create the Digital Economy Board of Advisors as a mechanism for receiving regular advice from leaders in industry, academia, and civil society. See Committee Charter at [https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/deba\\_charter\\_12222015.pdf](https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/deba_charter_12222015.pdf).

The Digital Economy Board of Advisors convened its first meeting on May 16, 2016, to determine preliminary priorities and work streams. The Board convened its second meeting on September 30, 2016, and reviewed progress made on each of the work streams identified during the first open meeting.

This Board is subject to the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and is consistent with the National Telecommunications and Information Administration Act, 47 U.S.C. 904(b). The Board functions solely as an advisory body in compliance with the FACA. For more information about the Board, visit <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/digital-economy-board-advisors>.

*Matters to be Considered:* The Board provides independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary, through the Assistant Secretary, on a broad range of policy issues impacting the digital economy. The Board's mission is to provide advice to the Department on increasing domestic prosperity, improving education, and facilitating participation in political and cultural life through the application and expansion of digital technologies. The Board's advice focuses on ensuring the Internet continues to thrive as an engine of growth, innovation, and free expression. The Department will use the advice provided by the Board to inform its decision-making processes and to advance Administration goals.

NTIA will post a detailed agenda on its Web site, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/digital-economy-board-advisors>, prior to the meeting. To the extent that the meeting time and agenda permit, any member of the public may

speak to or otherwise address the Board regarding the agenda items during the meeting.

*Time and Date:* The meeting will be held on December 15, 2016, from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time (EST). The meeting will be available via two-way audio link and may be webcast. Please refer to NTIA's Web site, <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/digital-economy-board-advisors>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and access information for the meeting.

*Place:* The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. Public comments may be mailed to: Digital Economy Board of Advisors, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230. The meeting will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Ms. Remaley at (202) 482-3821 or [DEBA@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:DEBA@ntia.doc.gov) at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

*Status:* Interested parties are invited to attend and to submit written comments to the Board at any time before or after the meeting. Parties wishing to submit written comments for consideration by the Board in advance of the meeting must send them to NTIA at the above-listed address. Comments must be received five (5) business days before the scheduled meeting date to provide sufficient time for review. Comments received after this date will be distributed to the Board, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting. We also request that comments be submitted electronically to [DEBA@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:DEBA@ntia.doc.gov) with the subject: "DEBA Third Meeting Comment." Comments provided via email also may be submitted in writing.

*Records:* NTIA maintains records of all Board proceedings. Board records are available for public inspection at NTIA's Washington, DC office at the address above. Documents, including the Board's charter, member list, agendas, minutes, and any reports are available on NTIA's Web site at <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/category/digital-economy-board-advisors>.