

sections 751(a)(2)(c) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 2007.

**Gary S. Taverman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Northwest Indian Fisheries Commission (NWIFC) has submitted a Tribal Resource Management Plan (Tribal Plan) for NMFS to evaluate. It was presented by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on behalf of the Northwest Indian Tribes; the submission fulfills the Tribes' obligations under the protective regulations promulgated for Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The Tribal Plan describes research and assessment activities that may affect listed Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon in Washington State. NMFS has completed a proposed evaluation of how well the Tribal Plan fulfills ESA criteria, and the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) is making that proposed evaluation available for public comment.

**DATES:** Written comments on the Secretary's proposed evaluation must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on April 11, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed evaluation should be addressed to Gary Rule, Protected Resources Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1201 NE Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232-1274. Comments may also be sent via fax to (503) 230 5441. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Rule, Portland, OR (ph.: 503- 230 5424,

Fax: 503-210-5441, e-mail: [gary.rule@noaa.gov](mailto:gary.rule@noaa.gov)).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Species Covered in this Notice**

Puget Sound Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*)

Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon (*O. keta*)

**Authority**

Under section 4 of the ESA, the Secretary is required to adopt such regulations as he deems necessary and advisable for the conservation of the species listed as threatened. The ESA Tribal 4(d) rule (70 FR 37160; June 28, 2005) states that the ESA section 9 take prohibitions do not apply to Tribal Plans that will not appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery for the listed species.

**The Tribal Plan**

The NWIFC—through the BIA and on behalf of the Northwest Indian Tribes—has submitted a Tribal Plan for scientific research and assessment activities within the range of the Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon ESUs. The Northwest Indian Tribes conduct, independently and in cooperation with other agencies, a variety of research and assessment projects. These projects provide the technical basis for managing fisheries and conserving and restoring salmon stocks and their habitat. The need for an improved understanding of salmonid survival in the freshwater and early marine life stages drives much of the current research. The Tribal Plan includes implementation, monitoring, and evaluation procedures designed to ensure that the research is consistent with the objectives of the ESA. The research activities described in the Tribal Plan would take place over a ten-year period starting in 2007.

As 50 CFR 223.209 requires, the Secretary must determine whether the Tribal Plan would appreciably reduce the likelihood of survival and recovery for Puget Sound Chinook salmon and Hood Canal summer-run chum salmon ESUs. The Secretary must take comments on how the Tribal Plan addresses the criteria in 50 CFR 223.209 in making that determination.

Dated: March 7, 2007.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**California Bay Watershed Education and Training (B-WET) Program, Adult and Community Watershed Education in the Monterey Bay**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; cancellation of solicitation.

**SUMMARY:** The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) cancels the competitive California B-WET Program, Adult and Community Watershed Education in the Monterey Bay, for fiscal year 2007 due to insufficient funding.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Seaberry Nachbar, National Marine Sanctuary Program, 299 Foam Street, Monterey, CA 93940, or by phone at (831) 647-4204.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The B-WET Program solicitation was originally included in the NOAA Omnibus Notice, Availability of Grant Funds for Fiscal Year 2007, published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2006. Due to insufficient funding, NMSP cancels the competitive grant program announced in that solicitation. NMSP will return to the applicants all applications NMSP received in response to the solicitation.

The B-WET Program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) under Grant Program 11.429, California Bay Watershed Education and Training Program.

Dated: March 1, 2007.

**Daniel Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in Arlington, Virginia.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 25, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Thursday, April 26, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Science Foundation, Room 555, 4121 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, Virginia 22230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301-713-3100 x136, Fax: 301-713-3110); e-mail [lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov](mailto:lauren.wenzel@noaa.gov); or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158 on MPAs. The meeting will be open to public participation with a one hour time period set aside from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24, 2007, and one hour set aside from 8:10 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, April 26, 2007. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by April 20, 2007.

*Matters to be Considered:* The Committee will work in Subcommittees and as a full Committee to develop recommendations for the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior on the regional coordination of the national system of marine protected areas; incentives and implementation; and natural and social science needed to support the national system. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: March 5, 2007.

**David M. Kennedy,**

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013)

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and solicitation of public comments on the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013).

**SUMMARY:** NOAA publishes this notice to announce availability of the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013) for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments must be received before 11:59 p.m. EDT, March 19, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Electronic submission of comments via e-mail to [nccos.hd@noaa.gov](mailto:nccos.hd@noaa.gov) is preferred.

Comments may also be sent by fax to (301) 713-4353 or mail to NOAA National Ocean Service, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, c/o Marybeth Bauer, Ph.D., 1305 East-West Highway, NOS HQTR Route N/SCI, Silver Spring, MD 20910. E-mail and fax comments should state "Comments" in the subject line.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Marybeth Bauer, Ph.D., by e-mail at [nccos.hd@noaa.gov](mailto:nccos.hd@noaa.gov) (preferred) or mail at NOAA National Ocean Service, National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science, 1305 East-West Highway, NOS HQTR Route N/SCI, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or phone at (301) 713-3020. E-mail requests for information should state "Request for Information" in the subject line. An electronic copy of the National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–FY2013) is available at: [http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/human\\_strategy/NCCOSDraftHDStrategicPlan.pdf](http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/human_strategy/NCCOSDraftHDStrategicPlan.pdf).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NOAA's National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science (NCCOS) provides coastal resource managers, other decision makers, and stakeholders with the ecosystem information and tools needed to balance society's environmental, social, and economic goals in mitigating and adapting to stressors such as climate change, extreme natural events, pollution, invasive species, and resource use.

Humans are integral to ecosystems, and the human dimensions of

ecosystems are an integral focus of the science NCCOS conducts and conveys. NOAA's Strategic Plan (FY2006–FY2011) (available at: [http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/pdfs/STRATEGIC%20PLAN/Strategic\\_Plan\\_2006\\_FINAL\\_04282005.pdf](http://www.ppi.noaa.gov/pdfs/STRATEGIC%20PLAN/Strategic_Plan_2006_FINAL_04282005.pdf)) defines an ecosystem as a geographically specified system of organisms, including humans, the environment, and the processes that control its dynamics. An environment encompasses the biological, chemical, physical, and social conditions that surround organisms. The human dimensions of ecosystems can be expressed in terms of three points of interaction between environmental and human systems: human causes, consequences, and responses to environmental change. Encompassing a broad array of social science, humanities, and other disciplines, human dimensions research aims to understand these human-environmental interactions and facilitate use of this understanding to assist decisions affecting environmental processes and their societal outcomes.

NCCOS developed a Draft Human Dimensions Strategic Plan (FY2008–2013) to define and implement human dimensions research critical to support an ecosystem approach to the management of coastal and ocean resources. The plan expands a Societal Stressors Objective in NCCOS's Strategic Plan (<http://coastalscience.noaa.gov/documents/strategicplan.pdf>). The final Human Dimensions Strategic Plan will guide development of the NCCOS ecosystem science agenda, workforce, organizations, partnerships, and other capacities, including research conducted through extramural partners, grants, and contracts. Planning, programming, budgeting, and execution of NCCOS activities will reflect the objectives of the final plan through FY 2013.

The draft plan puts forth the following human dimensions goals and objectives. First, to provide human dimensions information essential to support an ecosystem approach to coastal and ocean resource management (Goal 1), the plan recommends identifying and characterizing stakeholders and their values (Objective 1.1), monitoring human dimensions (Objective 1.2), assessing and monitoring human causes of ecosystem stress (Objective 1.3), documenting traditional and local ecological knowledge (Objective 1.4), addressing value and ethical dimensions (Objective 1.5), and developing institutional strategies (Objective 1.6). Second, to provide integrated ecosystem