

with sections 751(a)(1), 751(h) and 771(i)(1) of the Act.

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*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee Request for Nominations

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

**ACTION:** Notice requesting nominations for the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is seeking nominations for membership on the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee was established to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Secretary of the Interior in implementing Section 4 of Executive Order 13158 and specifically on strategies and priorities for developing the national system of MPAs and on practical approaches to further enhance and expand protection of new and existing MPAs.

The Department of Commerce is seeking up to three highly qualified individuals. Nominations are sought for non-federal scientists, resource managers, and persons representing other interests or organizations involved with or affected by marine conservation. Individuals seeking membership on the Committee should possess demonstrable expertise in a field related to MPAs or represent a stakeholder interest affected by MPAs. Nominees will also be evaluated based on the following factors: marine policy experience, leadership and organization skills, region of country represented, and diversity characteristics.

**DATES:** Nominations must be postmarked on or before thirty (30) days from publication date on this notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Nominations should be sent to: Lauren Wenzel, Marine Protected Areas Center, NOAA, N/ORM, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lauren Wenzel, Designated Federal Officer, MPAFAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, N/ORM, 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 <https://www.mpa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In Executive Order 13158, the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior were directed to seek the expert advice and recommendations of non-federal scientists, resource managers, and other interested persons and organizations through a MPA FAC. The Committee was established in June 2003, and includes 30 members and nine ex-officio members.

The Committee meets at least twice a year. Committee members serve for a term of two or four years.

Each nomination submission should include the proposed Committee member's name and organizational affiliation, a cover letter describing 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 e-mail address if available.

Nominations must be postmarked no later than 30 days from the date of this notice (See **ADDRESSES** above). The full text of the Committee Charter and its current membership can be viewed at the Agency's Web page at <http://mpa.gov/fac.html>.

Dated: January 13, 2005.

**Eldon Hout,**

*Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### The Institute of Medicine Food and Nutrition Board; Orientation Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Institute of Medicine Food and Nutrition Board will meet in Washington, D.C. The meeting agenda can be found in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**DATES:** The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. and adjourn at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the National Academy of Sciences Lecture Room, 2100 C Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

*National Marine Fisheries Service/ National Seafood Inspection Laboratory address: 705 Convent Ave., Pascagoula, MS 39567.*

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** E. Spencer Garrett, National Seafood Inspection Laboratory; telephone: 228-769-8964.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The committee's agenda includes the following issues: nutrient relationships in seafood - selection to balance benefits and risks.

#### Background

Seafood contributes a variety of nutritional benefits to the American diet. They are sources of protein, calcium, iodine, copper, zinc, and omega-3 fatty acids. Furthermore, some nutrients may affect bioavailability, toxicodynamics, and target-organ transport, and thus affect the toxicological response to certain compounds. Contamination of marine resources, however, whether by naturally-occurring or introduced toxicants, is a concern for U.S. consumers because of the potential for adverse health effects. Human exposure to toxic compounds through seafood can be managed by making choices that provide desired nutrients balanced against exposure to such compounds in specific types of seafood that have been found to pose a particular health risk. Consumers, particularly subpopulations that may be at increased risk, need authoritative information to inform their choices. The National Marine Fisheries Service has contracted with the National Academies of Science to produce a report that will recommend approaches to decision-making for selecting seafood to obtain the greatest nutritional benefits, balanced against exposure to potential toxicants and identifies data gaps and research needs. The study objectives will include:

1. Identifying and examining the routes of entry of naturally-occurring and introduced toxicants into the food supply, through seafood sources, and evaluating food consumption patterns of the U.S. population to estimate current levels of intake exposure.