

dialogues, e-mail, or fax will be for the public record and considered in developing a draft proposal for a national system of MPAs. At this preliminary stage in the effort to develop the national system, NOAA does not intend to respond to any comments received via these dialogues, e-mail, fax, or mail. Once a draft proposal is developed for the national system of MPAs, NOAA will publish it in the **Federal Register** for formal public comment and will subsequently provide a formal response to comments received.

Matters To Be Considered: Executive Order 13158 (May 26, 2000) calls for the development of a national system of MPAs. These forums are intended to solicit the public's views concerning the development of a national system of MPAs. Refer to the web page listed above for background information concerning these dialogues and the development of the national system of MPAs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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National Marine Fisheries Service National Gravel Extraction Guidance

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

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the availability of NMFS' final National Gravel Extraction Guidance (Gravel Guidance). In March 2004, NMFS released the draft Gravel Guidance for public comment. Nine comment letters were received from industry groups, state agencies, and unaffiliated citizens. Final revisions to the Gravel Guidance included consideration of these public comments.

ADDRESSES: The final NMFS National Gravel Extraction Guidance may be obtained on the Internet at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/habitat/> or by sending a request to 1315 East West Highway, Room 14200, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the Gravel Guidance is to provide updated information to NMFS staff participating in consultation activities where proposed gravel mining operations in or near rivers and streams may affect anadromous fish under NMFS jurisdiction and their habitats. The final Gravel Guidance is a revision and replacement of the 1996 National Gravel Extraction Policy. Changes to the 1996 Policy, based on input from NMFS staff, interagency, industry, and public comments, include: (1) updating references, information, and recommendations to reflect the current state of the science; (2) broadening the geographic scope of the guidance to apply to all NMFS regions, rather than just those on the west coast; and (3) revising the document from a NMFS policy document to internal guidance for NMFS staff.

NOAA Fisheries is responsible for protecting, managing and conserving marine, estuarine, and anadromous fish resources and their habitats. The watersheds of the United States where sand and gravel mining takes place provide essential spawning and rearing habitat for anadromous fish including salmon, shad, sturgeon, and striped bass. A national guidance document on gravel extraction will assist NMFS staff in determining whether proposed gravel extraction operations will be conducted in a manner that is consistent with Federal law, and that eliminates or minimizes any adverse impacts to anadromous fish and their habitats.

The recommendations incorporated into the guidance document are suggestions, and are not intended to be binding in any way. The Gravel Guidance does not specify the measures, if any, that would need to be implemented by parties engaged in gravel extraction activities in any given case to comply with applicable statutory requirements. In formulating its recommendations or prescriptions, NMFS will determine the acceptable means of demonstrating compliance with statutory requirements based on information available to the agency, as appropriate under the circumstances presented. As such, the language of the guidance document should not be read to establish any binding requirements on agency staff or the regulated community. Nor should the recommendations be regarded as static or inflexible. The recommendations are meant to be revised as the science upon which they are based improves and areas of uncertainty are resolved. The

recommendations are also meant to be adapted for regional or local use, so a degree of flexibility in their interpretation and application is necessary.

The notice of availability of the draft National Gravel Extraction Guidelines was published in the **Federal Register** on March 18, 2004 (69 FR 12837).

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings Notice

TIME AND DATE: 11 a.m., Friday, July 1, 2005.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meetings Notice

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PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Commission Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Surveillance Matters.

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