

DATES: Applications must be received no later than 5:00 PM EST on October 24, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be submitted electronically to <http://www.grants.gov/>. Electronic submission is strongly encouraged. Applicants without Internet access may send applications to 2234 South Hobson Avenue, Charleston, South Carolina 29405-2413; these applications must be received by the Coastal Services Center no later than 5:00 PM EST on October 24, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffery Adkins by telephone at 843-740-1244 or by email at Jeffery.Adkins@noaa.gov or Ginger Hinchcliff by telephone at 843-740-1184 or by e-mail at Ginger.Hinchcliff@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA publishes this notice to extend the solicitation period on the following initiative originally announced in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2005 (70 FR 37766). NOAA extends the solicitation period for the FY 2006 Coastal Services Center Environmental Characterization of a U.S. Coastal Region from October 3, 2005 to October 24, 2005 to provide the public more time to submit proposals. All other requirements for this solicitation remain the same.

Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations. Applicants are hereby given notice that funds have not yet been appropriated for the programs listed in this notice. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for proposal preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 **Federal Register**, Vol. 67, No. 210, pp. 66177B66178, for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the internet (<http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>).

National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals which are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA website: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf, and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this solicitation.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved

by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)). Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: September 29, 2005.

Helen Hurcombe

*Director Acquisition and Grants Office,
National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration.*

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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 the next meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (MPA FAC) in Corpus Christi, Texas.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 1, 2005 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday, November 2, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and

Thursday, November 3, 2005 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below may be 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 Omni Bayfront Hotel, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Portland, Maine 04192.

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; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MPA FAC, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce 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, November 1, 2005, and one hour set aside from 8:10 a.m. to 9:10 a.m. on Thursday, November 3, 2005, for the Committee to receive verbal comments or questions from the public. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. Copies of written statements should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by Friday, October 28, 2005.

Matters To Be Considered: On Tuesday, November 1, the Committee will elect a chair and vice chair, and will receive its new charge from the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior. The Committee will discuss and form the subcommittees needed to address the charge. On Wednesday, November 2, the Committee will receive a response from the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior on their recommendations submitted in June 2005, and discuss the framework for developing the national system. On Thursday, November 3, the subcommittees will meet to begin developing a work plan. The agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.mpa.gov>.

Dated: September 27, 2005.

Eldon Hout,

Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 092905B]

Fisheries of the South Atlantic; Scientific and Statistical Committee, Biological Assessment Subcommittee, Socio-economic Subcommittee

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting of the Scientific and Statistical Committee, Biological Subcommittee and Socio-economic Subcommittee.

SUMMARY: The South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and SSC Biological Subcommittee and Socio-economic Subcommittee in Charleston, South Carolina.

DATES: The meetings will take place October 19-21, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Hampton Inn, 678 Citadel Haven Drive, Charleston, SC 29414; phone 800/426-7866 or 843/573-1200, FAX 843/556-6078.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kim Iverson, Public Information Officer, South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, S.C., 29407-4699; phone 843/571-4366 or toll free 866/SAFMC-10; FAX 843/769-4520; email: kim.iverson@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the SSC is the body responsible for reviewing the Council's scientific materials. The Council will hold a meeting of its SSC Biological Assessment Subcommittee from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. on October 19, 2005. The Socio-economic Subcommittee will meet from 8:30 a.m. - 12 noon on October 20, 2005. The full SSC will meet from 1:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. on October 20, 2005 and from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. on October 21, 2005.

Subcommittees will review materials and provide recommendations to the full SSC. The SSC will then make recommendations for the Council to consider. Materials for discussion and

recommendations include: a review of Amendment 13C to the Snapper Grouper Fishery Management Plan (FMP), species groupings as proposed in Amendment 13B to the Snapper Grouper FMP, the structure and functions of the SSC, a review of technical information and available data addressing overfishing in the Report to Congress, and longer term management items including marine protected areas and the Council's Fishery Ecosystem Plan and Comprehensive Plan Amendment.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 3 days prior to the meetings. Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

Dated: September 29, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings and hearings.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council(s) (Council) will convene a joint meeting of all its Plan Teams (Pelagics, Bottomfish, Crustaceans, Precious Corals, Coral Reef Ecosystem) on Thursday October 13 and Friday October 14, 2005, to review draft Fishery Ecosystem Plans (FEPs). Further, the Council will also hold several public hearings to seek input on the proposal to develop draft FEPs for the Mariana Islands, Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, the US Pacific remote islands and the western Pacific pelagic ecosystem. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific times, dates, and agenda items.

ADDRESSES: The Joint Plan Team and SSC meetings will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164