

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Extension of Award Period for FY 2007 Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program Grants**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, National Ocean Service publishes this notice to announce that for those grants issued in fiscal year 2007 that are due to expire on September 30, 2010, NOAA may extend the financial assistance award period for up to six additional months, providing for a potential maximum award duration of three years and six months.

**DATES:** The provisions in this notice are implemented as of September 15, 2010. Award recipients who wish to avail themselves of the extension to the award period should contact their Program Officer by September 30, 2010 to inform them of their intent to seek an extension.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information, contact: Elaine Vaudreuil, 301-713-3155 ext. 103, [Elaine.Vaudreuil@noaa.gov](mailto:Elaine.Vaudreuil@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program was established pursuant to Public Law 107-77 for the purpose of protecting important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion from their natural or recreational state to other uses. In accordance with Public Law 107-77, CELCP published in the **Federal Register** on June 17, 2003 (68 FR 35860) program guidelines delineating the criteria for grant awards. The Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) outline a planning process for states to identify the conservation needs and priorities within each state; provide the information necessary for eligible coastal states to develop land conservation plans and nominate projects to a national competitive selection process; and delineate the criteria for grant awards. Consistent with the criteria for grants awards in the

Final Guidelines, the standard financial assistance award period for these awards is 18 months, which can be extended an additional 18 months if circumstances warrant, but may not exceed three years.

Several FY 2007 awards, whose award period is set to expire on September 30, 2010, have experienced circumstances late in the process that precluded their completion within the three-year timeframe provided in the CELCP Guidelines. Although the Final Guidelines indicate that the financial assistance award period may not exceed three years, NOAA is extending the maximum potential award duration for those FY 2007 grants in an open status on September 29, 2010, from three years to three years and six months, ending no later than March 31, 2011, in order to enable projects to be completed and funds expended for their intended purpose.

Award recipients who wish to avail themselves of the extension to the award period should contact their Program Officer by September 30, 2010 to inform them of their intent to seek an extension.

This extension applies to only FY 2007 CELCP awards in an open status on September 29, 2010. This notice does not modify any provision in the Final Guidelines for the Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program published on June 17, 2003.

**Classification***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 10, 2010.

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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 (Council) will hold its 105th Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and 149th Council meetings to take recommendations and action on fishery management issues in the Western Pacific Region.

**DATES:** The 105th SSC Meeting will be held on October 6-8 2010 in Honolulu, and the 149th Council meeting will be held on October 11-14, 2010, in Honolulu. For specific times and agendas, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The 105th SSC will be held at the Council Office, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI 96813.

The 149th Council Standing Committee meeting will be held at Council office on October 11, 2010, and the full Council meeting between October 12-14, 2010, at the Laniakea YWCA-Fuller Hall, 1040 Richards Street, Honolulu, HI 96813.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** In addition to the agenda items listed here, the SSC and Council will hear recommendations from Council advisory groups. Public comment periods will be provided throughout the agendas. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

**Schedule and Agenda for 105th SSC Meeting:****Wednesday, October 6, 2010, 8:30 a.m.**

1. Introductions