

(3) Require government approval of “declared Schedule 1” facilities (15 CFR 712.5(f));

(4) Provide that “declared Schedule 1” facilities are subject to initial and routine inspection by the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (15 CFR 712.5(e) and 716.1(b)(1));

(5) Require 200 days’ advance notification of establishment of new “Schedule 1” production facilities producing greater than 100 grams aggregate of “Schedule 1” chemicals per calendar year (15 CFR 712.4);

(6) Require advance notification and annual reporting of all imports and exports of “Schedule 1” chemicals to, or from, other States Parties to the Convention (15 CFR 712.6, 742.18(a)(1) and 745.1); and

(7) Prohibit the export of “Schedule 1” chemicals to States not Party to the Convention (15 CFR 742.18(a)(1) and (b)(1)(ii)).

For purposes of the CWC (see 15 CFR 710.1), “production of Schedule 1 chemicals” means the formation of “Schedule 1” chemicals through chemical synthesis, as well as processing to extract and isolate “Schedule 1” chemicals. Such production is understood, for CWC declaration purposes, to include intermediates, byproducts, or waste products that are produced and consumed within a defined chemical manufacturing sequence, where such intermediates, byproducts, or waste products are chemically stable and therefore exist for a sufficient time to make isolation from the manufacturing stream possible, but where, under normal or design operating conditions, isolation does not occur.

#### Request for Comments

In order to assist in determining whether the legitimate commercial activities and interests of chemical, biotechnology, and pharmaceutical firms in the United States are significantly harmed by the limitations of the Convention on access to, and production of, “Schedule 1” chemicals as described in this notice, BIS is seeking public comments on any effects that implementation of the Chemical Weapons Convention, through the Chemical Weapons Convention Implementation Act and the Chemical Weapons Convention Regulations, has had on commercial activities involving “Schedule 1” chemicals during calendar year 2010. To allow BIS to properly evaluate the significance of any harm to commercial activities involving “Schedule 1” chemicals, public comments submitted in response to this

notice of inquiry should include both a quantitative and qualitative assessment of the impact of the CWC on such activities.

Furthermore, it was recently brought to the attention of the Executive Council of the OPCW that a private pharmaceutical company located outside the United States utilized a production technology during which a “Schedule 1” chemical (a nitrogen mustard) was produced, as an intermediate, and then consumed to produce another chemical. This situation is currently being reviewed by the OPCW. In light of this development, BIS is seeking comments that address whether similar situations may exist in the United States.

#### Submission of Comments

All comments must be submitted to one of the addresses indicated in this notice. The Department requires that all comments be submitted in written form.

The Department encourages interested persons who wish to comment to do so at the earliest possible time. The period for submission of comments will close on December 15, 2010. The Department will consider all comments received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured. The Department will not accept comments accompanied by a request that a part or all of the material be treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. The Department will return such comments and materials to the persons submitting the comments and will not consider them. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be a matter of public record and will be available for public inspection and copying.

The Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, displays public comments on the BIS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Web site at <http://www.bis.doc.gov/foia>. This office does not maintain a separate public inspection facility. If you have technical difficulties accessing this Web site, please call BIS’s Office of Administration, at (202) 482-1093, for assistance.

Dated: November 8, 2010.

**Matthew S. Borman,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-C-2010-0082]

#### National Medal of Technology and Innovation Nomination Evaluation Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Medal of Technology and Innovation (NMTI) Nomination Evaluation Committee will meet in closed session on Tuesday, November 30, 2010. The primary purpose of the meeting is the discussion of relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the NMTI award.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene Tuesday, November 30, 2010, at 9 a.m., and adjourn at 2 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard Maulsby, Program Manager, National Medal of Technology and Innovation Program, United States Patent and Trademark Office, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA 22314; telephone (571) 272-8333, or by electronic mail: [nmti@uspto.gov](mailto:nmti@uspto.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee, United States Patent and Trademark Office, will meet at the United States Patent and Trademark Office campus in Alexandria, Virginia.

The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee was established in accordance with the provisions of the NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee’s charter and the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee meeting will be closed to the public in accordance with Sections 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code, because it will involve discussion of relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the NMTI. Public disclosure of this information would likely frustrate implementation of the NMTI program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the NMTI medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the medal.

The Secretary of Commerce is responsible for recommending to the

President prospective NMTI recipients. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee makes its recommendations for the NMTI candidates to the Secretary of Commerce, who in turn makes recommendations to the President for final selection. NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are drawn from both the public and private sectors and are appointed by the Secretary for three-year terms, with eligibility for one reappointment. The NMTI Nomination Evaluation Committee members are composed of distinguished experts in the fields of science, technology, business and patent law. The Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration, United States Department of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Assistant General Counsel for Administration, formally determined on November 8, 2010, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, that the meeting may be closed because Committee members are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6) and (9)(B). Due to closure of this meeting, copies of any minutes of the meeting will not be available. A copy of the determination is available for public inspection at the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

Dated: November 10, 2010.

**Peter C. Pappas,**

*Chief Communications Officer of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

**RIN 0648-XA037**

#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings, December 6-14, 2010, in Anchorage, AK.

**DATES:** The Council will begin its plenary session at 8 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8 continuing through Tuesday, December 14. The Council's Advisory Panel (AP) will begin at 8 a.m., Monday, December 6 and continue

through Friday, December 10. The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will begin at 8 a.m. on Monday, December 6 and continue through Wednesday, December 8, 2010. The Enforcement Committee will meet Tuesday, December 7 from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. All meetings are open to the public, except executive sessions.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W Third Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Avenue, Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David Witherell, Council staff; telephone: (907) 271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Council Plenary Session:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

**Reports:**

1. Executive Director's Report (including Statement of Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) revisions; report on Regional Ocean Partnerships/Marine Spatial Planning; and Coast Guard Bill).

NMFS Management Report.

ADF&G Report.

NOAA Enforcement Report.

5USCG Report.

USFWS Report.

Protected Species Report.

2. Steller Sea Lion Issues: Receive report final Biological opinion (BiOp)/ Reasonable and Prudent Alternative (RPA); discuss Center of Independent Experts (CIE) review); discuss comprehensive science review options.

3. Bering Sea Aleutian Island (BSAI) Crab Management: Initial Review/Final Action on BSAI Crab Emergency Relief; Initial Review on BSAI Crab Right of First Refusal (ROFR); Receive report on BSAI Crab Rationalization 5-year review; Initial review of Pribilof Blue King Crab Rebuilding Plan; NOAA-Bering Sea Fisheries Research Foundation survey snow crab selectivity analysis (SSC only).

4. Salmon Fishery Management Plan (FMP): Review discussion paper.

5. Halibut/Sablefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program: Initial review Community Quota Entity (CQE) area 3A purchase of D category halibut quota; Review discussion paper on CQE in Area 4B; Initial review/final action to add up to four new eligible CQE communities; Initial review/Final action on Area 4B D shares on C vessels.

6. GOA Chinook Salmon Bycatch: Review discussion paper.

7. Amendment 80 Groundfish Retention Standards (GRS) Program Changes: Initial Review of analysis.

8. Groundfish Specifications: Approve final BSAI groundfish specifications and Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) reports; Approve final GOA groundfish specifications and SAFE reports.

9. Groundfish Management: Review discussion paper on Pacific Cod Jig Fishery Management; review discussion paper on Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Halibut Prohibited Species Catch (PSC); initial review of Hagemeister Island closures for walrus.

10. Staff Tasking: Review Committees and tasking (including charter permit leasing discussion).

11. Other Business.

The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

1. BSAI Crab Management.

2. Amendment 80 GRS.

3. Groundfish Specifications.

4. Hagemeister Island closures.

The Advisory Panel will address most of the same agenda issues as the Council, except for #1 reports. The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version will be posted at <http://www.alaskafisheries.noaa.gov/npfmc/>.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at (907) 271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 9, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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