

whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 6, 2013.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC492

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Ad Hoc Amendment 24 Workgroup will hold an online webinar, which is open to the public.

DATES: The Workgroup's work session will begin at 1 p.m. on Thursday, February 28 and continue until business is completed on that day.

ADDRESSES: To attend the Ad Hoc Amendment 24 Workgroup webinar, please reserve your seat by visiting <https://www2.gotomeeting.com/register/789088682>. If requested, enter your name, email address, and the webinar id, which is 789-088-682. Once registered, participants will receive a confirmation email message that contains detailed information about viewing the event. To only join the audio teleconference of the webinar from the U.S. or Canada, call the toll number +1 (702) 489-0007 (note: this is not a toll-free number) and use the access code 237-761-508 when prompted.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, OR 97220-1384.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Kit Dahl, Pacific Fishery Management Council, telephone: (503) 820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council formed the Amendment 24 Workgroup to develop proposals for modifying the process to periodically establish and adjust harvest levels and management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery. The Workgroup will review the proposed action and range of alternatives for the setting harvest specifications and management measures for the Pacific Coast groundfish fishery for a 10-year period, 2015-24. On or about February 21 a white paper describing the proposed action and range of alternatives will be available on the Council's Web site (www.pcouncil.org) as part of the briefing materials for the March 2013 Pacific Fishery Management Council meeting. The Council may adopt the alternatives for analysis in an environmental impact assessment or environmental impact statement, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act. The Workgroup is expected to prepare a report for the Council containing their comments on the proposal.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the meeting agenda may be discussed, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this document 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 intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. Kris Kleinschmidt, (503) 820-2280, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 7, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy 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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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene a meeting of the Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and conclude by 4 p.m. on Thursday, February 28, 2013.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203 N. Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Froeschke, Fishery Biologist-Statistician; Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630 x235.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Ad Hoc Artificial Substrate AP will meet to discuss artificial substrates and their potential consideration as an Essential Fish Habitat in Gulf of Mexico fisheries. Specifically, the AP will evaluate potential implications including regulatory, fishery, or habitat impacts of consideration of artificial substrates as essential fish habitat (EFH) in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR Part 600 Subpart J. Items for consideration may include types of structures to be considered, potential conflicts with existing regulatory measures, and requirements to minimize impacts of fishing to the extent practicable. The AP will consider if new information exists that demonstrates artificial substrates, including fixed petroleum leg platforms and artificial reefs, provide habitat functions to federally-managed species in the Gulf of Mexico meeting the criteria identified and described as essential fish habitat (EFH) in accordance with the regulations at 50 CFR Part 600 Subpart J.

Copies of the agenda and other related materials can be obtained by calling (813) 348-1630.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Advisory Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management

Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Advisory Panel will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kathy Pereira at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: February 7, 2013.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; State and Local Implementation Grant Program Application Documentation and Reporting Requirements

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before April 15, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instruments and instructions should be sent to Laura M. Pettus, Program Specialist, Office of

Telecommunications and Information Applications, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4878, Washington, DC 20230 (or via email at lpettus@ntia.doc.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 (Act, Pub. L. 112-96, 126 Stat. 156 (2012).) (Act) was signed by the President on February 22, 2012. The Act meets a long-standing priority of the Administration, as well as a critical national infrastructure need, to create a single nationwide, interoperable public safety broadband network (PSBN) that will, for the first time, allow police officers, fire fighters, emergency medical service professionals, and other public safety officials to effectively communicate with each other across agencies and jurisdictions. The Act establishes the First Responder Network Authority (FirstNet) as an independent authority within the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and authorizes it to take all actions necessary to ensure the design, construction, and operation of a nationwide public safety broadband network (PSBN), based on a single, national network architecture.

FirstNet is responsible for, at a minimum, ensuring nationwide standards for the use of and access to the network; issuing open, transparent, and competitive requests for proposals (RFPs) to build, operate, and maintain the network; encouraging these RFPs to leverage, to the maximum extent economically desirable, existing commercial wireless infrastructure to speed deployment of the network; and overseeing contracts with non-federal entities to build, operate, and maintain the network.

The Act also charges NTIA with establishing the State and Local Grant Implementation Program (SLIGP) to assist State, regional, tribal, and local jurisdictions with identifying, planning, and implementing the most efficient and effective means to use and integrate the infrastructure, equipment, and other architecture associated with the nationwide PSBN to satisfy the wireless broadband and data services needs of their jurisdictions.

The Act directed NTIA, in consultation with FirstNet, to establish programmatic requirements for SLIGP by August 22, 2012. NTIA met the Act's directive by issuing a Notice that

described the scope of allowable activities that SLIGP will fund, defined eligible costs, and discussed prioritizing grants for activities that ensure coverage in rural as well as urban areas. Because the appointment of the FirstNet Board occurred on August 20, 2012, NTIA had only just started to consult with the Board on the SLIGP requirements at the time it issued the Notice on August 21, 2012. As a result, NTIA did not announce procedures for the submission of grant applications in the August 21 Notice nor did it begin accepting grant applications at that time. Instead, NTIA announced that, subject to the activities of FirstNet, it intended to release a Federal Funding Opportunity (FFO) and open the application window during the first quarter of calendar year 2013.

Moreover, the Act's framework contemplates that FirstNet will closely coordinate its activities with State, regional, tribal, and local governments and imposes a statutory requirement that FirstNet consult with these entities as it takes all actions necessary to build, deploy, and operate the nationwide PSBN. Specifically, the Act requires FirstNet to consult with State, regional, tribal, and local governments about the distribution and expenditure of any amounts required to carry out its responsibilities, including (i) The construction of a core network and any radio access network build-out; (ii) placement of towers; (iii) coverage areas of the network; (iv) adequacy of hardware, security, reliability, and resiliency requirements; (v) assignment of priority to local users and selection of entities seeking network access; and (vi) training needs of local users.

Additionally, the Act specifies that these required consultations are to occur between FirstNet and the single point of contact that the State is required to designate in its application for grant funds under SLIGP. Thus, progress in meeting FirstNet's responsibilities under the Act, including its required consultations, is inextricably linked to the establishment of SLIGP. FirstNet must rely on NTIA to establish SLIGP as the principal means to facilitate its required consultations. At the same time, without funding assistance from SLIGP, the States will lack the resources to consult effectively with FirstNet and provide it with information needed for it to proceed with the design and construction of a nationwide PSBN in an effective and timely manner, as required by the Act.

In order to meet these objectives, DOC/NTIA requested an emergency review by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). This request was approved on January 7, 2013; approval