

Participation Requirements section. Applications received after November 30, 2015, will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Thursday September 24, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

DATES: The meeting will be held Thursday, September 24, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency Dallas, 300 Reunion Boulevard, Dallas, TX 75207. Please note admittance instructions in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kari Reidy, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-4919, email: *kari.reidy@nist.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MEP Advisory Board (Board) is authorized under Section 3003(d) of the America COMPETES Act (Pub. L. 110-69); codified at 15 U.S.C. 278k(e), as amended, in accordance with the

provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App. The Board is composed of 10 members, appointed by the Director of NIST. Hollings MEP is a unique program, consisting of centers across the United States and Puerto Rico with partnerships at the state, federal, and local levels. The Board provides a forum for input and guidance from Hollings MEP program stakeholders in the formulation and implementation of tools and services focused on supporting and growing the U.S. manufacturing industry, provides advice on MEP programs, plans, and policies, assesses the soundness of MEP plans and strategies, and assesses current performance against MEP program plans.

Background information on the Board is available at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the MEP Advisory Board will hold an open meeting on Thursday, September 24, 2015, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Central Time. This meeting will focus on updates from the Advisory Board Sub-committees on (1) Update on MEP Competition (2) Evaluation System (3) Updates from Board Subcommittees (4) Strategic Planning.

The final agenda will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>. This meeting is being held in conjunction with the MEP Update meeting that will be held September 23, 2015 also at the Hyatt Regency Dallas.

Admittance Instructions: Anyone wishing to attend the MEP Advisory Board meeting should submit their name, email address and phone number to Kari Reidy (*Kari.Reidy@nist.gov* or 301-975-4919) no later than Monday, September 14, 2015, 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the MEP Advisory Board's business are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved for public comments at the end of the meeting. Speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received but is likely to be no more than three to five minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered

during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to the MEP Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, or via fax at (301) 963-6556, or electronically by email to *kari.reidy@nist.gov*.

Richard Cavanagh,

Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XE165

Pacific Islands Fisheries; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meetings.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that the Center for Independent Experts (CIE) will meet to review methods for assessing stocks in coral reef fisheries using information on fish length and life history.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for meeting dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meeting location is in Room 208, Hemenway Hall, University of Hawaii, 2445 Campus Road, Honolulu, HI 96822.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christofer H. Boggs, (808) 725-5364, or *Christofer.Boggs@noaa.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting schedule and agenda are as follows:

1. Tuesday, September 8, 2015 (9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
 - Introduction
 - Background information—Objectives and Terms of Reference
 - Fishery Operation and Management
 - Data—State of Hawaii System; Coral Reef Ecosystem Division surveys; biological data; other data
 - Panel Questions and Answers
2. Wednesday, September 9, 2015 (9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
 - Presentation and Review of Stock

- Assessment
- Panel Questions and Answers
3. Thursday, September 10, 2015 (9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- Continue Assessment Review (½ day)
 - Panel Questions and Answers
 - Panel Discussions (Closed)
4. Friday, September 11, 2015 (9 a.m.–4 p.m.)
- Panel Discussions (½ day)
 - Present Results (afternoon)
 - Adjourn

The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come up at the meeting for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meeting. 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Direct requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids to Christofer Boggs, (808) 725–5364 or Christofer.Boggs@noaa.gov.

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

Dated: September 2, 2015.

Jennifer M. Wallace,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XE135

Western Pacific 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 Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a half-day meeting on Friday, September 25, 2015 regarding social, economic, ecological, and management uncertainty (SEEM) factors pertinent to

setting annual catch limits (ACLs) for bottomfish fisheries in American Samoa, Guam, and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, September 25, 2015, starting at 1 p.m. Hawaii Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council office, 1164 Bishop St., 14th Floor, Honolulu, HI 96813 and via teleconference; conference telephone: (808) 522–3560.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director, Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: (808) 522–8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Agenda

Friday, September 25, 2015

Following introductions, participants will review the overfishing limit for territorial bottomfish fisheries and the results of risk analyses that considered quality of the stock assessment, uncertainty characteristics, stock status, and productivity and susceptibility. Participants will then discuss social, economic, ecological, and management uncertainty factors relevant to these fisheries that may warrant the Council to consider additional catch limit reductions. Finally, individuals will score these factors and these scores will be averaged in order to reach consensus on a recommendation to the Council.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 2, 2015.

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

RIN 0648–XE133

Fisheries of the Gulf of Mexico; Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR); Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of SEDAR 45 pre-workshop webinar for Gulf of Mexico Vermilion Snapper.

SUMMARY: The SEDAR assessment of the Gulf of Mexico Vermilion Snapper will consist of one in-person workshop and a series of webinars. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

DATES: The SEDAR pre-Workshop webinar will be held September 25, 2015, from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julie A. Neer at SEDAR (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar.

SEDAR address: 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, North Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie A. Neer, SEDAR Coordinator; (843) 571–4366; email: Julie.neer@safmnc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NOAA Fisheries and the Atlantic and Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commissions have implemented the Southeast Data, Assessment and Review (SEDAR) process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a multi-step process including: (1) Data/Assessment Workshop, and (2) a series of webinars. The product of the Data/Assessment Workshop is a report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses, and describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office, HMS Management Division, and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.