

initial planning for 10 to 20-day field program; introduction of NEFSC Working Group on transition options (*i.e.*, to transition to industry based sampling platforms—in full or in part); and next steps for NTAP including discussion about additional funding for future meetings.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 6, 2016.

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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General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission and Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to the General Advisory Committee; Conference Call Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces a conference call of the General Advisory Committee (GAC) to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee (SAS) to the GAC on September 23, 2016. The meeting and call topics are described under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

DATES: The conference call with the GAC and SAS will be held on September 23, 2016, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Pacific Daylight Time (or until business is concluded).

ADDRESSES: The call will be held via conference line: 1-888-790-6181, passcode: 55049.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Taylor Debevec, West Coast Region, NMFS, at Taylor.Debevec@noaa.gov, or at (562) 980-4066.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*), as amended,

the U.S. Department of Commerce, in consultation with the Department of State (the State Department), appoints a GAC to the U.S. Section to the IATTC, and a SAS that advises the GAC. The U.S. Section consists of four U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and representatives of the State Department, NOAA, Department of Commerce, other agencies of the U.S. Government, and other stakeholders. The purpose of the GAC is to advise the U.S. Section with respect to scientific research about, and management of, tuna and tuna-like species in the eastern tropical Pacific Ocean conducted by the IATTC, with particular reference to development of U.S. policies, positions, and negotiating tactics. The purpose of the SAS is to advise the GAC on matters of science. NMFS West Coast Region provides administrative support for the GAC and SAS. The meetings of the GAC and SAS shall generally be open to the public, unless the meetings go into executive session for specific topics. The time and manner of public comment will be at the discretion of the chairs for the GAC and SAS.

The 90th meeting of the IATTC was held in La Jolla, CA, from June 27 to July 1, 2016, but not all agenda items were addressed and the meeting was temporarily adjourned. As such, the 90th meeting of the IATTC will be resumed from October 12 to October 14, 2016, in La Jolla, CA. For more information on the resumed meeting, please visit the IATTC's Web site: <https://www.iattc.org/MeetingsENG.htm>.

GAC and SAS Call Topics

The call topics will include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. Formulation of advice on issues that may arise at the resumed 90th meeting of the IATTC, including the IATTC staff's recommended conservation measures, U.S. proposals, and proposals from other IATTC members; and
2. Other issues as they arise.

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Taylor Debevec (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) by September 16, 2016.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*

Dated: September 6, 2016.

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

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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 via webinar.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will hold a meeting via webinar of its Data Collection Technical Committee.

DATES: The meeting will convene Thursday, September 29, 2016, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. EDT.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar; you may register at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5388009774335661059>.

Council address: 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; john.froeschke@gulfcouncil.org; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion on the agenda are as follows:

The Data Collection Technical Committee will meet to discuss the minimum data elements necessary to implement electronic reporting of for-hire fisheries data in the Gulf of Mexico. The Technical Committee will review data elements collected by existing for-hire programs in the Gulf and other regions as well as the data elements recommended for consideration by the National Marine Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office. The objectives are to improve timeliness and data quality of fisheries data from the federal for-hire sector that will be used to support fisheries science and management. The Technical Committee is expected to discuss and provide recommendations to the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council regarding about the minimum data elements to achieve the goals of the program.

Meeting Adjourns

Please register for Data Collection Technical Committee meeting on Thursday, September 29, 2016, 9 a.m. EDT at: <https://>

attendeegotowebinar.com/register/5388009774335661059.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the webinar.

The Agenda is subject to change, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on the Council's file server. To access the file server, the URL is <https://public.gulfcouncil.org:5001/webman/index.cgi>, or go to the Council's Web site and click on the File Server link in the lower left of the Council Web site (<http://www.gulfcouncil.org>). The username and password are both "gulfguest". Click on the "Library Folder", then scroll down to "Data Collection Technical Committee".

The meeting will be webcast over the internet. A link to the webcast will be available on the Council's Web site, <http://www.gulfcouncil.org>.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the Technical Committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Actions of the Technical Committee 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Dated: September 6, 2016.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

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National Broadband Research Agenda

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce; National Science Foundation.

ACTION: Notice, request for comments.

SUMMARY: In furtherance of the Broadband Opportunity Council's recommendation to improve data

collection, analysis and research on broadband, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) and the National Science Foundation (NSF) request public comments to inform the development of a National Broadband Research Agenda (Agenda) in collaboration with the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program and other agencies that form the Council. This Agenda will reflect the most significant opportunities for data collection, analysis, and research to keep pace with, and take advantage of, the massive digital changes that permeate our economy and society.

DATES: Submit written comments on or before 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on October 11, 2016.

ADDRESSES: Written comments may be submitted by email to: NBRARfc2016@ntia.doc.gov. Include "National Broadband Research Agenda" in the subject line of the message. Comments submitted by email should be machine-readable and should not be copy-protected. Written comments may also be submitted by mail to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4887, Attn: National Broadband Research Agenda, Washington DC 20230. Responders should include the name of the person or organization filing the comment, as well as a page number on each page of the submission. Enclose a CD or DVD version of your submission labeled with the name and organization of the filer. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <https://www.ntia.doc.gov/federal-register-notice/2016/comments-national-broadband-research-agenda> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by commenters may be publicly accessible. Do not submit confidential business information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. NTIA will accept anonymous comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Francine Alkisswani, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Room 4621, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5560; email: falkisswani@ntia.doc.gov; or Jack T. Brassil, Computer and Information Science and Engineering, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Room 1175.31N, Arlington, VA 22230; telephone: (703) 292-8950;

email: jbrassil@nsf.gov. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs; email: press@ntia.doc.gov; telephone: (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

In March 2015, President Obama created the Broadband Opportunity Council (Council), composed of 25 federal departments and agencies, to determine actions that the federal government could take to eliminate barriers to broadband deployment, competition, and adoption and encourage investment through executive actions within the scope of existing agency programs, missions, and budgets.¹ The U.S. Departments of Commerce and Agriculture co-chaired the Council.

In September 2015, the White House released the Council's report, which described 36 concrete steps the member agencies would take to reduce barriers, incentivize investment, promote best practices, align funding policies and decisions, and support broadband deployment and adoption.² One of the actions in the report called for NTIA and NSF to develop a national broadband research agenda with input from other federal agencies and the broader research community. This Notice seeks recommendations from all members of the research community to support the development of the Agenda. This input will supplement input received through an NSF-sponsored visioning workshop.³

II. Objectives of This Notice

This Notice seeks input to improve data collection, analysis, research, and their applications for the benefit of broadband policy development, program implementation, and program evaluation. A robust broadband research

¹ The White House, Office of the Press Secretary, *Presidential Memorandum—Expanding Broadband Deployment and Adoption by Addressing Regulatory Barriers and Encouraging Investment and Training* (March 23, 2015), available at <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-press-office/2015/03/23/presidential-memorandum-expanding-broadband-deployment-and-adoption-addr>.

² Broadband Opportunity Council, *Report and Recommendations Pursuant to the Presidential Memorandum on Expanding Broadband Deployment and Adoption by Addressing Regulatory Barriers and Encouraging Investment and Training* (Aug. 20, 2015) at 12, available at https://www.ntia.doc.gov/files/ntia/publications/broadband_opportunity_council_report_final.pdf.

³ The National Science Foundation (NSF) funded the Pennsylvania State University, Institute of Information Policy (IIP) to organize a visioning workshop with leading experts in academia, industry, and government on June 16-17, 2016, at the NSF in Arlington, Virginia. See the details of the "Broadband 2021" workshop at <https://broadband.ist.psu.edu/>.