

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for nominations for the National Sea Grant Advisory Board.

SUMMARY: This notice responds the Sea Grant Program Improvement Act of 1976, which requires the Secretary of Commerce to solicit nominations at least once a year for membership on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board (Board), a Federal Advisory Committee that provides advice on the implementation of the National Sea Grant College Program. The NOAA intends to fill two expected vacancies on the Board in 2017 and another two in 2018 to apply for membership to the Board, applicants should submit a current resume, via the methodology discussed in the Contact Information Section of this notice. A cover letter highlighting specific areas of expertise relevant to the purpose of the Board is helpful, but not required. NOAA is an equal opportunity employer.

DATES: Applications, there is no due date for applications. However, the program intends to begin reviewing applications to fulfill existing vacancies by April 28th 2017. Applications will be kept on file for consideration of any Board vacancy for a period of three years from October 1st 2017 in order to fill any future or unexpected vacancies.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nominations will be accepted by email or mail. They should be sent to the attention of Ms. Mary Anne Garlic, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, SSMC 3, Room 11717, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. If you need additional assistance, please email maryann.garlic@noaa.gov or call 301-734-1088.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Established by Section 209 of the Act and as amended the National Sea Grant College Program Amendments Act of 2008 (Pub. L. 110-394), the duties of the Board are as follows:

(1) In general, the Board shall advise the Secretary and the Director concerning:

(A) Strategies for utilizing the Sea Grant College Program to address the Nation's highest priorities regarding the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, and conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources;

(B) The designation of Sea Grant Colleges and Sea Grant Institutes; and

(C) Such other matters as the Secretary refer to the Board for review and advice.

(2) Biennial Report. The Board shall report to the Congress every two years

on the state of the National Sea Grant College Program. The Board shall indicate in each such report the progress made toward meeting the priorities identified in the strategic plan in effect under section 204(c). The Secretary shall make available to the Board such information, personnel and administrative services and assistance as it may reasonably require to carry out its duties under this title.

The Board shall consist of 15 voting members who shall be appointed by the Secretary for a 4-year term, renewable for a 2nd 4-year term at the discretion of the Secretary. The Director and a director of a Sea Grant program who is elected by the various directors of Sea Grant programs shall serve as nonvoting members of the Board. Not less than 8 of the voting members of the Board shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in one or more of the disciplines and fields included in marine science. The other voting members shall be individuals who, by reason of knowledge, experience, or training, are especially qualified in, or representative of, education, marine affairs and resource management, coastal management, extension services, State government, industry, economics, planning, or any other activity which is appropriate to, and important for, any effort to enhance the understanding, assessment, development, management, utilization, or conservation of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources. No individual is eligible to be a voting member of the Board if the individual is (A) the director of a Sea Grant College or Sea Grant Institute; (B) an applicant for, or beneficiary (as determined by the Secretary) of, any grant or contract under section 205 [33 USCS § 1124]; or (C) a full-time officer or employee of the United States.

Individuals Selected for Federal Advisory Committee Membership: Upon selection and agreement to serve on the National Sea Grant Advisory Board, you become a Special Government Employee (SGE) of the United States Government. According to 18 U.S.C. 202(a), an SGE is an officer or employee of an agency who is retained, designated, appointed, or employed to perform temporary duties, with or without compensation, not to exceed 130 days during any period of 365 consecutive days, either on a fulltime or intermittent basis. Please be aware that after the selection process is complete, applicants selected to serve on the Board must complete the following actions before they can be appointed as a Board member:

(a) Security Clearance (on-line Background Security Check process and fingerprinting), and other applicable forms, both conducted through NOAA Workforce Management; and

(b) Confidential Financial Disclosure Report as an SGE, you are required to file a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report annually to avoid involvement in a real or apparent conflict of interest. You may find the Confidential Financial Disclosure Report at the following Web site. <http://www.oge.gov/Forms-Library/OGE-Form-450-Confidential-Financial-Disclosure-Report/>.

Dated: March 21, 2017.

Paul Johnson,

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean 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 Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 159th meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on April 18-19, 2017. The Council will convene on Tuesday, April 18, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and will reconvene on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Renaissance St. Croix Carambola Beach Resort & Spa, Estate Davis Bay, St. Croix, USVI 00850.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918, telephone: (787) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 159th regular Council Meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

April 18, 2017, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 158th Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- Executive Director's Report

- Scientific and Statistical Committee Report
 - February 6–10, 2017 Meeting
 - April 3–7, 2017 Meeting
- District Advisory Panel Report from March 7–8, 2017 Meeting
- Island-based Fishery Management Plans
 - Review and Comment on Final Draft of Goals and Objectives for each Island Group
 - Review of Proposed Actions and Alternatives
 - Action 1: Species to Manage (Final Draft Alternatives Complete)
 - Action 2: Species Groupings (Review Final Draft Alternatives)
 - Action 3: Reference Points (Review Final Draft Alternatives)
 - Action 4: Essential Fish Habitat
 - 5-year Review Status and Timeline
 - Action 5: Framework Measures
 - Status and Suggested Additions
 - Select Preliminary Preferred Alternative(s) for each Action
 - Schedule Public Hearings
 - Next Steps/Roadmap
- Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone
 - Review Proposed Action and Alternatives
 - Select Preferred Alternative
- Review of Annual Catch Limit overages and resultant 2017 Accountability Measure-based Closures
- Other Business

Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

April 18, 2017, 5:30 p.m.–6:30 p.m.

- Administrative Matters
 - CY 2017
 - Closed Session

April 18, 2017, 7 p.m.–8 p.m.

- Public Hearings on Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone

April 19, 2017, 9 a.m.–5 p.m.

- St. Thomas/St. John's Fishery Management Update and Concerns—Julian Magras
- Spiny Lobster Fisheries Workshop Report—Tony Iarocci
- Electronic Reporting System Update—Ricardo López
- Regulatory Amendment 6 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan: Triggering Accountability Measures in the Puerto Rico Exclusive Economic Zone

- Results from Public Hearings
- Next Step: Consider taking final action/Review codified text
- Fishery Ecosystem Plan Status Report
- Outreach and Education Report
- Enforcement Issues:
 - Puerto Rico-DNER
 - U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - 1991 DNER/NMFS Memorandum of Understanding
 - NMFS/NOAA
- Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff

Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)

- Other Business
- Next Meeting(s)

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918, telephone (787) 766–5926, at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 22, 2017.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NOAA Space-Data Collection System (DCS) Agreements.

OMB Control Number: 0648–0157.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Number of Respondents: 225.

Average Hours per Response: 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 113.

Needs and Uses: This request is for extension of an existing information collection.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operates two space-based data collection systems (DCS), the Geostationary Operational Environmental Satellite (GOES) DCS and the Polar-Orbiting Operational Environmental Satellite (POES) DCS, also known as the Argos system. NOAA allows users access to the DCS if they meet certain criteria. The applicants must submit information to ensure that they meet these criteria. NOAA does not approve agreements where there is a commercial service available to fulfill the user's requirements.

Affected Public: Federal government; state, local or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually, every three years or every five years.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

This information collection request may be viewed at reginfo.gov. Follow the instructions to view Department of Commerce collections currently under review by OMB.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov or fax to (202) 395–5806.