

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Institute of Standards and Technology****Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting**

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will hold a meeting via webinar on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Interested members of the public will be able to view the meeting materials and participate from remote locations. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review and finalize the Committee's 2017 Report on the Effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrp.gov/>.

DATES: The ACEHR will hold a meeting via webinar on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: Questions regarding the meeting should be sent to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604. For instructions on how to participate in the meeting via the webinar, please see the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tina Faecke, Management and Program Analyst, NEHRP, Engineering Laboratory, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. She can also be contacted by email at tina.faecke@nist.gov, or by phone at (301) 975-5911.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108-360). The Committee is currently composed of 15 members appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their established records of distinguished service in their professional community, their knowledge of issues affecting NEHRP, and to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and

communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee serves as an ex-officio member of the Committee.

The Committee assesses:

- Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
- the effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities;
- any need to revise NEHRP; and
- the management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Advisory Committee is available at <http://nehrp.gov/>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will hold an open meeting via webinar on Wednesday, September 6, 2017, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The primary purpose of this meeting is to review and finalize the Committee's 2017 Report on the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The agenda and meeting materials will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrp.gov/>.

All participants in the meeting are required to pre-register. Anyone wishing to participate must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Wednesday, August 30, 2017. Please submit your first and last name, email address, and phone number to Tina Faecke at tina.faecke@nist.gov or (301) 975-5911. After pre-registering, participants will be provided with detailed instructions on how to join the webinar remotely. Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately 15 minutes will be reserved from 4:45 p.m.-5:00 p.m. Eastern Time for public comments. 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 about three minutes each. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. All those wishing to speak must submit their request by email to the attention of Tina Faecke, tina.faecke@nist.gov by 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Wednesday, August 30, 2017.

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated, and those who were unable to participate are invited to submit written statements to NEHRP, National Institute of Standards and

Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, or electronically by email to tina.faecke@nist.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Groundfish Operational Assessment Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the Northeast Regional Stock Assessment Workshop (SAW) will convene a peer review of Operational Stock Assessments of twenty fish stocks. These stocks are managed by the New England Fishery Management Council and are included within the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. This will be a formal, scientific peer review of operational assessments, which incorporate recent data. Results of the review will be used as a basis for management decisions for fish stocks in U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by stock assessment scientists primarily from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center and reviewed by a panel of stock assessment experts. The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions by reviewers and scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Stock Assessment Review Committee Meeting will be held from September 11, 2017, through September 15, 2017. The meeting will commence on September 11, 2017, at 9 a.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the S.H. Clark Conference Room in the Aquarium Building of the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543.

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