

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 Tuesday, September 20, 2022.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the InterContinental Chicago Magnificent Mile, 505 Michigan Avenue, Chicago, IL 60611. Please note admittance instructions in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below. Interested parties should be sure to check the NIST MEP Advisory Board website for the most up-to-date information at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cheryl L. Gendron, Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800; telephone number (301) 975-2785; email: cheryl.gendron@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The MEP Advisory Board is authorized under 15 U.S.C 278k(m), in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. app. The Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (Program) is a unique program consisting of Centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico with partnerships at the federal, state and local levels. By statute, the MEP Advisory Board provides the NIST Director with: (1) advice on the activities, plans and policies of the Program; (2) assessments of the soundness of the plans and strategies of the Program; and (3) assessments of current performance against the plans of the Program.

Background information on the MEP Advisory 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 Tuesday, September 20, 2022, from 12:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Central time. The meeting agenda will include an update on the MEP programmatic operations, as well as provide guidance and advice on current activities related to both the current MEP National Network™ 2017–2022 Strategic Plan and upcoming MEP National Network 2023–2028 Strategic Plan. The agenda may change to accommodate Board business. The final agenda will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board website at <http://www.nist.gov/mep/about/advisory-board.cfm>. 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. Requests must be submitted by email to cheryl.gendron@nist.gov and must be received by September 14, 2022, to be considered. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the MEP Advisory Board website 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 wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda or those who are/were unable to attend the meeting are invited to submit written statements electronically by email to cheryl.gendron@nist.gov.

Admittance Instructions: Anyone wishing to attend the MEP Advisory Board meeting must submit their name, organization, email address and phone number to Cheryl Gendron (Cheryl.Gendron@nist.gov or 301–975–2785) no later than Wednesday, September 14, 2022, 5:00 p.m. Eastern time.

Alicia Chambers,
NIST Executive Secretariat.

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

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to In-Water Construction at Two Ferry Facilities on Bainbridge Island, Washington

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

ACTION: Notice; proposed incidental harassment authorization (IHA); request for comments on proposed authorization and possible renewal.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the Washington State Department of Transportation Ferries Division (WSDOT) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to two in-water construction projects on Bainbridge Island, Washington: the Bainbridge Island Ferry Terminal Overhead Loading Replacement Project and Eagle Harbor Maintenance Facility Slip F Improvement Project. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to issue an IHA to incidentally take marine mammals during the specified activities. NMFS is also requesting comments on a possible one-time, one-year renewal that could be issued under certain circumstances and if all requirements are met, as described in Request for Public Comments at the end of this notice. NMFS will consider public comments prior to making any final decision on the issuance of the requested MMPA authorization and agency responses will be summarized in the final notice of our decision.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than September 9, 2022.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to Jolie Harrison, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service and should be submitted via email to ITP.Fowler@noaa.gov.

Instructions: NMFS is not responsible for comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period. Comments, including all attachments, must not exceed a 25-megabyte file size. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted online at