

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 4, 1999.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 990910254-9254-01; ID 1108999B]

General Advisory Committee; Scientific Advisory Subcommittee; International Dolphin Conservation Program in the Eastern Tropical Pacific Ocean (ETP)

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for nominations.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act, as amended by the International Dolphin Conservation Program Act (IDCPA), NMFS is appointing a General Advisory Committee and a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee that will provide advice on achieving the objectives of the Tuna Conventions Act, the IDCPA, and the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (Agreement). To assist it in developing the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee, NMFS is requesting nominations for members to these committees.

As directed in the Tuna Conventions Act, the General Advisory Committee will examine and provide comments and recommendations on all aspects of the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC) and the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna and will be invited to attend all meetings of the U.S. sections of these commissions.

The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will advise the General Advisory Committee, the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, and the U.S. Commissioners to the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna on all scientific matters regarding the long-term conservation and management of marine resources in the ETP and the entire ETP ecosystem. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will jointly serve as the National Scientific Advisory Committee, a committee which NMFS is required to appoint under the Agreement.

DATES: Nominations must be submitted on or before January 11, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be submitted to Katie S. Moore, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13756, Silver Spring, MD, 20910 or by fax to Katie Moore at 301-713-0376.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Allison Routt, 562-980-4019; or Katie S. Moore, 301-713-2322, ext. 157.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Tuna Conventions Act (16 U.S.C. 951 *et seq.*), as amended by the IDCPA (Pub. L. 105-42), requires that the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and the U.S. Commissioners to the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna appoint a General Advisory Committee and a Scientific Advisory Subcommittee. In addition, the Agreement requires the Secretary to establish a National Scientific Advisory Committee. These committees will provide advice on achieving the objectives of the Tuna Conventions Act, the IDCPA, and the Agreement on the International Dolphin Conservation Program (Agreement). NMFS is seeking nominations for both the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee. NMFS intends for members of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to jointly serve as members of the National Scientific Advisory Committee.

General Advisory Committee

The General Advisory Committee will be composed of five to 15 qualified experts, operating in their individual capacities, from the public and private sectors, and from non-governmental organizations. It will have balanced representation from the various groups participating in the fisheries included under the conventions, and from non-governmental conservation organizations. The General Advisory Committee will be invited to send representatives to all non-executive meetings of the U.S. sections and will be

given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of investigations, reports, recommendations, and regulations of the IATTC and the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna. The General Advisory Committee may attend all meetings of the international commissions to which they are invited by such commissions.

As required by the Tuna Conventions Act, members of the General Advisory Committee will not receive compensation for their services as members of this committee.

Scientific Advisory Subcommittee

The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will be composed of no less than five nor more than 15 qualified scientists with balanced representation from the public and private sector, including non-governmental organizations. The Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will, as requested by the General Advisory Committee, the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC, or the U.S. Commissioners to the International Commission for the Scientific Investigation of Tuna, perform functions and provide assistance required by formal agreements entered into by the United States for the ETP fishery, including the International Dolphin Conservation Program (Program). These functions include: (1) reviewing data from the Program, including data received from the IATTC; (2) making recommendations on research needs, including ecosystems, fishing practices, and gear technology research, including the development and use of selective, environmentally safe and cost-effective fishing gear, and on the coordination and facilitation of such research; (3) making recommendations concerning scientific reviews and assessments required under the Program and engaging, as appropriate, in such reviews and assessments; and (4) consulting with other experts as needed and recommending measures to assure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the parties to the Program and each nation's National Scientific Advisory Committee (or its equivalent).

As required by the Tuna Conventions Act, members of the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee will not receive compensation for their services as members of this committee.

National Scientific Advisory Committee

NMFS intends for the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee to also function as the National Advisory Scientific Committee (NATSAC) under the Agreement. The functions of the

NATSAC, established in accordance with Article XI of the Agreement, are, among other things, to:

1. Receive and review relevant data, including the data provided to NMFS by the IATTC;

2. Advise and recommend to the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC on measures and actions that should be undertaken to conserve and manage stocks of living marine resources in the Agreement area;

3. Make recommendations to the U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC on research needs (including research concerning ecosystems, the effects of climatic, environmental and socioeconomic factors, and the effects of fishing), measures contemplated in the Agreement, fishing techniques and practices, and gear technology research, including the development and use of selective environmentally-safe and cost-effective fishing gear, and the coordination and facilitation of this research;

4. Conduct scientific reviews and assessments regarding progress toward the year 2001 objective of achieving a per-stock, per-year cap of 0.1 percent of the minimum population estimate, and make appropriate recommendations concerning these reviews and assessments, as well as additional assessments in the year 2001, consistent with this Agreement;

5. Ensure the regular and timely full exchange of data among the Parties to the Agreement and the NATSACs on catch of tuna and associated species and bycatch, including dolphin mortality data, for the purposes of developing conservation and management recommendations as well as recommendations for enforcement and scientific research while not violating the confidentiality of business confidential data;

6. Consult with other experts as necessary to gather as much information as possible that might be useful for achieving the objectives of the Agreement; and

7. Perform other functions as assigned.

Reports of the NATSAC, including reports of their cooperative meetings, will be made available to the Parties to the Agreement and to the public, in a manner consistent with applicable confidentiality requirements.

Meetings of the NATSAC will take place at least once a year in conjunction with the ordinary meeting of the Parties to the Agreement. These meetings regularly occur in the United States or abroad as hosted by another Party to the Agreement. The Director of the IATTC may convene meetings, in addition to

the regular meetings required by the Agreement, to facilitate consultation among the NATSACs of the Parties to the Agreement. The functions of the meetings of the NATSAC are to: (1) Exchange information; (2) review IATTC research to achieve the objectives of the Agreement; and (3) make recommendations to the Director of the IATTC concerning the future research program to achieve the objectives of the Agreement.

The Scientific Advisory Committee/National Scientific Advisory Committee (SAC/NATSAC) should be comprised of scientists with definable interests in the Program and/or the ETP yellowfin tuna fishery and related industries, environmental community, academia, governmental and quasi-governmental entities. Members of the SAC/NATSAC will be invited to send representatives to all non-executive meetings of the U.S. sections of the IATTC and the General Advisory Committee, and will be given full opportunity to examine and to be heard on all proposed programs of scientific investigations, scientific reports, and scientific recommendations of the IATTC. Representatives of the SAC/NATSAC may attend meetings of the IATTC in accordance with the rules of the IATTC.

Procedures and Guidelines of the General Advisory Committee and the SAC/NATSAC

Each appointed member of the General Advisory Committee and the SAC/NATSAC will serve for a term of 3 years, with one-third of the members rotating out each year. Members will be eligible for reappointment.

NMFS will provide the necessary administrative support, including technical assistance, for the Committees; however, NMFS will not compensate members for participating on the Committees, for travel or other living expenses, because no funds were appropriated for this purpose.

Procedure for Submitting Nominations

Submit nominations for the General Advisory Committee and the Scientific Advisory Subcommittee/NATSAC to NMFS (see ADDRESSES). The criteria for nominations include: (1) Experience in the commercial purse seine fishing industry involved in catching tuna in the ETP; (2) experience in the connected industries (e.g., gear, fishing techniques and practices, or gear technology research); and/or (3) former or current representative of a private, regional, state, national, or international organization which deals with issues related to the ETP purse seine fishery.

Nominations for the General Advisory Committee or the SAC/NATSAC should include:

1. The name of the nominee and a description of their interest in or connection with the Tuna Conventions Act, the IDCPA, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the tuna fishery of the ETP, the international dolphin conservation program of the ETP, or a particular species of dolphin or tuna involved in that fishery;

2. A statement of background;

3. A statement of qualifications; and

4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of General Advisory Committee or the SAC/NATSAC.

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Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100499E]

Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act; Meeting; Correction

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

ACTION: Coordination meeting; correction.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) will hold a joint meeting to discuss coordination of activities that support Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission coastal fisheries management plans under the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act and the Atlantic Striped Bass Conservation Act. The original meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** on October 12, 1999. The meeting date has changed.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Anne Lange, Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries, NMFS, 8484 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Telephone: (301) 427-2014.

Correction

In the **Federal Register** of October 12, 1999, in FR Doc. 99-26548, on page 55254, in the second column, correct the "DATES" caption to read:

DATES: The meeting will convene on Monday, December 20, at 10:00 a.m. and