

public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, 2007, at 9 a.m. at the Rochester City Hall, 30 Church Street, Commissioner of Environmental Services Offices, Room 321B, 3rd Floor, Rochester, New York.

The Waquoit Bay (Massachusetts) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held May 8–10, 2007. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Waquoit Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Visitors Center, 149 Waquoit Highway, East Falmouth, Massachusetts.

The Ohio Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held May 14–18, 2007. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at 7 p.m. at the Erie County Commissioners Office, 247 Columbus Avenue, 3rd Floor Chambers, Room 301, Sandusky, Ohio.

The New Jersey Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held June 4–8, 2007. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 6, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at Ocean County College, Technology Center, 1st Floor Lecture Hall, Colledge Drive, Toms River, New Jersey.

The South Slough (Oregon) National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation site visit will be held June 19–22, 2007. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 19, 2007, at 5:30 p.m. at the North Bend Public Library, 1800 Sherman Avenue, North Bend, Oregon.

The Virgin Islands Coastal Management Program evaluation site visit will be held June 25–29, 2007. Three public meetings will be held during the week. The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Department of Education Curriculum Center, Kingshill, St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands. The second public meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Main Conference Room, Department of Planning and Natural Resources, Cyril E. King Airport, Terminal Building—Second Floor, No. 70 Lindberg Bay, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. The third public meeting will be held on Thursday, June 28, 2007, at 6 p.m. at the Conference Room, Legislature Building, No. 109 Enighed Contant, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of states' most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's evaluation notification and

supplemental information request letters to the states, are available upon request from OCRM. Written comments from interested parties regarding these Programs are encouraged and will be accepted until 15 days after the public meeting held for a Program. Please direct written comments to Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When the evaluation is completed, OCRM will place a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the availability of the Final Evaluation Findings.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Old Woman Creek (Ohio) and Apalachicola (Florida) National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs) and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands Coastal Management Program. Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approval of CMPs and the operation and management of NERRs. The Old Woman Creek (Ohio) and Apalachicola (Florida) NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System. The Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands was found to be implementing and enforcing its federally approved coastal management program, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)–(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of its financial assistance awards.

Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, or [Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov](mailto:Ralph.Cantral@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ralph Cantral, Chief, National Policy and Evaluation Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, N/ORM7, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301)563–7118.

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Dated: February 20, 2007.

**David M. Kennedy,**  
*Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Commercial Fishing Seat for the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary (FGBNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the Commercial Fishing seat on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council). Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. The Applicant chosen as a member should expect to serve a 2-year term, pursuant to the Council's Charter. **DATES:** Applications are due by March 15, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Jennifer Morgan at NOAA–Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, 4700 Avenue U, Bldg. 216, Galveston, TX 77551. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jennifer Morgan, NOAA–Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary, 4700 Avenue U, Bldg. 216, Galveston, TX 77551, 409–621–5151 ext. 103, [Jennifer.Morgan@noaa.gov](mailto:Jennifer.Morgan@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Located in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico, the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary includes three separate areas, known as East Flower Garden, West Flower Garden, and Stetson Banks. The Sanctuary was designated on January 17, 1992. Stetson Bank was added to the Sanctuary in 1996. The Sanctuary Advisory Council will consist of no

more than 11 members; 8 non-governmental voting members and 3 governmental non-voting members. The Council may serve as a forum for consultation and deliberation among its members and as a source of advice to the Sanctuary manager regarding the management of the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429, Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: February 12, 2007.

**Daniel J. Basta,**

*Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fisheries; Amendment 10 Butterfish Stock Rebuilding and Amendment 11 Atlantic Mackerel Limited Access Program

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

**ACTION:** Supplemental Notice Of Intent (NOI) to prepare an environmental impact statement; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On December 19, 2005, the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council), in cooperation with NMFS, announced its intent to prepare an environmental assessment (EA) for Amendment 10 (butterfish stock rebuilding program) and a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for Amendment 11 (Atlantic mackerel limited access program) to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP). Since then, the Council and NMFS have concluded that a SEIS must be prepared for Amendment 10; therefore, this supplemental NOI seeks comments on Amendment 10. In addition, the Council hereby notifies the public that SEIS documents for Amendment 10 and Amendment 11 will be developed simultaneously, but each amendment will remain separate fishery management actions.

**DATES:** Public comments on the supplementary NOI for Amendment 10

must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on March 29, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of supporting documents used by the Council are available from: Daniel Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904-6790.

Written comments on the supplementary notice of intent for Amendment 10 may be sent by any of the following methods:

- E-mail to the following address: [MSBAmendment10@noaa.gov](mailto:MSBAmendment10@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: "Comments on MSB Amendment 10";

- Mail to Daniel Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, Federal Building, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19904-6790. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on MSB Amendment 10"; or
- Fax to Daniel Furlong, 302-674-5399.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Nordeen, Fishery Policy Analyst, phone 978-281-9272, fax 978-281-9135.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Amendment 10 Butterfish Stock Rebuilding

The most recent stock assessment for Atlantic butterfish indicated that while overfishing of the stock is not occurring, the stock is overfished because the most recent estimates of stock biomass are slightly below the minimum biomass threshold supporting maximum sustainable yield (50 percent of  $B_{MSY}$ ). Based on this information, NMFS notified the Council that the butterfish stock is designated as being overfished as defined under the Magnuson-Stevens Fisheries Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). The purpose of Amendment 10 to the FMP is to develop a management program consistent with the Magnuson-Stevens Act which would rebuild the butterfish stock to the level associated with  $B_{MSY}$ . After a preliminary analysis of the action, the Council believed that an EA would fulfill the requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). However, during the development and preliminary analyses of alternatives for rebuilding strategies and possible management measures, it became apparent that some of the measures being considered could potentially have significant effects on the human environment, particularly

the *Loligo* squid fishery. Potential measures being considered are no action, gear modifications, area management, and bycatch/retention requirements. In order to consider the full range of alternatives potentially necessary to rebuild the overfished butterfish stock, the Council has determined that the development of a SEIS will be necessary to fulfill the requirements of NEPA and this supplemental notice of intent requests comments on this action.

##### Amendment 11 Atlantic Mackerel Limited Access Program

On March 4, 2005 (70 FR 10605), the Council published an NOI to prepare a SEIS to consider the impacts of alternatives for limiting access to the Atlantic mackerel fishery. The Council subsequently conducted scoping meetings on the development of a limited access program, which the Council originally planned to include in Amendment 9 to the FMP. However, due to unforeseen delays in the development of Amendment 9, the Council subsequently notified the public on December 19, 2005 (70 FR 75114), that the mackerel limited access program would be considered in Amendment 11 to the FMP. The Council hereby notifies the public that it will begin development of Amendment 11 and the associated SEIS while Amendment 10 is being developed, although the two amendments will remain separate fishery management actions. Comments received during the previous scoping period for Amendment 11 will be considered and no additional comments are being sought at this time. This notification also reminds the public that interested participants should locate and preserve records that substantiate and verify their participation in the Atlantic mackerel fishery in Federal waters.

##### Request for Comments

The public will have the opportunity to comment on the measures and alternatives being considered by the Council for both amendments through public meetings and public comment periods required by NEPA, the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and the Administrative Procedure Act. NMFS anticipates completing these SEISs and all related documents by early 2009.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 21, 2007.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

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