

activities; and be developed in cooperation with the Councils and affected states.

In 1997, NMFS published a Strategic Plan for NOAA Fisheries. The NMFS Strategic Plan was developed in a comprehensive manner, with extraordinary public involvement, including 16 public meetings. The present Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research is based upon and entirely consistent with the NMFS Strategic Plan. It is a subset of the all-encompassing NMFS Strategic Plan, focusing on science research activities. The objectives found under the *Major Fishery Research Objectives and Goals* section of the subject document can be matched with those in the NMFS Strategic Plan. In addition, the strategies, goals and objectives of the draft Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research are wholly consistent with the 1993 NOAA Strategic Plan: A Vision for 2005.

The scope of the present document is solely fisheries research to support the Act. It does not include the regulatory and enforcement components of the NMFS mission. NMFS currently conducts a comprehensive program of fisheries research and involves industry and others interested in fisheries in planning and implementing its objectives.

NMFS intends that the final version of the Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research will take advantage of information and recommendations from all interested parties. Therefore, comments and suggestions on this draft NMFS Strategic Plan for Fisheries Research are hereby solicited from the public, other concerned government agencies, the scientific community, industry, and any other person.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 093097D]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee Salmon Subcommittee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will begin at 1 p.m. on October 22 and recess in the evening. On October 23 and 24, the meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. and recess upon completion of each day's agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Northwest Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 2725 Montlake Boulevard East, Room 370-West, Seattle, WA 98112-2097; telephone (206) 860-3200.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Seger, Economic Analysis Coordinator, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The primary purpose of this meeting is to review methodologies used by the Council to manage salmon.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA)

Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

DATE: October 7, 1997.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

SUMMARY: The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest obligations of digital broadcasters. The Committee will study and recommend which public interest obligations should

accompany broadcasters' receipt of digital television licenses. The President designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to provide secretariat services for the Committee.

AUTHORITY: Executive Order 13038, signed by President Clinton on March 11, 1997.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 22, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m., and on Thursday, October 23, 1997 from 8:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is scheduled to take place in the Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. This location is subject to change. If the location changes, another **Federal Register** notice will be issued. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4716; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: piac@ntia.doc.gov.

Media Inquiries: Please contact Paige Darden at the Office of Public Affairs, at 202-482-7002.

Agenda

Wednesday, October 22

Opening remarks
Announcement and introduction of members
Committee discussion of organization and structure
Briefings
Public comment period

Thursday, October 23

Remarks
Briefings

This agenda is subject to change. For an updated, more detailed agenda, please check the Advisory Committee homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public, with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids,

should contact Karen Edwards at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at 202-482-8056 or at piac@ntia.doc.gov. Please bring a form of picture identification such as a driver's license or passport for clearance into the building on the day of the meeting.

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments should be submitted through electronic mail to piac@ntia.doc.gov (please use "Public Comment" as the subject line) or by letter addressed to the Committee at the address listed below (please place "Public Comment" on the bottom left of the envelope).

Guidelines For Public Comment: The Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters welcomes public comments. In general, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker and no more than thirty (30) minutes total at meetings. Written comments received from the public may be mailed (if at least thirty-five (35) paper copies are submitted) or forwarded by e-mail to the committee members prior to the meeting date. However, comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to committee members at the meeting. Written comments received shortly after a meeting will be compiled and sent as briefing material prior to the next meeting.

Obtaining Meeting Minutes: Within thirty (30) days following the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting may be obtained over the Internet at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm, by phone request at 202-501-6195, or by written request to Karen Edwards; Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4716; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.; Washington, DC 20230.

Larry Irving,

Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

National Medal of Technology

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Katie Wolf, National Medal of Technology, Technology Administration, Room 4226 Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, 202/482-3953 phone, and 202/501-8153 fax.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a renewal of a currently approved submission by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Technology Administration. The nominating forms associated with this annual Presidential Medal contain information that is necessary in order to select the Nation's outstanding contributors to the development and commercialization of technology for the improvement of this country's competitiveness.

II. Method of Collection

Nomination forms are made available for wide public distribution. Individuals, teams and/or companies voluntarily complete the forms and submit them to the Department of Commerce, Technology Administration by mail.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0692-0001.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission for a renewal.

Affected Public: Individuals, businesses, non-profit institutions,

Federal agencies or employees and small businesses or organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 125.

Estimated Time Per Response: 3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden: 375 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: \$15,000—no capital expenditures are required from members of the public.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 1, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

TIME AND DATE: 10:00 a.m., Thursday, October 23, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St. N.W., Washington, D.C., 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

Program objectives.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Catherine Dixon, 202-418-5100.

Catherine Dixon,

Assistant Secretary of the Commission.

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