

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

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) from January 20 to January 22, 1998.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. January 20, 1998, 8:15 a.m. - 5:15 p.m.
2. January 21, 1998, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
3. January 22, 1998, 8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Camberley Gunter Hotel, 205 East Houston Street, San Antonio, TX. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth Lu Cano, Executive Secretary; telephone: (301) 713-2252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC and MAFAC Subcommittees. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of the Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and of environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests.

Matters to be Considered

January 20, 1998 - Subcommittee Meetings

1. Protected Resources and Habitat Subcommittee
2. Commercial Fisheries Subcommittee
3. Trade and Consumer Affairs Subcommittee
4. Recreational Fisheries Subcommittee

January 21, 1998

1. Summary of disposition of matters from previous meeting
2. Report and discussion of harmful algae bloom
3. Report and discussion of trade and environment issues
4. Report and discussion on the status of the Endangered Species Act Reauthorization
5. Report and discussion of El Nino: impacts and consequences to marine fisheries

January 22, 1998

1. Report on the Budget, Legislative and Constituent Affairs Programs of Fisheries
2. Report and discussion on the Status of Marine Fisheries, the Sustainable Fisheries Act, and the National Standards Guidelines.
3. Subcommittee reports and recommendations

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretations or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

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Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Notice of Sea Grant Review Panel Meeting**

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Sea Grant Review Panel. The members of the Review Panel and other participants will discuss matters related to the functions and operations of the Review Panel, issues related to strategic planning and program evaluation, the status of on-going Sea Grant programs and national initiatives, and recommendations on the application for designation of a Sea Grant College.

DATES: The announced meeting is scheduled for January 7-8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: National Sea Grant College Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11876, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ronald C. Baird, Director, National Sea Grant College Program, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11716, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2448.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel, which consists of balanced representation from academia, industry, state government, and citizen's groups, was established in 1976 by Section 209 of the Sea Grant Improvement Act (Pub. L. 94-461, 33 U.S.C. 1128) and advises the Secretary of Commerce, and the Under Secretary for Oceans and Atmosphere, also the Administrator of NOAA, and the Director of the National Sea Grant College Program with respect to operations under the act, and such other matters as the Secretary refers to the Panel for review and advice. The agenda for the meeting is as follows.

Wednesday, January 7, 1998

9:00 a.m.—Approval of Last Meeting Minutes

9:10 a.m.—NOAA Update

9:30 a.m.—National Sea Grant Office Update

11:15 a.m.—Sea Grant Technology

12:00 p.m.—Congressional Update

12:30 p.m.—*Lunch*

1:30 p.m.—Program Evaluation Reports and Sea Grant Network Wide Training Report

3:15 p.m.—Committee on Science and Technology Task Force Report

4:15 p.m.—Aquaculture Report

5:00 p.m.—*Adjourn*

Thursday, January 8, 1998

8:30 a.m.—Report from the Sea Grant Association

9:00 a.m.—Report of Meeting with NOAA Administrator, Dr. D. James Baker

9:30 a.m.—Committee on Panel Membership Report

10:15 a.m.—Sea Grant Liaison Reports

10:30 a.m.—HBCU Schools Committee Report

10:45 a.m.—Long Range Planning Committee Report

11:15 a.m.—Old and New Business Discussion

12:30 p.m.—*Adjourn*

The meeting will be open to the public.

Dated: December 22, 1997.

Alan R. Thomas,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Oceanic and Atmospheric Research.

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