

Research, Education, and Economics Strategic Planning Task Force on agricultural research facilities; and (7) Research, Education, and Economics budget update and outlook.

Guest speakers will address the various elements of human capacity building at the institutional and grassroots level as part of a series of future discussions relating to human resource development in agriculture.

DATES:

October 26, 1998, 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

(Orientation for new members.)

October 26, 1998, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 27, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

October 28, 1998, 9:00 a.m. to noon.

PLACE: Holiday Inn-National Airport (Crystal City), 1489 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, VA 22202, Grand Ballroom.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open to the public.

COMMENTS: The public may file written comments before or after the meeting with the contact person. All statements will become a part of the official records of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board and will be kept on file for public review in the Office of the Advisory Board; Research, Education, and Economics; U.S. Department of Agriculture; Washington, DC 20250-2255.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Done at Washington, DC this 6th day of October 1998.

I. Miley Gonzalez,

Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Research, Education, and Economics

Notice of Appointments for Membership to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Appointments of membership.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Agriculture announces the new appointments to fill 12 vacancies on the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board.

DATES: Appointments effective October 1, 1998.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 802 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 authorized the creation of the National Agricultural Research, Extension, Education, and Economics Advisory Board. The Board is composed of 30 members, each representing a specific category in the legislation, which relates to farming or ranching, food and fiber production and processing, transportation of agricultural products, forestry research, aquaculture research, crop, soil, and animal science, human health associations, land-grant institutions, food retailing and marketing, rural economic development, farm cooperatives, and natural resource and consumer interest groups, among others. The Board members were first appointed in September 1996; one-third of the 30 members were appointed for a 1, 2, and 3 year term, respectively. The Advisory Board's role is to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on policies, priorities, and critical issues in agricultural research and education. As a result of the staggered appointments, the terms for 10 of the 30 members expired September 30, 1998. The Secretary of Agriculture has recently appointed 10 individuals to fill these membership slots. (Each will serve a 3-year appointment, effective October 1, 1998, until September 30, 2001.) Two additional appointments were made to fill two vacant slots for the 1-year remaining terms effective October 1, 1998, until September 30, 1999. The 12 newly appointed Advisory Board members, by category are: Category E: National Animal Commodity Organizations, John F. Clemmons, family cattle rancher in the high plains region of New Mexico; Category G: National Aquaculture Associations (1-year term), T. Michael Freeze, past president of the National Aquaculture Association, from Keo, Arkansas; Category H: National Food Animal Science Societies, Desmond A. Jolly, vice chair of the National Commission on Small Farms, Director of University of California-Davis Small Farms programs, and widely diversified in agriculture and member of several animal and food related organizations; Category I: National Crop, Soil,

Agronomy, Horticulture or Weed Science Societies, Martin A.

Massengale, partner in a family farm, President-Emeritus of University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Director of Center for Grassland Studies, former president of Crop Science Society of America; Category N: 1890 Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, Walter A. Hill, Dean of Agriculture, Tuskegee University, Alabama, and Research Director, George Washington Carver Agricultural Experiment Station; Category O: 1994 Equity in Education Land Grant Institutions, Gerald "Carty" Monette, president of Turtle Mountain Community College, Belmont, North Dakota, and President of American Indian Higher Education Consortium; Category R: Scientific Community not Closely Associated with Agriculture (1-year term), William H. Scouten, Director of the Biotechnology Center, Utah State University; Category T: Food Retailing and Marketing, Samuel E. Minor (Reappointed), owner and operator of farm and Spring House restaurant in Washington, Pennsylvania; Category V: Rural Economic Development, Ralph Paige (Reappointed), Executive Director of V: Rural Economic Development, Ralph Paige (Reappointed), Executive Director of Federation of Southern Cooperatives/Land Assistance Fund, East Point, Georgia; Category W: National Consumer Interest Groups, Barbara S. Stowe (Reappointed), former Dean, College of Human Ecology, Kansas State University, currently consultant for AESOP on consumer issues; Category X: National Forestry Groups, Larry W. Tombaugh (Reappointed), Dean, College of Forest Resources, North Carolina State University; and Category Y: National Conservation or Natural Resource Groups, Cynthia A. Dunn, Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Audubon Society, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, broadly diversified on natural resource and environmental issues, and an environmental educator of youth.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Transportation and Related Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will meet on November 5, 1998, 9 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to transportation and related equipment or technology.

General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Co-Chairs.
2. Presentation of public papers or comments.
3. Consultation on renewal of Committee charter.

Closed Session

4. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that you forward your public presentation materials prior to the meeting to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, Advisory Committees, MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15th St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 16, 1996, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as

amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10 (a)(1) and (a)(3), of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information or copies of the minutes, call (202) 482-2583.

Dated: October 16, 1998.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

President's Export Council: Meeting of the President's Export Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Export Council (PEC) will hold a full Council meeting to discuss topics related to export expansion. The meeting will include briefings on trade priorities and issues, the Asia monetary crisis, the World Trade Organization, economic sanctions and Virtual Trade Mission activities. The PEC was established on December 20, 1973, and reconstituted May 4, 1979, to advise the President on matters relating to U.S. trade. It was most recently renewed by Executive Order 12991.

DATE: November 10, 1998.

TIME: 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESS: The Ronald Reagan International Trade Center, Atrium Ballroom, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., 20004. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted by November 3, 1998, to J. Marc Chittum, President's Export Council, Room 2015B, Washington, D.C., 20230. Seating is limited and will be on a first come first serve basis.

Dated: October 15, 1998.

J. Marc Chittum,

Director, President's Export Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the ACE Basin (SC) and Wells (ME) National Estuarine Research Reserves.

These evaluations will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended. The CZMA requires a continuing review of the performance of states with respect to research reserve program implementation. Evaluation of National Estuarine Research Reserves require findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA. The evaluations will include a site visit, consideration of public comments, and consultations with interested Federal, State, and local agencies and members of the public. Public meetings are held as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of the site visits for the listed evaluations, and the dates, local times, and locations of public meetings during the site visits.

The ACE Basin National Estuarine Research Reserve in South Carolina evaluation site visit will be from November 30 to December 4, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. The public meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m., at the Edisto Island Town Hall, Edisto, SC.

The Wells National Estuarine Research Reserve in Maine site visit will be from November 30 to December 4, 1998. One public meeting will be held during the week. This public meeting