

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

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*Under Secretary, Research, Education, and Economics.*

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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

will be on Wednesday, December 2, 1998, at 7:00 p.m. at the Wells Reserve Headquarters, 342 Laudholm Farm Road, Wells, Maine.

The States will issue notice of the public meeting(s) in a local newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to the public meeting(s), and will issue other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent performance reports, as well as OCRM's notifications and supplemental 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. Please direct written comments to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division (PCD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 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.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, (301) 713-3155, ext. 126.

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**Nancy Foster,**

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Final Administrative Changes to the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Guidance and Responses to Comments**

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of Final Administrative Changes to the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Guidance and Responses to Comments.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the availability of the Final Administrative

Changes to the Coastal Nonpoint Pollution Control Program Guidance (Administrative Changes), developed under section 6217 of the Coastal Zone Act Reauthorization Amendments of 1990 (CZARA), 16 U.S.C. section 1455b, and of the Responses to Comments on the Proposed Administrative Changes, CZARA requires States and Territories with coastal zone management programs that have received approval under section 306 of the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) to develop and implement coastal nonpoint pollution control programs. Coastal states and territories were required to submit their coastal nonpoint programs to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for approval in July 1995.

In response to coastal states' concerns over the ability to target the program; enforceable policies and mechanisms; timeframes; and resources to implement coastal nonpoint programs, NOAA and EPA completed a dialogue with the coastal states and other interested parties, resulting in a draft set of administrative changes. The draft administrative changes were made available for public comment (FR, March 12, 1998, Vol. 63, Number 48, pages 12078-12079) prior to producing the final guidance.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the Final Administrative Changes and Responses to Comments may be obtained upon request from: Joseph P. Flanagan, Coastal Programs Division (N/ORM3), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, telephone: (301) 713-3121, x201; e-mail: joseph.flanagan@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**

**Background**

Subsequent to the 1990 enactment of the CZARA, in January 1993, EPA and NOAA published two documents to guide the development of States' (and Territories') coastal nonpoint pollution control programs: *Guidance Specifying Management Measures for Sources of Nonpoint Pollution in Coastal Waters* and *Program Development and Approval Guidance*. These provided both technical and programmatic guidance on program development. Subsequently, EPA and NOAA provided further program clarification in a January 6, 1995 letter and a March 16, 1995 document entitled *Flexibility for State Coastal Nonpoint Programs*. These actions provided greater flexibility to States in prioritizing their activities; extended the implementation period

from three years to five years; and clarified the range of enforceable policies and mechanisms that could be sued by States to implement their programs. The letters also established the principle that, in recognition of the complexity of the program, States could be granted conditional approval for programs that are not yet fully approvable, thereby affording more time for States to fully develop their programs.

As of the date of this notice, NOAA and EPA have provided conditional approval to the 29 coastal States that submitted programs for approval. In April, 1997, NOAA, EPA, the States and other interested parties began discussions regarding the progress made to date in developing and implementing CZARA programs and the significant impediments to further progress. Both the States and Federal agencies recognized that while the goals of the CZARA program remain valid, the program and schedules originally conceived by NOAA and EPA were extremely ambitious and additional flexibility would be needed to enable the States to successfully implement their programs. Based on this understanding, the parties proceeded to discuss in detail the specific aspects of the program that would require modification while maintaining the overall objective that States implement management measures needed to protect coastal waters.

Based on these discussions, EPA and NOAA drafted a set of administrative changes that the agencies proposed to use to guide future implementation of the CZARA program. After reviewing public comments that were submitted in response to the March 12, 1998 **Federal Register** notice on the availability of the proposed administrative changes, NOAA and EPA developed these final administrative changes to the program guidance. In some cases, these changes may impact previous findings and conditions to State programs. In such cases, EPA and NOAA will review those findings and conditions and make any necessary adjustments to those findings and conditions (including, where appropriate, elimination of conditions).

On October 18, 1997, the 25th anniversary of the Clean Water Act, Vice President Gore directed the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and Department of Agriculture (USDA) to work with other Federal agencies (including NOAA) to develop a Clean Water Action Plan within 120 days. In a memorandum for Heads of Departments and Agencies, the Vice President specifically requested Federal agencies to " \* \* \* develop a