

ACTION: Notice of membership of Departmental Performance Review Board.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 5 U.S.C., 4314(c)(4), DOC announces the appointment of persons to serve as members of the Department Performance Review Board (DPRB). The DPRB is responsible for reviewing performance appraisals and ratings of Senior Executive Service (SES) members and serves as the higher level review for executives who report to an appointing authority. Such reviews are conducted only at the executive's request. The appointment of these members to the DPRB will be for periods of 24 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE: The effective date of service of appointees to the Departmental Performance Review Board is October 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Deborah Jefferson, Executive Resources Program Manager, Office of Human Resources Management, Office of the Director, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-8075.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The names, positions titles, and type of appointment of the members of the DPRB are set forth below for organization.

Chief of Staff and Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration

Erias A. Hyman, Senior Advisor to the Deputy Secretary and Counselor
Parnice Green, Director, Office of White House Liaison
Suellen P. Hamby, Chief Strategy Officer
K. David Holmes, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary for Security

General Counsel

Kathryn R. Lunney, Deputy General Counsel
Barbara S. Fredericks, Assistant General Counsel for Administration

Economics and Statistics Administration

James L. Price, Chief Economist
James K. White, Executive Director for Economic Affairs
William G. Barron, Jr., Deputy Under Secretary or Economic Affairs
Marvin D. Raines, Associate Director for Field Operations

Rosemary D. Marcuss, Deputy Director
Cynthia Z.F. Clark, Associate Director for Methodology and Standards

Technology Administration

James Albus, Chief, Intelligent Systems Division
Keith Calhoun-Senghor, Director, Office of Air and Space Commercialization
William Ott, Deputy Director, Physics Laboratory
Rosalie Reugg, Director, Economic Assessment Office
Henry C. Waters, Director of Marketing

Willie E. May, Chief, Analytical Chemistry Division
Laura J. Powell, Director, Advanced Technology Program

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Bernadett McGuire-Rivera, Associate Administrator
Shirl G. Kinney, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration

Economic Development Administration

Chester J. Struab, Jr., Deputy Assistant Secretary
Pedro Garza, Southwest Regional Director

International Trade Administration

Charles M. Ludolph, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe
Majory E. Searing, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Japan
Johnathan C. Menes, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis
Susan H. Kuhbach, Senior Director, Antidumping and Countervailing Enforcement Group
Leslie R. Doggett, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tourism Industries
Edward J. Casselle, Senior Advisor
Mary F. Kirchner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Promotion Services

National Ocean and Atmospheric Administration

Susan B. Fruchter, Counselor to the Under Secretary
William B. Wheeler, Director, Office of Legislative Affairs
Sally J. Yoszell, Deputy Assistant Secretary
Nancy M. Foster, Assistant Administrator for Ocean Service and Coastal Zone Management
Irwin T. David, Chief Financial Officer/Chief Administrative
Officer Jay S. Johnson, Deputy General Counsel for Fisheries, Enforcement and Regions
Stewart S. Remer, Director for Human Resources Management
Louisa Koch, Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research

Patent and Trademark Office

Robert M. Anderson, Deputy Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks
Janice A. Howell, Patent Examining Group Director

Bureau of Export Administration

Eileen M. Albanese, Director, Office of Exporter Services
Steven C. Goodman, Director, Office of Chemical and Biological Controls and Treaty Compliance
Dexter M. Price, Director, Office of Antiboycott Compliance
Dated: October 22, 1998.

Deborah Jefferson,

Executive Secretary, DPRB.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings, Assessment of Antidumping Duties: Notice of Extension of Due Date for the Submission of Comments

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of due date for the submission of comments.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan L. MacKenzie, Senior Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel for Import Administration, (202) 482-1310, or Laurie Parkhill, Director, Office 3, Import Administration, (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 15, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties* in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 55361). In that notice the Department announced a clarification of 19 CFR 351.212(c), the automatic-liquidation regulation, and invited the public to submit comments by October 30, 1998, on the proposed clarification. We have received a request to extend the comment period.

In response to the request for additional time to comment, we are extending the due date for the submission of comments. The revised due date for comments is November 13, 1998. Parties should address written comments to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Dockets Center, Room 1870, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, Attention: Laurie Parkhill, Comment on Automatic Liquidation.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: October 21, 1998.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice That Vendor Will Provide 1999 Cage Tags

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Authorization of vendor to provide 1999 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surf clam and ocean quahog allocation owners that they will be required to purchase their 1999 cage tags from a vendor.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be sent to Tom Warren, Northeast Regional Office, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Warren, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9347.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries regulations at 50 CFR 648.75(b) authorize the Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the management plan, shall be purchased. Notification is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, KY, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the 1999 Federal surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to allocation owners within the next several weeks.

Dated: October 22, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Financial Assistance for Research and Development Projects in the Gulf of Mexico and Off the U.S. South Atlantic Coastal States; Marine Fisheries Initiative (MARFIN)

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of funds, NMFS will continue MARFIN to assist persons in carrying out research and development projects that optimize the use of fisheries in the Gulf of Mexico and off the South Atlantic States of

North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida involving the U.S. fishing industry (recreational and commercial), including fishery biology, resource assessment, socio-economic assessment, management and conservation, selected harvesting methods, and fish handling and processing. NMFS issues this notice describing the conditions under which applications will be accepted and selected for funding. Areas of emphasis for MARFIN were formulated from recommendations received from non-Federal scientific and technical experts and from NMFS research and operations officials.

DATES: Applications for funding under this program will be accepted between October 28, 1998, and 5 p.m. eastern daylight time on December 28, 1998. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. No facsimile applications will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to: Ellie Francisco Roche, Chief, State/Federal Liaison Office, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ellie Francisco Roche, 727-570-5324.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Authority

The Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) is authorized under 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(d) to carry out a national program of research and development addressed to such aspects of U.S. fisheries as harvesting, processing, marketing and associated infrastructures, if not adequately covered by projects assisted under 15 U.S.C. 713c-3(c), as the Secretary deems appropriate.

II. Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

This program is described in the "Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance" (CFDA) under program number 11.433, Marine Fisheries Initiative.

III. Program Description

MARFIN is a competitive Federal assistance program that promotes and endorses programs that seek to optimize research and development benefits from U.S. marine fishery resources through cooperative efforts that involve the best research and management talents to accomplish priority activities. Projects funded under MARFIN are focused into cooperative efforts that provide answers for fishery needs covered by the NMFS Strategic Plan, available from the Southeast Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**), particularly those goals

relating to rebuilding overfished marine fisheries, maintaining currently productive fisheries, and integrating conservation of protected species and fisheries management.

Emphasis will be placed upon funding projects that have the greatest probability of recovering, maintaining, improving, or developing fisheries; improving the understanding of factors affecting recruitment success; and/or generating increased values and recreational opportunities from fisheries. Projects will be evaluated as to the likelihood of achieving these benefits through both short- and long-term research efforts, with consideration given to the magnitude of the eventual economic or social benefits that may be realized. Short-term projects that may yield more immediate benefits and projects yielding longer-term benefits will receive equal consideration.

IV. Funding Availability

This solicitation announces that funding of approximately \$1.10 million may be available in fiscal year (FY) 1999. MARFIN financial assistance started in FY 1986 for financial assistance to conduct research for fishery resources in the Gulf of Mexico and off the South Atlantic states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida. There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be available to make awards for all approved projects.

Project proposals accepted for funding for a project period over 1 year that include multiple project components and severable tasks to be funded during each budget period will not compete for funding in subsequent budget periods within the approved project period. However, funding for subsequent project components is contingent upon the availability of funds from Congress and satisfactory performance and will be at the sole discretion of the agency. Publication of this notice does not obligate NMFS to award any specific cooperative agreement or to commit all or any parts of the available funds.

V. Matching Requirements

Applications must reflect the total budget necessary to accomplish the project, including contributions and/or donations. Cost-sharing is not required for the MARFIN program. However, cost-sharing is encouraged and, in case of a tie in considering proposals for funding, cost-sharing may affect the final decision. The allowability of all cost-sharing will be determined on the basis of guidance provided in applicable Federal cost principles. If an applicant chooses to cost-share, and if that application is selected for funding, the