

Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on July 12, 2000, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 14, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcement of a Meeting To Discuss an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium on Service Life Prediction of Sealant Formulations Consortia

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on September 24, 2000 and September 25, 2000 on Service Life Prediction of Sealant Formulations. The goal of the consortium is to demonstrate the effectiveness of a reliability based approach to the prediction of service life for a sealant formulations.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on September 24, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and on September 25, 2000 from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place in Lecture Room B of the Administration Building (Building 101), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Christopher C. White, Building and Fire Research Building (226), Room B350, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8621, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8621. Telephone: 301-975-6010; FAX: 301-990-6891; e-mail: Christopher.white@nist.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

The R&D staff of each industrial partner in the Consortium will be able to interact with NIST researchers regarding current experimental methods to determine the service life of sealant formulations. The current state-of-the-art for service life predictions employ outdoor exposure as the only reliable test method. This leads to a choice by the manufacturers of new sealant formulations: Conduct these tests and incur long product introduction times, or omit these tests and incur increased risk of liability exposure. There is little confidence in the relationship between accelerated exposure and service life.

This conference will focus on the implementation of a reliability based protocol to establish confidence in accelerated determination of the service life of sealant formulations. Additionally, the issues of proper installation, joint construction and proper materials selection will be discussed as they relate to durability of in-service sealants.

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**Karen H. Brown,**  
Deputy Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081400E]

#### 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 (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory entities will meet September 11-15, 2000. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, September 12, at 9 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 9 a.m. on Tuesday, September 12 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings and hearing will be held at the Red Lion Hotel Sacramento, 1401 Arden Way, Sacramento, CA 95815; telephone: (916) 922-8041.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

#### A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions
2. Council Member Appointments
3. Roll Call
4. Executive Director's Report
5. Status of Federal Regulation Implementation
6. Approve Agenda
7. Approve April and June 2000 Minutes

#### B. Marine Reserves

1. Marine Reserves Phase I Considerations Report
2. Marine Reserves Phase II Considerations
3. Marine Reserve Implementation

#### C. Habitat Issues

1. Endangered Species Act and Essential Fish Habitat Requirements in Regard to Klamath River Flows

2. Report of the Habitat Steering Group (HSG)

#### D. Pacific Halibut Management

1. Status of 2000 Fisheries  
2. Status of Bycatch Estimate  
3. Proposed Changes to the Catch Sharing Plan and Annual Regulations

#### E. Salmon Management

1. Sequence of Events and Status of Fisheries  
2. Preliminary Report of the Oregon Coastal Natural Coho Work Group  
3. Scientific and Statistical Committee Methodology Review Priorities

#### F. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Research and Data Needs  
2. Status of Legislation  
3. Proposed Change in Terms for Council Advisory Body Members

4. Appointments to Advisory Groups (Coastal Pelagic Species, Highly Migratory Species, and Salmon Technical Team)

5. Report of the Budget Committee  
6. Council Workload Priorities  
7. Draft Agenda for November 2000

#### G. Groundfish Management

1. Status of Federal Groundfish Activities  
2. Groundfish Strategic Plan  
3. Exempted Fishing Permit Applications  
4. Rebuilding Programs for Canary Rockfish and Cowcod  
5. New Stock Assessments for Lingcod and Pacific Ocean Perch  
6. Preliminary Harvest Levels and Other Specifications for 2001  
7. Sablefish Permit Stacking Concept

8. Permit Transfer Regulations

9. Stocks to be Assessed in 2001 and Agency Commitments

10. Proposed Management Measures for 2001

11. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Adjustments

#### H. Highly Migratory Species Management

Update on Fishery Management Plan (FMP) Development

#### I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management

Coastal Pelagic Species FMP Amendment 9: Bycatch, Squid Maximum Sustainable Yield, Tribal Fishing Rights

### SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2000

Groundfish Management Team

1 p.m.

Shasta Room

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

1 p.m.

Sierra A Room

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2000

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.

California Room

Groundfish Management Team

8 a.m.

Shasta Room

Scientific and Statistical Committee

8 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.

Sierra A Room

Habitat Steering Group

9 a.m.

Oroville Room

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel

1 p.m.

Klamath Room

Budget Committee

2 p.m.

Almanor Room

Briefing on Stock Assessments

2:30 p.m.

Sierra A Room

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2000

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.

California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.

Almanor Room

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra A Room

Washington State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.

Sierra A Room

Scientific and Statistical Committee

8 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.

Klamath Room

Enforcement Consultants

5:30 p.m.

Almanor Room

Groundfish Management Team

As Needed

Shasta Room

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2000

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.

California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.

Almanor Room

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra A Room

Washington State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

8 a.m.

Sierra A Room

Salmon Technical Team, Scientific and Statistical Committee—Joint Workshop

8 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Enforcement Consultants

As Needed

Almanor Room

Groundfish Management Team

As Needed

Shasta Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2000

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.

California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.

Almanor Room

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra A Room

Washington State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel

1 p.m.

Sierra A Room

Enforcement Consultants

As Needed

Almanor Room

Groundfish Advisory Subpanel

necessary

Sierra A Room

Groundfish Management Team

As Needed

Shasta Room

Necessary

As Needed

Necessary

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2000

Council Secretariat

7 a.m.

California Room

California State Delegation

7 a.m.

Almanor Room

Oregon State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra A Room

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS—Continued

Washington State Delegation

7 a.m.

Sierra B Room

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

**Special Accommodations**

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

Dated: August 16, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Telecommunications and Information Administration**

[Docket Number 980212036-0235-06]

**RIN 0660-AA11**

**Management and Administration of the .us Domain Space**

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, Request for Public Comment.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration ("NTIA"), Department of Commerce, requests comments on a draft statement of work and draft methods and procedure section (the "Draft SOW"), which is expected to be incorporated in a request for proposals<sup>1</sup>

for management and administration of the .us domain space. The Draft SOW is set forth in Appendix A of this document. The public is invited to comment on any aspect of the Draft SOW including, but not limited to, the specific questions set forth below. NTIA expects to revise the Draft SOW based on public comments received. Further, NTIA may solicit additional comments for this or other elements of its request for proposals, proceed with alternative procurement mechanisms, or choose to take other actions necessary to secure appropriate management and administration of the .us domain space.

**DATES:** Interested parties are invited to submit comments on the Draft SOW no later than October 6, 2000.

**SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS:** The Department invites the public to submit comments in paper or electronic form. Comments may be mailed to Karen A. Rose, Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Room 4701 HCHB, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Paper submissions should include a diskette in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version) or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format. Diskettes should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name and version of the word processing program used to create the document. In the alternative, comments may be submitted electronically to the following electronic mail address <usdomain@ntia.doc.gov>. Comments submitted via electronic mail should also be submitted in one or more of the formats specified above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen A. Rose, Office of International Affairs, NTIA, telephone: 202-482-1866, electronic mail: <krose@ntia.doc.gov>; or Jeffrey E.M. Joyner, Esq., Office of Chief Counsel, NTIA, telephone: 202-482-1816, or electronic mail: <jjoyner@ntia.doc.gov>.

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 1512; 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(H); 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(I); 47 U.S.C. 902(b)(2)(M); 47 U.S.C. 904(c)(1).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The .us domain is the country code top level domain ("ccTLD") of the Internet domain name system ("DNS") that

corresponds to the United States. Network Solutions, Inc., is responsible for the administration of the .us top level domain ("usTLD") under its Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Commerce. Network Solutions has subcontracted administration of the usTLD to the Information Sciences Institute of the University of Southern California ("USC/ISI" or the "usTLD Administrator"). Dr. Jon Postel established the original structure and administrative mechanisms of the usTLD in RFC 1480, entitled The US Domain. Currently, second-level domain space is designated for states and U.S. territories, and the usTLD space is further subdivided into localities. Individuals and organizations may request an exclusive delegation from the usTLD Administrator to provide a registry and registrar services for a particular locality or localities. Local governments and community-based organizations typically use the usTLD, although some commercial names have been assigned. (Current usTLD policy requires prospective subdomain managers to submit written authorization from the relevant local public authority for the delegation.) Where registration for a locality has not been delegated, the usTLD Administrator itself provides necessary registry and registrar services. The usTLD is a widely distributed registry, currently with over 8000 subdomain delegations to over 800 individuals and entities, who maintain a registry and provide registration services for commercial, educational, and governmental entities. This distributed registration model affords scalable registration services and opportunities for commercial entities to provide name registration services. Nevertheless, because of the relative lack of public awareness about the availability of usTLD domain names and its deeply hierarchical and somewhat cumbersome structure, the usTLD has not attracted a high level of domain name registration activity and remains under-populated in comparison with other ccTLDs. It has been suggested for some time that the general absence of non-locality based registration space in the usTLD has contributed to overcrowding in the generic .com, .net, and .org top level domains ("gTLDs").

<sup>1</sup> The request for proposal, if issued, will be consistent with all pertinent U.S. Government procurement regulations, and will be posted in the Commerce Business Daily and on the National