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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Background:** The Board was re-chartered in August 2011, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industries.

**Topics to be considered:** During the meeting, the Board will discuss the subcommittee draft actions plans that outline the work each subcommittee intends to examine during this term. The Board has four subcommittees: Travel Facilitation; Infrastructure and Sustainability; Business Climate; and Advocacy. The Board will additionally focus on research and data issues within the travel and tourism industry. Other U.S. government representatives from the Departments of State, Interior and Transportation may also provide updates on their respective agencies' work relating to the U.S. travel and tourism industries and the Board will be provided an update on the work of the Task Force on Travel and Competitiveness (created by Executive Order 13597, *Establishing Visa and Foreign Visitor Processing Goals and the Task Force on Travel and Competitiveness*).

**Public Participation:** The meeting will be open to the public and will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Although the venue is still being finalized, seating will be limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Because of building security and logistics, all attendees must pre-register no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT) on Friday, July 6, 2012 with Jennifer Pilat, the United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202–482–4501, [oacie@trade.gov](mailto:oacie@trade.gov). Please specify any requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or other reasonable accommodation no later than 5 p.m. EDT on July 6, 2012, to Jennifer Pilat at the contact information above. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill.

No time will be available for oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the Board's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to Jennifer Pilat at the contact information indicated above. To be considered during the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. EDT on July 6, 2012, to ensure transmission to

the Board prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting. Copies of Board meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

Dated: June 25, 2012.

**Jennifer Pilat,**

*Executive Secretary, United States Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Oil and Gas Trade Mission to Israel—Clarification and Amendment

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service (CS) is publishing this amendment to the Notice of the Oil and Gas Trade Mission to Israel, 77 FR 21748, April 11, 2012, to amend the Notice to revise the Commercial Setting to include new information regarding the shale oil industry in Israel. The revised notice will include information on a shale oil project initiated by Israel Energy Initiatives (IEI), a subsidiary of publicly-traded U.S. company, Genie Energy Ltd.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Amendments to Revise the Commercial Setting to include information on the shale oil project undertaken by Israel Energy Initiatives:

#### Background

The new information regarding the shale oil project undertaken by Israel Energy Initiatives, represents a significant export opportunity for U.S. manufacturers. The pilot test project due to begin in 2013 will require significant procurement, on the behalf of Israel Energy Initiatives. In order to ensure the mission statement is accurate and helpful to U.S. manufacturers, the Trade Mission Statement will be amended to include this information.

#### Amendments

1. For the reasons stated above, the Oil section of the Notice of the Oil and Gas Trade Mission to Israel, 77 FR 21748, April 11, 2012, is amended to read as follows:

#### Oil and Shale Oil

In March 2010, the U.S. Geological Survey reported that there is an estimated 1.7 billion barrels of recoverable oil in Israel.[6] Also, the World Energy Council estimates Israel's shale deposits could ultimately yield as many as 250 billion barrels of oil.[7] In March 2012, another offshore discovery was made by Modiin and Adira Energy northwest of Tel Aviv, with an estimated 128 million barrels of oil, as well as natural gas.[8] The Meged Field may also contain significant oil reserves. In June 2011, Israeli oil exploration company, Givot Olam, announced that its test production site, Meged 5, was producing 800 barrels a day. According to a report by the international consultancy Baker Hughes, Givot Olam will develop Meged 6 and Meged 7 and perform well stimulation for all its drillings; in the next stage the company will drill up to 40 wells throughout the Meged field.[9] In February 2012, MEWR approved continued production at Meged 5, and development of Meged 6–14 drillings.[10]

[6] “Delek Energy Provides Update on the Drilling at Leviathan 1 Well.” Delek Group, 30 Aug. 2010. <http://irdelekgroup.com/phoenix.zhtml?c=160695&p=irol-newsArticle&ID=1464492&highlight=>.

[7] “Oil Shale Country Notes: Israel.” World Energy Council for Sustainable Energy. [http://www.worldenergy.org/publications/survey\\_of\\_energy\\_resources\\_2007/oil\\_shale/country\\_notes/2005.asp](http://www.worldenergy.org/publications/survey_of_energy_resources_2007/oil_shale/country_notes/2005.asp).

[8] “Oil and Gas Found at Gabriella, Yitzhak Licenses.” Globes Israel Business News, 13 Mar. 2012. <http://www.globes.co.il/serveen/globes/docview.asp?did=1000732741>.

[9] Meged Field Reserves Classification. Rep. Baker Hughes, Mar. 2011. <http://www.givot.co.il/english/data/images/Media/GIVT0001%20Final%20Report%20rev3.pdf>.

[10] “Energy Ministry Approves Meged Field Development.” Globes Israel Business News, 30 Jan. 2012. <http://www.globes.co.il/serveen/globes/docview.asp?did=1000720122>.

In July 2008, Israel's MEWR granted Israel Energy Initiatives (IEI), a subsidiary of the publicly-traded U.S. company Genie Energy Ltd, an exclusive license to explore for and produce shale oil in the Shfela basin region of Israel. IEI estimates that there are 40 billion barrels of oil equivalent in place within its 238 km<sup>2</sup> license area. The company plans to conduct a pilot test of its in-ground heating process in 2013–2014. Also, in May 2011, the Russian energy company Inter RAO announced that it had received a license to develop oil shale resources in the Negev desert. There may be opportunities for U.S. companies to

provide goods and services related to shale oil development into the nascent industry.

Many oil exploration licenses are set to expire in 2012 and 2013. Exploration companies are limited to how many licenses they can hold in Israel, and given the success of several exploration projects, there are opportunities for U.S. companies to enter Israel's oil exploration market.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

David McCormack, International Trade Specialist, Phone: 202.482.2833, Email: [david.mccormack@trade.gov](mailto:david.mccormack@trade.gov).

Elnora Moye,

Trade Missions Assistant.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before August 27, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [Jjessup@doc.gov](mailto:Jjessup@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to William Chappell, (301) 427-8505 or [William.Chappell@noaa.gov](mailto:William.Chappell@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

This request is for an extension of a currently approved information collection.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act), as amended in 1996, provides for the nomination for members of Fishery Management Councils by state governors and Indian treaty tribes, for the designation of a principal state fishery official who will perform duties under the Magnuson-Stevens Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state authority over a managed fishery. Nominees for council membership must provide the governor or tribe with background documentation, which is then submitted to NOAA with the nomination. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act are being met.

##### II. Method of Collection

State governors and Indian treaty tribes submit written nominations to the Secretary of Commerce, together with recommendations and statements of candidates' qualifications. Designations of state officials and requests for reinstatement of state authority are also made in writing in response to regulations. No forms are used.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0314.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).

*Affected Public:* State, Local or Tribal government.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 275.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour to designate a principal state fishery official(s), 80 hours for a nomination for a Council appointment, 16 hours for background documentation for nominees, and 1 hour for a request to reinstate state authority.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 4,607.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$795.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the

use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 22, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XC070

#### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Reef Fish Fishery of the Gulf of Mexico; Exempted Fishing Permit

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from Dr. Chris Koenig (Florida State University) and Dr. Chris Stallings (University of South Florida). If granted, the EFP would authorize the applicants to use trained for-hire fishermen to be able to temporarily possess goliath grouper for non-lethal sampling during the course of their normal fishing activities. This non-lethal sampling would include measuring, tagging, and removing a portion of the goliath grouper dorsal fin rays before releasing the live fish. The intent of this study is to provide regional age structure of recovering goliath grouper populations for fish stock assessments.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern time, on July 13, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the application by any of the following methods:

- *Email:* [Peter.Hood@noaa.gov](mailto:Peter.Hood@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line of the email comment the following document identifier: "FSU EFP".
- *Mail:* Peter Hood, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.