

Rather, the NOC will seek to address this concern through other approaches aimed at international stewardship (e.g., capacity building, diplomatic outreach, etc.)

24. Magnitude of the Violations

Comment: One public comment requested: “The Task Force should weigh the magnitude of labeling violations and impact on U.S. consumer prior to deeming a species at risk. The following are examples of mislabeling that should represent lower concern and should NOT be the sole basis for an at risk determination: Species that are mislabeled within the same genus or within the same acceptable market name grouping.”

Response: The Working Group took known violations from the past five years into account in evaluating species for at risk” determination. Adding a value judgment on the magnitude of the violations was beyond the capacity of the Working Group.

25. Poor Species Identification in the Catch and/or Trade Data

Comment: One public comment noted that the lack of species identification in catch and trade data can increase a species’ vulnerability to IUU fishing.

Response: This issue will be captured under the draft principles concerning any history of species mislabeling and the existence of a catch documentation scheme. In addition, the Working Group recognizes the concern regarding import codes. This issue will be discussed through the work on Task Force Recommendation 10 “to standardize and clarify rules on identifying the species, common name, and origin of seafood.”

26. Existing Traceability System

Comment: Multiple comments recommended that the Working Group review and take into account whether there is already a certification system or traceability system for a species.

Example comment: “Some private industry sectors have initiated traceability requirements.”

Response: The Working Group commends organizations and fishing groups that have initiated traceability programs on their own and recognizes the investment by the private sector in developing improved traceability. For species with a recently implemented traceability program, the number of enforcement violations over the past five years can be used as a measure of the effectiveness of the program and will allow us to either remove these species from our list of at risk species or, where appropriate, include existing

catch documentation provisions into a traceability program to further address risk of IUU fishing and seafood fraud.

Dated: July 28, 2015.

Samuel D. Rauch III,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold its 153rd meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on August 19–20, 2015. The Council will convene on Wednesday, August 19, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and will reconvene on Thursday, August 20, 2015, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn & Tropical Casino Mayaguez, 2701 Hostos Avenue, Puerto Rico 00680.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00918; telephone: (787) 766–5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will hold its 153rd regular Council Meeting to discuss the items contained in the following agenda:

August 19, 2015

- Call to Order
- Adoption of Agenda
- Consideration of 152nd Council Meeting Verbatim Transcriptions
- Executive Director’s Report
- SSC National Workshop Report—Dr. Richard Appeldoorn
- Island-Based Fishery Management: Choosing Species to be Included for Federal Management Within Each Island Group
 - Outcomes from the Panel of Experts and District Advisory Panel Meetings
 - Participation
 - Presentations
 - Review Draft List of Species

Selected for Management

- Puerto Rico
 - St. Croix
 - St. Thomas/St. John
 - Next Steps in Developing Island Based
 - Action 2—Species Complexes
 - Action 3—Reference Points
 - Other Needed Actions
 - Comprehensive Amendment: Application of Accountability Measures in the Council Fishery Management Plans
 - Review Draft Comprehensive Amendment/Select Preferred Alternative
 - Final Action/Revisit Codified Text, Including:
 - Clarifying Queen Conch Minimum Size Limits
 - Addition of Accountability Measures-Based Closure Language
- Public Comment Period—
(5-minutes presentations)
- 5:15 p.m.–6 p.m.
- Administrative Matters
 - Budget Update FY 2015/16
 - Other Administrative Business
 - Closed Session
- August 20, 2015**
- 9 a.m.–10:30 a.m.
- ABT Public Hearing
- 10:45 a.m.–5 p.m.
- Abrir/Bajo/Tourmaline: Revision of Management Regulations in Federal Portion of Each Area
 - Review Draft Amendment
 - HMS input on requests from CFMC
 - Discuss Outcomes of Public Hearing
 - Final Action
 - Review Codified Text, Including:
 - Coordinate-Based Definition of State/Federal Closure Boundaries
 - Timing of Accountability Measures-Based Closures Amendment
 - Review Public Hearing Draft Document/Select Preferred Alternatives
 - Schedule Public Hearings; Discuss Next Steps
 - Saltonstall-Kennedy Funding Program: Caribbean Projects—Dr. Bonnie Ponwith
 - Outreach and Education Report—Dr. Alida Ortíz
 - Enforcement Issues:
 - Puerto Rico-DNER
 - U.S. Virgin Islands-DPNR
 - U.S. Coast Guard
 - NMFS/NOAA
 - Meetings Attended by Council Members and Staff
- Public Comment Period (5-minute presentations)
- Other Business

○ Next Council Meeting

The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. To further accommodate discussion and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English. Fishers and other interested persons are invited to attend and participate with oral or written statements regarding agenda issues.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be subjects for formal action during this meeting. Actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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 that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or request for sign language interpretation and/or other auxiliary aids, please contact Mr. Miguel A. Rolón, Executive Director, Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 270 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 401, San Juan, Puerto Rico, 00918, telephone (787) 766-5926, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 29, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice Inviting Postsecondary Educational Institutions To Participate in Experiments Under the Experimental Sites Initiative; Federal Student Financial Assistance Programs Under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as Amended

AGENCY: Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary invites postsecondary educational institutions (institutions) that participate in the

student financial assistance programs authorized under title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (the HEA), to apply to participate in a new institution-based experiment under the Experimental Sites Initiative (ESI). Under the ESI, the Secretary has authority to grant waivers from certain title IV HEA statutory or regulatory requirements to allow a limited number of institutions to participate in experiments to test alternative methods for administering the title IV HEA programs. The alternative methods of title IV HEA administration that the Secretary is permitting under the ESI are designed to facilitate efforts by institutions to test certain innovative practices aimed at improving student outcomes and the delivery of services.

Under this experiment, participating institutions will provide Federal Pell Grant funding to otherwise eligible students who are incarcerated in Federal or State penal institutions. Details of the experiment are provided below in the "The Experiment" section of this notice.

DATES: Letters of application to participate in the proposed experiment described in this notice must be received by the Department of Education (the Department) no later than October 2, 2015 in order for an institution to receive priority to be considered for participation in the experiment. Institutions submitting letters that are received after October 2, 2015 may still, at the discretion of the Secretary, be considered for participation.

ADDRESSES: Letters of application must be submitted by electronic mail to the following email address: experimentalsites@ed.gov. For formats and other required information, see "Instructions for Submitting Letters of Application" under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Warren Farr, U.S. Department of Education, Federal Student Aid, 830 First Street NE., Washington, DC 20002. Telephone: (202) 377-4380 or by email at: Warren.Farr@ed.gov.

If you use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) or a text telephone (TTY), call the Federal Relay Service (FRS), toll free, at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Instructions for Submitting Letters of Application

Letters of application should take the form of an Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) attachment to an email

message sent to the email address provided in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice. The subject line of the email should read "ESI 2015—Pell for Students who are Incarcerated." The text of the email should include the name and address of the institution. The letter of application should be on institutional letterhead and be signed by the institution's financial aid administrator. The letter of application must include the institution's official name and the Department's Office of Postsecondary Education Identification (OPEID), as well as the name of a contact person at the institution, a mailing address, email address, FAX number, and telephone number. Please include in the letter a listing of the academic programs that the institution is considering for inclusion in this experiment and, for each of those programs, an estimate of the number of participating students. We understand that institutions' academic program listings and the actual number of students who participate may vary from the information submitted in the letter.

Background

Section 401(b)(6) of the HEA provides that students who are incarcerated in a Federal or State penal institution are not eligible to receive Federal Pell Grant funds. This prohibition is included in the Department's regulations at 34 CFR 668.32(c)(2)(ii).

The experiment outlined below will allow participating institutions to provide Federal Pell Grant funding to otherwise eligible students who are incarcerated in Federal or State penal institutions and who are eligible for release into the community, particularly those who are likely to be released within five years of enrollment in the program.

The prison population is significantly less educated than the general population. For nearly half of all incarcerated individuals in Federal or State facilities, a high school diploma or General Educational Development (GED) certificate is their highest level of education. Only 11 percent of incarcerated individuals in State correctional facilities and 24 percent of individuals incarcerated in Federal prisons have completed at least some postsecondary education.¹ In addition, educational offerings at Federal and State penal institutions are limited in that they generally focus on adult basic education and secondary education that

¹ Caroline Wolf Harlow. "Education and Correctional Populations." U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs. January 2003. Accessed on June 12, 2015 at: www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/ecp.pdf.