

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel and Atlantic Billfish Advisory Panel; Public Meetings**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Advisory Panels (AP) for Highly Migratory Species and for Atlantic Billfish will hold their meetings on January 11, 12, and 13, 1998, in Baltimore, MD, to discuss future management options for highly migratory species and for Atlantic billfish.

**DATES:** The Highly Migratory Species AP meeting will be held on January 11, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on January 12, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be a technical workshop on billfish issues on the evening of January 12, 1998, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. The Atlantic Billfish AP meeting will be held on January 13, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The AP meetings will be held at the Sheraton Inner Harbor Hotel, 300 South Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Liz Lauck or Jill Stevenson, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone: (301) 713-2347, Fax (301) 713-1917.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AP for Highly Migratory Species and the AP for Atlantic Billfish were established under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.* These APs will assist the Secretary of Commerce in collecting information related to the amendment of the Billfish Fishery Management Plan and to the future fishery management plan for highly migratory species. Both AP meetings are open to the public and will be attended by members of the AP, including appointed members, representatives of the five fishery management councils that work with highly migratory species (HMS), the Atlantic and Gulf states that work with HMS, the Atlantic and Gulf states marine fisheries commissions, and the Chair of the U.S. Advisory Committee to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas.

Potential agenda items for the Highly Migratory Species AP meeting include—

- (1) Bluefin tuna quotas and
- (2) Bluefin tuna effort controls.

Potential agenda items for the Atlantic Billfish meeting include—

- (1) Rebuilding schedules;
- (2) Overfishing definitions; and
- (3) Review of billfish comments collected at scoping meetings.

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jill Stevenson (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: December 8, 1997.

**Gary C. Matlock,**

*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Technical Information Service****NTIS Advisory Board Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Tuesday, January 6, 1998, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The session will be closed to the public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was Chartered on September 15, 1989. The Board is composed of five members appointed by the Secretary of Commerce who are eminent in such fields as information resources management, information technology, and library and information services. The purpose of the meeting is to review the draft strategic plan and make recommendations regarding general policies and operations of NTIS, including policies in connection with fees and charges for its services. The agenda will be devoted to a discussion of NTIS' long range plans. The session will be closed because premature disclosure of the information to be discussed would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of NTIS' business plans.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene on January 6, 1998, at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held in Room 2029 Sills Building, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Lucas, NTIS Advisory Board Secretary, National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, Virginia 22161 Telephone: (703) 605-6400; Fax (703) 487-4093.

Dated: December 9, 1997.

**Donald R. Johnson,**

*Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE****Department of the Army****Availability of A Thick Composite Failure Prediction Software Code for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Non-exclusive Licenses**

**AGENCY:** U.S. Army Research Laboratory.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses relative to a thick composite failure prediction software code as described in U.S. Patent #5,419,200; issued 30 May 1995; entitled "Method For Assessing the Effects of Loading Forces on a Composite Material Structure". Visit <http://www.fedlabs.org/ma/pl> for technical and licensing information. Licenses shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** None.

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