

Dated: February 20, 2003.

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National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings on management issues regarding Gulf fisheries.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 11-14, 2003. For specific dates and times see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, 64 South Water Street, Mobile, AL 36602; telephone: 251-438-4000.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

The Council will meet to discuss the following items:

March 11:

8:30-10 a.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee to appoint members of the APs. The committee will make recommendations for full Council review in closed session on Thursday afternoon and be presented to the public on Friday morning.

10-11:30 a.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) Selection Committee to appoint members of the SSCs, stock assessment panels, and socioeconomic panel. The committee will make recommendations for full Council review in closed session on Thursday afternoon and be presented to the public on Friday morning.

1-2 p.m.—Convene the Data Collection Committee to hear a presentation of a proposed Florida State University economic study.

2-3:30 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to discuss revisions to guidelines for National Standard 1.

3:30-5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to discuss the Reef Fish Amendment 21 Public Hearing Document and hear a presentation by NMFS Enforcement on grouper fishery violations.

March 12:

8:30-10 a.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review a draft regulatory amendment/ environmental assessment which addresses maximum sustainable yield (MSY), optimum yield (OY), minimum stock size threshold (MSST), and maximum fishing mortality threshold (MFMT) for the coastal migratory pelagic species, and a scoping document for draft Amendment 15 to include size and bag limit alternatives for cobia, and commercial landings for blue runner.

10-11:30 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management

Committee to discuss the Shrimp Amendment 13 Options Paper addressing MSY, OY, MSST, and MFMT for shrimp stocks; vessel monitoring systems; and bycatch reduction.

1-2 p.m.—Convene a joint meeting of the Reef Fish, Mackerel, and Red Drum Management Committees to discuss the proposed scoping document and meetings on an aquaculture generic amendment.

2-5 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to review and comment on the alternatives for specifying essential fish habitat (EFH), habitat areas of particular concern, and impacts of fishing on EFH in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the EFH Generic Amendment.

March 13:

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45-9:30 a.m.—Hear a presentation by the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission on accessing the Fisheries Information Network.

9:30-9:45 a.m.—Hear a request for fishing vessel designation from the Worldwide Water Foundation.

9:45-12 noon—Receive public testimony on the Draft Coastal Pelagics (CMP) Regulatory Amendment. The draft CMP Regulatory Amendment sets standards for MSY, OY, overfished and overfishing for king and Spanish mackerel, and cobia. Final action to approve the regulatory amendment will be taken at a subsequent meeting.

1:30-2 p.m.—Receive the Habitat Protection Committee report.

2-2:30 p.m.—Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

2:30-2:45 p.m.—Receive the Mackerel Management Committee report.

2:45-3 p.m.—Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

3-3:30 p.m.—Receive the Administrative Policy Committee report.

3:30-4:15 p.m.—(Closed Session) Receive the report of the AP Selection Committee.

4:15-5:30 p.m.—(Closed Session) Receive the report of the SSC Selection Committee.

March 14:

8:30-8:45 a.m.—Receive the Data Collection Committee Report.

8:45-9 a.m.—Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committee report.

9-9:15 a.m.—Receive a report from the Logo Selection Committee.

9:15-9:30 a.m.—Receive the AP Selection Committee Report.

9:30-9:45 a.m.—Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report.

9:45-10 a.m.—Receive a report of the NMFS Billfish AP.

10-10:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the NMFS Highly Migratory Species AP.

10:15-10:30 p.m.—Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council liaison report.

10:30-10:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Summit for Gulf of Mexico Shrimp Industry.

10:45-11 a.m.—Receive a report of the Gulf Safety Committee.

11-11:15 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

11:15-11:30 a.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

11:30-11:45 a.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

11:45-12 noon—Other Business

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action 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 MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. A copy of the Committee schedule and agenda can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 4, 2003.

Dated: February 21, 2003.

Theophilus R. Brainerd,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans**

AGENCY: President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, Department of Education.

ACTION: To amend the notice printed in the **Federal Register**/Vol. 68, No. 31/ Friday, February 14, 2003.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth a change in date of a forthcoming teleconference meeting of the President's Advisory Commission on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans.

DATES: Originally scheduled for Monday, February 24, 2003, this teleconference meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, March 4, 2003, the hour and location to be determined.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leslie Sanchez, Executive Director, or Adam Chavarria, Associate Director, White House Initiative on Educational Excellence for Hispanic Americans, 400 Maryland Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20202, (202) 401-1411.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Individuals who will need accommodations for a disability in order to observe the meeting (*i.e.*, interpreting services, assistive listening devices, materials in alternative format) should notify Adam Chavarria at (202) 401-1411 by no later than February 26, 2003. We will attempt to meet requests after this date, but cannot guarantee availability of the requested accommodation. The meeting site is accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Dated: February 20, 2003.

William Hansen,

Deputy Secretary, Department of Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Los Alamos Site Office; National Nuclear Security Administration; Notice of Floodplain Involvement for the Fire Road Project at Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, NM**

AGENCY: National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of floodplain involvement.

SUMMARY: The National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA), Los Alamos Site Office of the Department of Energy (DOE) plans to improve existing firebreaks and access roads into remote forested areas at Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL) for the purpose of providing reliable access for fire fighting crews. Improvements will focus on changes to drainage crossings and improved roadbeds within floodplain areas. Improvements would be minor and would mostly consist of installing culverts and stabilizing roadbeds. These roads are limited use roads that are restricted to official access only. In accordance with 10 CFR part 1022, NNSA has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment and will perform this proposed action in a manner so as to avoid or minimize potential harm to or within the affected floodplain.

DATES: Comments are due to the address below no later than March 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to: Elizabeth Withers, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544, or submit them to the Mail Room at the above address between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Written comments may also be sent electronically to: ewithers@doeal.gov or by facsimile to (505) 667-9998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Everett Trollinger, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office, 528 35th Street, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Telephone (505) 667-0281, facsimile (505) 667-9998.

For Further Information on General DOE Floodplain Environmental Review Requirements, contact: Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Compliance, EH-42, Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington DC 20585-0119. Telephone (202) 586-4600 or (800) 472-2756, facsimile (202) 586-7031.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: After the May 2000 Cerro Grande Fire event,

NNSA developed a Wildfire Hazard Reduction Program for LANL. This program includes the improvement of firebreaks and the improvement of access to remote portions of LANL through the upgrade and maintenance of the existing fire road network. There are about 12 firebreaks and 40 fire roads at LANL that will be improved as part of this project. These improvements will require: clearing each road of hazard trees (mostly these are dead or dying trees); grading of the roads and realignment of sharp curves; cut and fill of road areas where needed to accommodate heavy fire fighting equipment.

Culverts will be installed where necessary based on road substrate, and rock gabions and other erosion control features may also be installed. Disturbed soil will be revegetated after work is completed. Firebreak and road improvements will commence in fiscal year 2003 and be completed over the next 9 months.

In accordance with DOE regulations for compliance with floodplain and wetlands environmental review requirements (10 CFR part 1022), NNSA has prepared a floodplain/wetland assessment for this action, which is available by contacting Elizabeth Withers at the previously identified addresses, phone and facsimile numbers. The floodplain/wetland assessment is available for review at the DOE Reading Room at the Los Alamos Outreach Center, 1619 Central Avenue, Los Alamos, NM 878544; and the DOE Reading Room at the Zimmerman Library, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, NM 87131. The NNSA will publish a floodplain statement of findings for this project in the **Federal Register** no sooner than March 14, 2003.

Issued in Los Alamos on February 14, 2003.

Ralph E. Erickson,

Manager, U. S. Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, Los Alamos Site Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Federal Energy Regulatory Commission**

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Algonquin Gas Transmission Company; Notice of Compliance Filing

February 21, 2003.

Take notice that on February 19, 2003, Algonquin Gas Transmission Company (Algonquin) tendered for filing as part of