

the use of "B" days-at-sea as discussed in Amendment 13 to the FMP. B days are among the effort controls included in the amendment which has not yet been approved by the Secretary of Commerce.

Thursday, March 25, 2004

On Thursday, the Council's Research Steering Committee will report on and ask for approval of a policy that addresses the review and use of new research in the fishery management process. The Council will then review and intends to approve comments on the proposed rule to implement Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop FMP. Following this agenda item the rest of the day will be spent discussing potential improvements to Council process as it concerns committee organization and decision-making, as well as issues related to fleet structure and over-capitalization issues in the groundfish fishery. Any other outstanding business will be addressed at the end of the day.

Although other non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subjects of formal 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 Act, provided that the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 1, 2004.

Peter Fricke,

*Acting Director, Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022604A]

Endangered Species; Files No. 1472 and No. 1473

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk (Ellen Riker, principle investigator), 10 North Water Street, South Norwalk, Connecticut 06854 and the Virginia Living Museum (Lory Scott, principle investigator), 524 J. Clyde Morris Blvd., Newport News, Virginia 23601, have both applied in due form for a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement through educational display.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mail comments must be received on or before April 5, 2004.

ADDRESSES:

The applications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail. The mailbox address for providing email comments is NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: File No. 1472 and File No. 1473.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permits are requested under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR 222-226).

The Maritime Aquarium in Norwalk and the Virginia Living Museum both propose to receive and use 50 individual, captive-bred, non-releaseable shortnose sturgeon for educational display exhibits. These proposed projects of displaying endangered cultured shortnose sturgeon responds directly to a recommendation of the NMFS recovery outline for this species. In addition, the facilities would formulate public education programs and exhibits to increase awareness of the shortnose sturgeon and its status. These proposed projects would educate

the public on shortnose sturgeon life history and the reasons for its declining numbers.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this application should be mailed to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

NATIONAL AERONAUTICS AND SPACE ADMINISTRATION

[OMB Control No. 9000-0006]

Federal Acquisition Regulation; Information Collection; Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294)

AGENCIES: Department of Defense (DOD), General Services Administration (GSA), and National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA).

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments regarding an extension to an existing OMB clearance (9000-0006).

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) Secretariat will be submitting to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) a request to review and approve an extension of a currently approved information collection requirement concerning subcontracting plans/subcontracting reporting for individual contracts (Standard Form 294). The clearance currently expires on June 30, 2004.

Public comments are particularly invited on: Whether this collection of

information is necessary for the proper performance of functions of the FAR, and whether it will have practical utility; whether our estimate of the public burden of this collection of information is accurate, and based on valid assumptions and methodology; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways in which we can minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, through the use of appropriate technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

ADDRESSES: Submit comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden to the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006, Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294), in all correspondence.

DATES: Submit comments on or before May 3, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rhonda Cundiff, Acquisition Policy, GSA (202) 501-0044.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Purpose

In accordance with the Federal Acquisition Regulation 19.702 contractors receiving a contract for more than the simplified acquisition threshold agree to have small business, small disadvantaged business, and women-owned small business, HUBZone small business, veteran-owned small business and service-disabled veteran-owned small business concerns participate in the performance of the contract as far as practicable. Contractors receiving a contract or a modification to a contract expected to exceed \$500,000 (\$1,000,000 for construction) must submit a subcontracting plan that provides maximum practicable opportunities for the above named concerns. Specific elements required to be included in the plan are specified in section 8(d) of the Small Business Act and implemented in FAR subpart 19.7.

In conjunction with these plans, contractors must submit semiannual reports of their progress on Standard Form 294, Subcontracting Report for Individual Contracts.

B. Annual Reporting Burden

Respondents: 4,253.

Responses Per Respondent: 3.44.

Total Responses: 14,631.

Hours Per Response: 50.52.

Total Burden Hours: 739,225.

Obtaining Copies of Proposals:

Requesters may obtain a copy of the information collection documents from the General Services Administration, FAR Secretariat (MVA), 1800 F Street, NW., Room 4035, Washington, DC 20405, telephone (202) 501-4755. Please cite OMB Control No. 9000-0006, Subcontracting Plans/Subcontracting Reporting for Individual Contracts (Standard Form 294), in all correspondence.

Dated: February 27, 2004.

Laura Auletta,

Director, Acquisition Policy Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Meeting of the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC)

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This PITAC meeting will focus on the U.S. Government investment in networking and information technology research and development with some specific applications. In the morning, there will be a report by the PITAC Health and IT Subcommittee on its draft findings and recommendations. The afternoon session will focus on Cyber Security Subcommittee issues. A final agenda will be posted on the PITAC Web site (<http://www.nitrd.gov/pitac/>) approximately two weeks before the meeting.

DATES: Tuesday, April 13, 2004, 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Washington Hotel, The Washington Room (Ballroom); 515 15th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20004.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The public may attend the meeting in person at the above address or on-line via the Internet. To participate on-line, you must contact the National Coordination Office for Information Technology Research and Development (ITRD) at the address below to register and receive instructions.

Members of the public are invited to participate by (1) submitting written statements to the PITAC at pitac-comments@nitrd.gov and (2) giving a brief (three minutes or less) oral statement during the 30 minute public comment period on the meeting agenda.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The NCO/ITRD at 703-292-4873 or by e-mail at pitac-comments@nitrd.gov.

Dated: February 26, 2004.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Defense Science Board; Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice of Advisory Committee Meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Aerial Refueling Requirements will meet in closed session on March 24, 2004, at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. The Task Force will evaluate current aerial refueling capability and future Department of Defense (DoD) aerial refueling requirements. The Task Force will assess current and future requirements with respect to both legacy systems and missions, and take into account proposed future systems and capabilities.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. Specifically, using best estimates of requirements for 2010, 2020, and 2030, the Task Force will assess the following options with respect to DoD aerial refueling capability: (1) Retain the requisite number of assets to maintain current capability; (2) perform service life extension on the requisite number of existing aircraft; (3) acquire new refueling capabilities; and (4) evaluate other methods to address refueling needs.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. app. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) and that, accordingly, the meeting will be closed to the public.