

may opt to visit only one or two markets on the itinerary for the following fees:

Option	SME	Large company
One stop .....	US\$2,000	US\$3,000
Two stops .....	US\$3,000	US\$4,000

#### Conditions for Participation

An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation.

- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content.

#### Selection Criteria for Participation

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of the company's products or services to the three target markets and sectors
- Applicant's potential for business in the target markets, including likelihood of exports resulting from the mission
- Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the mission
- Applicant's stated intent to participate in all three markets on the mission itinerary

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's submission and not considered during the selection process.

#### Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Recruitment for this trade mission will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, e-mail blasts, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than February 12, 2009. Applications received after that date will be

considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application Form for Membership on a National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

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

**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 proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before January 20, 2009.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental

Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Karen M. Brubeck, 206-842-6084 or [karen.brubeck@noaa.gov](mailto:karen.brubeck@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act (16 U.S.C. 1445a) allows the Secretary of Commerce to establish one or more advisory councils to provide advice to the Secretary regarding the designation and management of national marine sanctuaries. The councils are individually chartered for each sanctuary to meet the needs of the sanctuary. Once a council has been chartered, the sanctuary manager starts a process to recruit members for that Council by providing notice to the public and requesting interested parties to apply for the available seats.

##### II. Method of Collection

An application form and guidelines for a narrative submission must be submitted to the sanctuary manager. Submissions may be made electronically.

##### III. Data

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0397.  
*Form Number:* None.  
*Type of Review:* Regular submission.  
*Affected Public:* Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions.  
*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 500.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 1 hour.  
*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 500 hours.  
*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

##### 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: August 7, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Notice of Intent

**AGENCY:** National Estuarine Research Reserve System, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement on the proposed St. Louis River National Estuarine Research Reserve (reserve) in Superior, Wisconsin. Notice of a public scoping meeting in Superior, Wisconsin, to solicit comments on significant issues related to the preparation of a Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) for the proposed reserve. The DEIS/DMP will address the research, education, and stewardship needs of the proposed reserve.

**DATES:** Monday, December 1, 2008 at 7 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** University of Wisconsin—Superior Multicultural Center, Old Main—Rm 232, Superior, WI 54880.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, the State of Wisconsin and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration intend to conduct a public scoping meeting on December 1, 2008, in Superior, Wisconsin, as part of NOAA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) process to solicit comments for the preparation of a DEIS/DMP.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The decision to be made by NOAA is whether or not to designate the proposed St. Louis River National Estuarine Research Reserve. University of Wisconsin-Extension (UW-EX), Wisconsin Department of

Administration (WI DOA), and NOAA are working to determine what the boundaries of the reserve will be, how the reserve will be managed, and the policies of the proposed reserve. These decisions will be made through an analysis process and spelled out in the reserve management plan.

The St. Louis River freshwater estuary constitutes a relatively intact and wetland rich area, and is an excellent representative area in the Great Lakes biogeographic region with a diversity of coastal habitat types. The unique physical and hydrological features of the proposed site is expected to attract a broad range of research interests from multiple scientific disciplines. Beginning in 2004, the WI DOA and UW-EX organized a number of partners and stakeholders to explore the feasibility of a reserve on the Lake Superior coast. In 2006, the State of Wisconsin undertook a site selection process to determine appropriate areas of Wisconsin's Lake Superior coast that might be nominated for inclusion in the Reserve System. This process and a parallel public participation process generated advice from public and private experts in estuarine science and input from the public.

On June 1, 2008, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin nominated the St. Louis River Freshwater Estuary for consideration as a Lake Superior Reserve. In October of 2008, NOAA approved the site nomination document for the proposed Lake Superior reserve and began working with UW-EX and WI DOA to develop a management plan and environmental impact statement for the proposed reserve.

The St. Louis River reserve is proposed to be administered by the UW-EX in cooperation with partner landholders including the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and the City of Superior. WI DOA and UW-EX are jointly developing an outline of a preliminary draft management plan. The outline is intended to identify specific needs and priorities related to research, education and stewardship. At the public meeting, WI DOA, UW-EX, and NOAA will provide a synopsis of the process for developing a DEIS/DMP and will solicit comments on significant environmental issues that will be incorporated into a DEIS.

Interested parties who wish to submit suggestions or comments regarding the scope or content of the proposed DEIS/DMP are invited to attend the above meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.420, (Coastal Zone Management) Research Reserves.

Dated: November 11, 2008.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to evaluate and notice of availability of final findings.

**SUMMARY:** The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Hudson River (New York) National Estuarine Research Reserve and the California Coastal Commission Coastal Management Program.

The Coastal Zone Management Program evaluation will be conducted pursuant to section 312 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended (CZMA) and regulations at 15 CFR part 923, Subpart L. The National Estuarine Research Reserve evaluation will be conducted pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the CZMA and regulations at 15 CFR Part 921, Subpart E and Part 923, Subpart L. The CZMA requires continuing review of the performance of states with respect to coastal program implementation. Evaluation of Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves requires findings concerning the extent to which a state has met the national objectives, adhered to its Coastal Management Program document or Reserve final management plan approved by the Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to the terms of financial assistance awards funded under the CZMA.