

performance questions, safety questions, and trip costs, crew size and other economic questions; (2) questions asked by observer program staff/contractors to plan observer deployments; (3) forms that are completed by observers and that fishing vessel captains are asked to review and sign; (4) questionnaires to evaluate observer performance; and (5) a form to certify that a fisherman is the permit holder when requesting observer data from the observer on the vessel. NMFS has received PRA clearances for the second and fourth types of collections for some observer programs (OMB Control Numbers 0648-0423 and 0648-0202 for deployment questions and 0648-0550 and 0648-0536 for observer evaluations); those burden hours are now included in this national, comprehensive PRA submission.

The information collected will be used to: (1) Monitor catch and bycatch in federally-managed commercial fisheries; (2) understand the population status and trends of fish stocks and protected species, as well as the interactions between them; (3) determine the quantity and distribution of net benefits derived from living marine resources; (4) predict the biological, ecological, and economic impacts of existing management action and proposed management options; and (5) ensure that the observer programs can safely and efficiently collect the information required for the previous four uses. In particular, these biological and economic data collection programs contribute to legally mandated analyses required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA), the Endangered Species Act (ESA), the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Regulatory Flexibility Act (RFA), Executive Order 12866 (EO 12866), as well as a variety of state statutes. The confidentiality of the data will be protected as required by law.

II. Method of Collection

The surveys conducted by NMFS observers while they are deployed to a vessel to observe a particular fishing trip will be asked in-person to the captain, crew and/or owner (if onboard the vessel) during the course of the observed trip. Economic information not available during the trip may be requested via a mail follow-up survey. The questions asked by the observer program staff or contractor to plan observer deployments are typically asked via telephone or mailed survey. The feedback questionnaires to evaluate observer performance will be mailed to the vessel owners or captains.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,900.

Estimated Time per Response: 51 minutes. Information will be collected for observed fishing trips and deployments to fish processing plants; therefore, there will be multiple responses for some respondents.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 12,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,500.

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: February 26, 2009.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Availability of Seats for the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is seeking applications for the following vacant seats on the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: North Carolina Maritime Museums. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms, pursuant to the council's Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by May 29, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Shannon Ricles, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shannon Ricles, 100 Museum Drive, Newport News, VA 23606; 757-591-7328; Shannon.ricles@noaa.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Established in 1975 as the Nation's first marine sanctuary, the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary is managed by NOAA's Office of National Marine Sanctuaries. It is one of 13 sanctuaries and protects the wreck of the famed Civil War ironclad, USS Monitor, best known for its battle with the Confederate ironclad, CSS Virginia in Hampton Roads, Va., on March 9, 1862.

The advisory council consists of 13 members and 3 alternates: 9 non-governmental voting members and 4 governmental voting members. The council seats represent a variety of regional interests and stakeholders, including: Recreational Diving, Heritage Tourism, Education, Maritime Museums, Conservation, the U.S. Navy, Virginia and North Carolina Department of Historic Resources, the National Park Service, Recreational/Commercial Fishing and the public at-large. It is the combined expertise and experience of these individuals that creates an advisory council that is a valuable and effective resource for the sanctuary manager.

The council's objectives are to provide the sanctuary manager with advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving sanctuary use or resources; (2) identifying and realizing the sanctuary's research objectives; (3) identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase public knowledge and stewardship of the sanctuary

environment; and (4) developing an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary System.

The council may serve as a forum for consultation and deliberation among its members and as a source of advice to the sanctuary manager regarding the management of the Monitor National Marine Sanctuary. The sanctuary advisory council holds open meetings to ensure continued public input on management issues and to increase public awareness and knowledge of the sanctuary environment. Public participation at these meetings is welcomed and encouraged.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1431, *et seq.*
(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: February 20, 2009.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, Office of National Marine Sanctuaries, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Northern New Mexico

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Northern New Mexico. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Wednesday, March 25, 2009, 2 p.m.–8 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Holiday Inn Santa Fe, 4048 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Menice Santistevan, Northern New Mexico Citizens' Advisory Board (NNMCAB), 1660 Old Pecos Trail, Suite B, Santa Fe, NM 87505. Phone (505) 995-0393; Fax (505) 989-1752 or E-mail: msantistevan@doeal.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

- 2 p.m. Call to Order by Deputy Designated Federal Officer, Jeff Casalina.
- Establishment of a Quorum, Lorelei Novak.
- A. Roll Call.
- B. Excused Absences.
- Welcome and Introductions, J.D. Campbell.
- Approval of Agenda.
- Approval of January 28, 2009, Board Meeting Minutes.
- 2:15 p.m. Old Business.
- A. Written Reports.
- B. Open Discussion.
- 2:30 p.m. New Business.
- A. Open Discussion.
- 2:45 p.m. Introduction of Recommendations to DOE.
- 3 p.m. Committee Reports.
- A. Waste Management Committee, Gerry Maestas.
- B. Environmental Monitoring and Surveillance Committee, Mike Loya.
- 3:15 p.m. Ad Hoc Committee Reports.
- A. Fiscal Year 2011 DOE-EM Budget, Kathleen Hall.
- B. Public Participation, Peter Baston.
- 3:30 p.m. Break.
- 3:45 p.m. Liaison Reports.
- A. Department of Energy, George Rael.
- B. Los Alamos National Security, Michael Graham.
- C. Environmental Protection Agency, Richard Mayer.
- 4:30 p.m. New Mexico Environment Department Report: Schedule of Corrective Measures Evaluations, James Bearzi.
- 4:45 p.m. Los Alamos Site Office Presentation on DOE Los Alamos National Laboratory Implementation of NNMCAB Recommendations, Jeff Casalina.
- 5 p.m. Dinner Break.
- 6 p.m. Public Comment Period.
- 6:15 p.m. Consideration and Action on Draft Recommendation(s).
- 6:30 p.m. Presentation on Buckman Direct Diversion Project, Rick Carpenter.
- 7:30 p.m. Open Discussion.
- A. Press Releases, Editorials, etc.
- B. Future Presentation Topics.
- C. Other Items.
- 8 p.m. Adjourn, Jeff Casalina.

This agenda is subject to change at least one day in advance of the meeting.

Public Participation: The EM SSAB, Northern New Mexico, welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability,

please contact Menice Santistevan at least seven days in advance of the meeting at the telephone number listed above. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact Menice Santistevan at the address or telephone number listed above. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: Minutes will be available by writing or calling Menice Santistevan at the address or phone number listed above. Minutes and other Board documents are on the Internet at: <http://www.nnmcab.org/minutes/board-minutes.htm>.

Issued at Washington, DC, on February 25, 2009.

Rachel Samuel,

Deputy Committee Management Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Savannah River Site

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EM SSAB), Savannah River Site. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Monday, March 23, 2009, 1 p.m.–5 p.m., Tuesday, March 24, 2009, 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Aiken Conference Center, 215 The Alley, Aiken, South Carolina 29801.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gerri Flemming, Office of External Affairs, Department of Energy, Savannah River Operations Office, P.O. Box A, Aiken, SC 29802; Phone: (803) 952-7886.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations