

Thursday, August 23, 2018; 8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

The Council will receive reports from the following committees: Coral, Mackerel, Spiny Lobster, Sustainable Fisheries, Gulf SEDAR, Data Collection, Shrimp, and Reef Fish Management Committees. After lunch, the Council will receive updates from the following supporting agencies: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council; NOAA Office of Law Enforcement (OLE), Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; U.S. Coast Guard; U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and, the Department of State.

The Council will discuss any Other Business items. Lastly, the Council will hold an election for Chair and Vice-Chair.

—Meeting Adjourns

The meeting will be broadcast via webinar. You may register for the webinar by visiting www.gulfcouncil.org and clicking on the Council meeting on the calendar. <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3383291116212545537->. The timing and order in which agenda items are addressed may change as required to effectively address the issue, and the latest version along with other meeting materials will be posted on www.gulfcouncil.org as they become available.

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 Kathy Pereira (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 26, 2018.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the U.S. Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS®) Advisory Committee (Committee) in Juneau, Alaska.

DATES AND TIMES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 9:00 a.m.–3:00 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date agenda.

ADDRESSES: On Tuesday, August 28th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. the meeting will be held at the Elizabeth Peratrovich Hall Conference Center, 320 W Willoughby Ave, Juneau, AK. This will be a half-day joint meeting with NOAA's Hydrographic Services Review Panel on topics of joint interest such as water level partnerships. From 2:00 to 5:30 p.m., the IOOS Advisory Committee meeting will be held at the Westmark Baranof Hotel, 127 N Franklin Street, Juneau, AK. On Wednesday, August 29th, the meeting will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the NOAA Fisheries Auke Bay Lab, 17109 Point Lena Loop Road, Juneau, AK. Venues may be subject to change. Refer to the web page listed below for the most up-to-date information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal Official, U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee, U.S. IOOS Program, 1315 East-West Highway, Station 2612, Silver Spring, MD 20910; Phone 240–533–9466; Fax 301–713–3281; Email jessica.snowden@noaa.gov or visit the U.S. IOOS Advisory Committee website at <http://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established by the NOAA Administrator as directed by Section 12304 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act, part of the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 (Pub. L. 111–11). The Committee advises the NOAA Administrator and the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC)

on matters related to the responsibilities and authorities set forth in section 12302 of the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 and other appropriate matters as the Under Secretary refers to the Committee for review and advice.

The Committee will provide advice on:

(a) Administration, operation, management, and maintenance of the System;

(b) expansion and periodic modernization and upgrade of technology components of the System;

(c) identification of end-user communities, their needs for information provided by the System, and the System's effectiveness in dissemination information to end-user communities and to the general public; and

(d) any other purpose identified by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere or the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee.

The meeting will be open to public participation with a 15-minute public comment period on August 28, 2018, from 5:00 p.m. to 5:15 p.m., and on August 29, 2018, from 2:45 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (check agenda on website to confirm time.) The Committee expects that public statements presented at its meetings will not be repetitive of previously submitted verbal or written statements. In general, each individual or group making a verbal presentation will be limited to a total time of three (3) minutes. Written comments should be received by the Designated Federal Official by August 21, 2018 to provide sufficient time for Committee review. Written comments received after August 21st will be distributed to the Committee, but may not be reviewed prior to the meeting date. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis. A webinar will be provided. Sign-up information for the webinar will be posted on the website.

Matters To Be Considered: The meeting will focus on ongoing committee priorities, including discussions of stakeholder needs specific to the Alaska and Arctic regions and developing the next set of recommendations. The latest version of the agenda will be posted at <http://ioos.noaa.gov/community/u-s-ioos-advisory-committee/>.

Special Accommodations: These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jessica Snowden, Designated Federal

Official at 240–533–9466 by August 20, 2018.

Dated: July 17, 2018.

Carl C. Gouldman,

Director, U.S. IOOS Program, National Ocean Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of 30-Day Public Comment Period on the Injury Assessment Plan for the Lower Duwamish River (“Lower Duwamish River Natural Resource Damage Assessment: Injury Assessment Plan”)

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period.

SUMMARY: NOAA, on behalf of its co-members of the Elliott Bay Trustee Council (Trustee Council), announce the release of the Lower Duwamish River Injury Assessment Plan, which sets forward the Trustee Council’s approach for assessing natural resource damages at the Lower Duwamish River. The Injury Assessment Plan is one of the first steps in the natural resources damages assessment process, and is being released to the public in accordance with the applicable regulations.

Through today’s notice, NOAA is announcing: (1) The Trustees’ plan to begin the assessment of natural resource damages for lost ecological and human use services resulting from releases of hazardous substances and oil to the Lower Duwamish River in Seattle, Washington; and (2) a provision of a 30-day period for public comment on the plan.

ADDRESSES: Comments are sought on the draft injury assessment plan and should be emailed to Rebecca.Hoff@noaa.gov with the subject line: “Comments on Lower Duwamish River Natural Resource Damage Assessment: Injury Assessment Plan.” Comments may also be mailed to: Rebecca Hoff of NOAA Western Region Center, 7600 Sand Point Way Building 1, Seattle, WA 98118.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The increasingly industrial uses of the Lower Duwamish River led to contamination of natural resources through multiple pathways from releases of hazardous substances upland

and adjacent to the river. As a result of this contamination, EPA designated Harbor Island, Lockheed West Seattle, and the Lower Duwamish Waterway (collectively, the Site) as Superfund sites on the National Priority List. Examples of contaminants of concern released to the Lower Duwamish River include polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs), metals, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs). Natural resources such as benthic invertebrates, migratory fish (such as juvenile Chinook salmon), resident fish (such as sculpin and English sole), birds, and fish eating mammals exposed to these compounds can potentially be harmed as a result. In addition, hazardous substances released to the Lower Duwamish River have potentially reduced the human use services (e.g., recreational fishing, recreational boating, tribal uses) provided by the River. In addition, fish consumption advisories related to hazardous substances have been issued to the public warning of the risks associated with consumption of various fish species commonly targeted by anglers. The Injury Assessment Plan sets forth the approach the Trustee Council will apply to completing the damage assessment process to resolve natural resource damages liability with non-settling parties.

The Elliott Bay Trustee Council is comprised of Federal, state and tribal natural resource trustees. Members of the Trustee Council include the U.S. Department of the Interior; the U.S. Department of Commerce, acting through NOAA; the State of Washington; the Suquamish Tribe; and the Muckleshoot Indian Tribe. The Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. §§ 9601 *et seq.*; the Oil Pollution Act (OPA) of 1990, 33 U.S.C. §§ 2701 *et seq.*; the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. § 1251; the National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan [National Contingency Plan (NCP)], 40 CFR 300, Subpart G; Executive Orders 12580 and 12777; and other applicable federal and state laws and regulations, provide a legal framework for the Trustee Council’s actions.

Under the federal regulations, the Trustee Council can elect to perform a Type A or Type B injury assessment. Type A assessment procedures use simplified model assumptions to address injuries that result from a single event or short-term exposure. Releases of hazardous substances from the Site have occurred from multiple sources over many decades, resulting in complex exposure conditions impacting aquatic and upland media and

associated complex food webs. Therefore, the Elliott Bay Trustee Council previously elected to perform a Type B assessment, the procedures for which require “more extensive field observation than the Type A procedures.” 43 CFR § 11.33(b). This assessment method includes injury determination, quantification, and damage determination. Because substantial Site-specific data already exist to support the assessment, a Type B assessment can be conducted for the Site at a reasonable cost. The federal regulations for a Type B assessment outline methods for determining (1) pathways through which hazardous substances released by potentially responsible parties expose natural resources, (2) injuries to natural resources, (3) the extent of those injuries and resultant public losses, (4) baseline conditions and time required for the resources to recover to baseline, and (5) the cost or value of restoring injured resources. These methods facilitate calculation of natural resource damages. 43 CFR §§ 11.60–11.84.

Dated: July 19, 2018.

David Westerholm,

Director, Office of Response and Restoration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs

AGENCY: Office for Coastal Management (OCM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office for Coastal Management will hold a public meeting to solicit comments on the performance evaluation of the Mississippi Coastal Management Program.

DATES: *Mississippi Coastal Management Program Evaluation:* The public meeting will be held on September 25, 2018, and written comments must be received on or before October 5, 2018.

For specific dates, times, and locations of the public meetings, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.**

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the program or reserve NOAA intends to evaluate by any of the following methods: