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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership National Advisory Board (MEPNAB), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Thursday, January 17, 2002, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The MEPNAB is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their expertise in the area of industrial extension and their work on behalf of smaller manufacturers. The Board was established to fill a need for outside input on MEP. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. The centers have been created by state, federal, and local partnerships. The Board works closely with MEP to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies. The purpose of this meeting is to hear about latest developments, status of plans for 2002 and the logic, background, progress and goals of the 360vu brand. There will also be a presentation on findings from a technology extension pilot partnering. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. and to end at 9:30 a.m. and to begin at 2:30 p.m. and to end at 3:30 p.m. on January 17, 2002, on personnel issues and proprietary budget information will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene January 17, 2002 at 8:00 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on January 17, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Acierto, Senior Policy Advisor, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-5033.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on January 3, 2002, that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of the staffing of positions in MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in that portion of the meeting is likely to reveal information of a personal nature, where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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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.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on January 21-24, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn Fort Brown, 1900 East Elizabeth Street, Brownsville, TX 78520; telephone: 956-546-2201. 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, telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### January 21

8:30 a.m. thru 10:30 a.m.—Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to develop recommendations for mackerel and cobia status determination criteria.

The full Council will consider these recommendations on Thursday morning.

10:30 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee to hear a NMFS report on the Texas closure analyses and make recommendation for the full Council for discussion on Thursday morning.

1 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review a draft regulatory amendment containing alternatives for rebuilding of the red grouper stock and to hear the total allowable catch (TAC) recommendations of the scientific panels and Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) for gag, vermillion snapper, and gray triggerfish. The Committee will also discuss development of a red snapper individual transferable quota protocol.

#### January 22

8:30 a.m. thru 10:30 a.m.—Continue the Reef Fish Management Committee, if necessary.

10:30 a.m. thru 11:30 a.m.—Convene the Deep-Water Crab Management Committee to discuss an options paper for the development of a Deep-water Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The species that would be managed under the Deep-water Crab FMP will be the golden crab (*Chaceon fenneri*) and red crab (*Chaceon quinque-dens*). The preliminary issues and options paper for the development of a Deep-water Crab FMP examines fisheries issues including management needs, gear requirements and restrictions, crab size and sex limitations for harvest, and requirements for fishery participants.

1 p.m. thru 3:30 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee to discuss congressional bills entitled the "Fishery Recovery Act" and "Freedom to Fish Act." The Committee recommendations will be considered by the Council as recommendations for amending the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation & Management Act (Magnuson Stevens Act).

3:30 p.m. thru 4:30 p.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the AP Selection Committee to recommend members for two Ad Hoc panels to review preparation of a supplemental environmental impact statement (SEIS) for the Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment. 4:30 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m.—(Closed Session) Convene the Personnel Committee to consider revisions to the personnel section of the Administrative Handbook.

#### January 23

8:30 a.m.—Convene Council.

8:45 a.m. thru 12 noon—Receive public testimony on the Texas closure, overfishing and overfished criteria for mackerel and cobia, and TAC recommendations for gag grouper, vermillion snapper, and gray triggerfish. Although the Council will hear public testimony on TAC for these three stocks, final action on gag will not be taken until the March Council meeting in Mobile, AL or the May Council meeting in Destin, FL. Final action on gray triggerfish will be taken at the March Council meeting in Mobile, AL.

1:30 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m.—Receive the report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

5 p.m. thru 5:30 p.m.—(Closed Session) Receive a report of the AP Selection Committee.

5:30 p.m. thru 5:45 p.m.—(Closed Session) Receive a report of the Personnel Committee. January 24

8:30 a.m. thru 8:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the AP Selection Committee.

8:45 a.m. thru 9:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee.

9:30 a.m. thru 9:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

9:45 a.m. thru 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the Deep-Water Crab Management Committee.

10:15 a.m. thru 12 noon—Receive a report of the Administrative Policy Committee.

1:30 p.m. thru 2:30 p.m.—Receive a status report on contract for preparation of SEIS for the EFH Amendment.

2:30 p.m. thru 2:45 p.m.—Receive a report of the Coral Reef Task Team Meeting.

2:45 p.m. thru 3 p.m.—Receive a report on the Gulf and South Atlantic Fishery Foundation turtle excluder device workshop.

3 p.m. thru 3:30 p.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

3:30 p.m. thru 3:45 p.m.—Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

3:45 p.m. thru 4 p.m.—Receive Director's Reports.

4 p.m. thru 4:15 p.m.—Other Business  
Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson Stevens Act, 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 Magnuson Stevens Act, 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 January 14, 2002.

Dated: January 2, 2002.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Reimbursement for Costs of Remedial Action at Active Uranium and Thorium Processing Sites

**AGENCY:** Office of Environmental Management, Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of the acceptance of claims and the availability of funds for reimbursement in fiscal year (FY) 2002.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the Department of Energy (DOE) acceptance of FY 2002 claims for reimbursement under Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. Approximately \$19.5 million in funds for FY 2002 are available for reimbursement of certain costs of remedial action at eligible active uranium and thorium processing sites pursuant to Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992. This amount includes \$1 million in FY 2002 appropriations plus approximately \$18.5 million available from FY 2001 appropriations. The Department expects to make payments on approved FY 2001 claims from these appropriations by April 30, 2002.

**DATES:** The closing date for the submission of claims in FY 2002 is May 1, 2002. These claims will be processed for payment by April 30, 2003, based on the availability of funds from congressional appropriations.

**ADDRESSES:** Claims should be forwarded by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185-5400, or by express mail to the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division, H

and Pennsylvania Streets, Albuquerque, NM 87116. All claims should be addressed to the attention of Mr. Gilbert Maldonado. Two copies of the claim should be included with each submission.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gilbert Maldonado at (505) 845-4035 of the U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, Environmental Restoration Division.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** DOE published a final rule under 10 CFR part 765 in the **Federal Register** on May 23, 1994, (59 FR 26714) to carry out the requirements of Title X of the Energy Policy Act of 1992 (sections 1001-1004 of Pub. L. 102-486, 42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*) and to establish the procedures for eligible licensees to submit claims for reimbursement. Title X requires DOE to reimburse eligible uranium and thorium licensees for certain costs of decontamination, decommissioning, reclamation, and other remedial action incurred by licensees at active uranium and thorium processing sites to remediate byproduct material generated as an incident of sales to the United States Government. To be reimbursable, costs of remedial action must be for work which is necessary to comply with applicable requirements of the Uranium Mill Tailings Radiation Control Act of 1978 (42 U.S.C. 7901 *et seq.*) or, where appropriate, with requirements established by a State pursuant to a discontinuance agreement under section 274 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2021). Claims for reimbursement must be supported by reasonable documentation as determined by DOE in accordance with 10 CFR part 765. Funds for reimbursement will be provided from the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund established at the United States Department of Treasury pursuant to section 1801 of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954 (42 U.S.C. 2297g). Payment or obligation of funds shall be subject to the requirements of the Anti-Deficiency Act (31 U.S.C. 1341).

**Authority:** Section 1001-1004 of Public Law 102-486, 106 Stat. 2776 (42 U.S.C. 2296a *et seq.*).

Issued in Washington, DC, on this 18th of December, 2001.

**David E. Mathes,**

*Team Leader, Albuquerque/Nevada Team, Small Sites Closure Office, Office of Site Closure.*

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