

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Public Hearing on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan for the Proposed Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida**

**AGENCY:** Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Public hearing notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U. S. Department of Commerce, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving comments on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Management Plan (DEIS/DMP) prepared on the proposed designation of the Guana Tolomato Matanzas National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida. The DEIS/DMP addresses research, monitoring, education and resource protection needs for the proposed reserve.

The Sanctuaries and Reserves Division will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. on August 31, 1998, at the St. Johns County Auditorium, Government Complex, 4020 Lewis Speedway, St. Augustine, Florida 32095.

The views of interested persons and organizations on the adequacy of the DEIS/DMP are solicited, and may be expressed orally and/or in written statements. Presentations will be scheduled on a first-come, first-heard basis, and may be limited to a maximum of five (5) minutes. The time allotment may be extended before the hearing when the number of speakers can be determined. All comments received at the hearing will be considered in the preparation of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS) and Final Management Plan.

The comment period for the DEIS/DMP will end on September 7, 1998. All written comments received by this deadline will be considered in the preparation of the FEIS.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. R. Randall Schneider (301) 713-3132, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource

Management, National Ocean Service, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, N/ORM2, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies of the Draft Environmental Impact Statement/Draft Management Plan are available upon request to the Sanctuaries and Reserves Division.

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

Dated: July 29, 1998.

**Nancy Foster, Ph.D.,**

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 072898C]

**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 (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP).

**DATES:** A meeting of the SEP will be held beginning at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, August 20, 1998, and will conclude by 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 21, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SEP members will meet to review available social and economic data on vermilion snapper and gag stocks, and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catches (ABC) recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel (RFSAP). The SEP may recommend to the Council total allowable catches for the 1999 fishing year, depending on whether ABC ranges would be established for these 2 stocks by the RFSAP. The SEP will also discuss issues related to fishing communities.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panel for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Panel action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Special Accommodations**

This meeting is 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 August 13, 1998.

Dated: July 29, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 072498H]

**Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Pacific Fishery Management Council's Groundfish Total Catch Determination Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 25, 1998, beginning at 1:00 p.m. and may go into the evening until business for the day is completed. The meeting will reconvene at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 1998 and continue until the agenda has been completed.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the conference room at the Pacific Fishery Management Council office, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jim Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This ad hoc committee has been instructed to continue the investigation and development of a program to determine

total groundfish fishing mortality and discard, and to provide the information necessary to assess the effects of trip limit management. The ad hoc Committee will propose goals for a data collection program, identify funding options and impediments, and develop an overall program design. The Council has also instructed the committee to conduct a full exploration of reasonable alternatives to an observer program (e.g., full retention) and to address equity issues associated with participation of various gear groups, vessel size categories, and funding.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be of formal discussion during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Mr. John Rhoton at (503) 326-6352 at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 29, 1998.

#### Bruce C. Morehead,

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 980716177-8177-01]

#### Presidential Decision Directive 63 on Critical Infrastructure Protection: Sector Coordinators

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for expressions of interest.

**SUMMARY:** America's national and economic security are increasingly reliant on certain critical infrastructures and upon cyber-based information systems. Accordingly, in Presidential Decision Directive 63, the President directed the establishment of a program addressing the Nation's need for protection of its critical infrastructures. Critical infrastructures are those physical and cyber-based systems essential to the minimum operations of the economy and government. They

include, but are not limited to, telecommunications, energy, banking and finance, transportation, water systems and emergency services, both governmental and private. The President has assigned to the Department of Commerce the lead agency responsibility for the information and communications (I&C) infrastructure. The Secretary of Commerce has designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to carry out those responsibilities.

Presidential Decision Directive 63 calls for representatives of the private sector, called Sector Coordinators (SCs), to represent the interests of critical infrastructure owners and operators in the development of infrastructure assurance plans. NTIA is seeking suggestions from the I&C private sector on the best way to fulfill the role of SCs in representing the I&C private sector on the Critical Infrastructure Assurance Program with the U.S. Government Sector Liaison Official (SLO), Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and NTIA Administrator. In addition, NTIA is seeking expressions of interest from private sector I&C entities capable of fulfilling the role of SC. In addition, comments are invited on the I&C infrastructure definitions provided in this notice.

**DATES:** Expressions of interest must be received by September 4, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Expressions of interest may be mailed to Irwin M. Pikus, Infrastructure Assurance Program, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Room 4898, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, or submitted in electronic form to [infrastructure@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:infrastructure@ntia.doc.gov). Electronic submissions should be in ASCII, WordPerfect (please specify version) or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format, and should be included as attachments to the electronic message. If you do not receive an acknowledgement of receipt, please contact [webmaster@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:webmaster@ntia.doc.gov), or call 202/482-2333. Please note: Comments filed electronically at the above address and any other official address will be posted on the NTIA website at [www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/infrastructure/index.html](http://www.ntia.doc.gov/ntiahome/infrastructure/index.html). Paper submissions should include three paper copies and a version on diskette in a format specified above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Helen Shaw, NTIA, 202/482-2333.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Background

Every sector of the U.S. economy—including manufacturing, transportation, energy and utilities, retail and wholesale trade, education, healthcare, finance and government—employs information technology and services in its operations. The U.S. communications and information infrastructure is comprised of: The physical facilities used to transmit, store, process, and display voice, data and images, as well as the information itself; applications and software to allow users to access the information; and the network standards and transmission codes that facilitate interconnection and interoperation among networks, ensuring privacy and security of the information, and network security and reliability.

Following the recommendations of a commission created under Executive Order 13010, the President directed the establishment of an interagency program addressing the Nation's need for protection of its critical infrastructures. The protection of critical infrastructures in the national interest requires a closely coordinated effort of both public and private sectors since most of the information and communications (I&C) infrastructure is owned and operated by private sector entities. Because the Secretary of Commerce designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) to carry out the critical infrastructure protection responsibilities for the I&C sector, Larry Irving, Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information and Administrator of NTIA, will serve as the Sector Liaison Official (SLO) under Presidential Decision Directive (PDD-63) to work with the I&C sector.

In the spirit of public-private partnership, NTIA is seeking to identify sector coordinators (SCs) to work closely with NTIA in accomplishing the objectives of the President's program. Together, the SLO and the SCs, along with the departments and corporations they represent, will contribute to a sectoral National Infrastructure Assurance Plan by: Assessing the vulnerabilities of the sector to cyber or physical attacks; recommending a plan to eliminate significant vulnerabilities; proposing a system for identifying and preventing attempted major attacks; and developing a plan for alerting, containing, and rebuffing an attack in progress and then, in coordination with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) as appropriate, rapidly reconstituting minimum essential capabilities in the aftermath of an attack. In addition to producing the