

Uruguay, Argentina and Chile. In Mercosur, the business of the mission will consist of:

- Embassy briefings on the economic/commercial climates;
- Meetings with Ministers and other senior level government officials with responsibilities for the mission's focus sectors;
- Meetings with potential buyers, agents/distributors and partners.
- Meetings with the U.S. business community.

The Commerce Department's U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service will provide logistical support for these activities at each stop.

The trip itinerary will be as follows:

February 13 (Sun): Brasilia

February 14 (Mon): Brasilia—Depart Brasilia for Sao Paulo; Arrive Sao Paulo

February 15 (Tue): Sao Paulo

February 16 (Wed): Depart Sao Paulo for Montevideo; Arrive Montevideo

February 17 (Thu): Depart Montevideo for Buenos Aires; Arrive Buenos Aires

February 18 (Fri): Buenos Aires

February 19 (Sat): Buenos Aires

February 20 (Sun): Depart Buenos Aires for Santiago—Arrive Santiago

February 21 (Mon): Santiago—Depart Santiago for Washington, D.C.

February 22 (Tues): Arrive Washington, D.C.

#### Criteria for Participation of Companies

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants in the mission will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy governing Department of Commerce-led trade missions announced by Secretary Daley on March 3, 1997. Companies will be selected according to the criteria set out below. Approximately 12–15 companies will be selected.

#### Eligibility

Participating companies must be incorporated in the United States. A company is eligible to participate only if the products and/or services that it will promote on the mission (a) are manufactured or produced in the United States; or (b) if manufactured or produced outside the United States, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service. (At the discretion of the Department, which will generally be exercised on a sector-by-sector basis, the 51 percent U.S. content requirement may be modified or waived.)

#### Selection Criteria

Company participation will be determined on the basis of:

- Level of seniority of designated company representatives and its appropriateness to the mission objectives;
- Consistency of company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission as described herein;
- Relevance of a company's business line to the plan for the mission;
- Past, present and prospective business activity in Latin America, and particularly Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile, as applicable; and
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics and traditional under-representation in business.

In addition, the Department may consider whether the companies' overall business objectives, including those of any U.S. or overseas affiliates, are fully consistent with the missions' foreign and commercial policy objectives.

An applicant's partisan political activities (including political contributions) are irrelevant to the selection process.

#### Time Frame for Applications

Applications for the trade mission to Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina and Chile will be made available beginning on or about Monday, November 22. The fees to participate in the mission have not yet been determined. The fees will not cover travel or lodging expenses. For additional information on the trade missions or to obtain an application, business persons should be referred to Lucie Naphin, Director of the Office of Business Liaison, or Jennifer Andberg at 202-482-1360. Applications should be submitted to Lucie Naphin by December 27, 1999, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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Dated: November 17, 1999.

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*Director, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### National Estuarine Research Reserve System

**AGENCY:** Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource

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

**ACTION:** Notice of approval and availability of the final revised Management Plan for the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 1998–2003.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division (ERD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, has approved the revised Management Plan for the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve (NBNERR). The NBNERR was designated in 1980 and has been operating under a Management Plan approved in 1983. Pursuant to Section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1461, and Section 921.33(c) of the implementing regulations, a state must revise its management plan at least every five years, or more often if necessary.

The revisions to the NBNERR Management Plan include:

Information about the Reserve's boundary expansion that increased from 2626 acres to 4259 acres. The land area is 2478 acres including the privately owned Prudence Conservancy, all state owned properties on Prudence Island, all of Hope and most of Patience islands. The aquatic areas of the Reserve are delineated by all waters out to a depth of 18 feet and is 1781 acres in extent.

Addition of dedicated positions for the NBNERR Manager and Research Coordinator.

Under a NOAA matching grant, the NBNERR renovated an existing building to create a new 2,500 square-foot multi-purpose facility to support research, education, and office space. The newly renovated building provides educational exhibit space, a research lab, meeting rooms, the NBNERR office. Other construction improvements include the repair and upgrading of the caretaker's and visitors' cottages.

The revised management plan demonstrates continued strong support from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) and NOAA for research, monitoring and education programs. A long-term research plan focuses on understanding the structure and function of key habitats, such as the Reserve's five major marsh systems. A comparative ecology approach provides the basis for research project design and priority setting. Collaborative studies with Federal, state, and institutional researchers are encouraged. An associated long-term monitoring

program will characterize the environmental quality and the occurrence and abundance of living resources. Monitoring is designed to determine baseline status and trends in habitat quality and the health of important resource species.

Copies of the document can be obtained from the Narragansett Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, Department of Environmental Management, 55 South Reserve Drive, Prudence, Rhode Island 02872. (401) 683-6780.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Doris Grimm, OCRM, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, 11th Floor (N/ORM5), Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (301) 713-3132, Extension 107.

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

Dated: November 16, 1999.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and its Comprehensive Management Committee, Habitat Committee, Dogfish Committee, Information and Education Committee, Executive Committee, and its Demersal Species Committee, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times of committee meetings.

**ADDRESSES:** This meeting will be held at the Dunes Manor Hotel, 2800 Baltimore Avenue, Ocean City, MD; telephone 1-800-523-2888.

Council Address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items for this meeting are: Use of observers in small mesh fisheries; review status of small mesh gear research efforts; review with advisors NMFS's Proposed Final Rule for essential fish habitat (EFH); develop committee recommendations regarding the National Marine Fisheries Service's (NMFS) Proposed Final Rule for EFH; develop committee recommendations for dogfish regarding 2000 and 2001 management measures, i.e. quotas, trip limits, size limits; review New England Council's action regarding NMFS's disapproval of Dogfish Fishery Management Plan's  $B_{msy}$  target; review Council policy regarding quarterly newsletter, brochures, white papers and regulatory information sheets; participate in NMFS review of its actions regarding implementing regulations for the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan; address Council policy regarding use and role of industry advisors; review FY1999 budget; approve FY2000 grant application package; review and discuss Monitoring Committee recommendations for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass; develop and approve management measures for 2000 recreational specifications for summer flounder, scup and black sea bass.

#### Dates and Times of Committee Meetings

On Tuesday, December 7, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Habitat Committee will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Dogfish Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Information and Education Committee will meet from 1:00-3:00 p.m. The Council will meet from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to decide on dogfish management measures for 2000-2001. On Wednesday, December 8, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Demersal Species Committee will meet as a Council Committee of the Whole, together with the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Management Board, from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, December 9, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided 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 Joanna Davis at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 17, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Notice of Meetings AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Meetings of the North Pacific Fishery Management Council and its advisory committees.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory bodies will meet in Anchorage, Alaska the week of December 6, 1999. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, and continue through Wednesday, December 8. The Advisory Panel will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, December 6, and continue through December 9. The Council will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, December 8, and continue through Monday, December 13. All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Hilton Hotel, 500 W. Third Avenue, Anchorage, Alaska.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.