

Wednesday, January 9, 2008. U.S.-China Clean Energy Technologies Industry Forum, One-on-One Business Meetings, Networking Reception.

Thursday, January 10, 2008. Meeting with China's National Development and Reform Commission, Site Visit, One-on-One Business Meetings (Optional), Depart Beijing, Arrive Guangzhou.

Friday, January 11, 2008. Consulate Briefing, Local Government Meetings, One-on-One Business Meetings, Depart Guangzhou, Arrive Hong Kong.

Saturday, January 12, 2008. Clean Energy Finance Seminars and Networking Events in Hong Kong.

Sunday, January 13, 2008. Depart Hong Kong, Arrive Kolkata.

Monday, January 14, 2008. Consulate Briefing, Local Clean Energy Market Briefing, One-on-One Business Meetings, Networking Reception.

Tuesday, January 15, 2008.

Depart Kolkata,

Arrive Bangalore, Local Clean Energy Market Briefing, Consulate Briefing, Dinner or Reception.

Wednesday, January 17, 2008. Government/Business Meetings, One-on-One Business Meetings, Dinner or Reception.

Thursday, January 18, 2008. Depart Bangalore.

(It is possible for companies to participate in one or both countries of this trade mission.)

Criteria for Participation:

- Relevance of the company's business line to the mission scope and goals;
- Potential for business in the selected markets;
- Timeliness of the company's completed application, participation agreement, and payment of the mission participation fee;
- Provision of adequate information on the company's products and/or services and communication of the company's primary objectives to facilitate appropriate matching with potential business partners;
- Certification that the company's products and/or services are manufactured or produced in the United States or, if manufactured/produced outside of the United States, the products/services must be 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 goods or services; and
- Diversity of sectors represented.

Any partisan political activities of an applicant, including political contributions, will be entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

The mission will be promoted through the following venues: ITA's Export Assistance Centers, the Energy Team, the Asia Pacific Team, the Africa, Near East, and South Asia Team, Global Trade Programs; the Trade Events List <http://www.export.gov>; industry newsletters; the **Federal Register**; the Asia-Pacific Partnership for Clean Development and Climate; relevant trade publications; relevant trade associations; past Commerce trade mission participants; various in-house and purchased industry lists; the Commerce Department trade missions calendar: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>; and the Web: <http://www.export.gov/cleanenergymission>.

Recruitment will begin immediately and will close on November 5, 2007. Qualified U.S. companies/applicants will be selected on a rolling basis. The trade mission participation fee will be U.S.\$3,500 per company. (If a company would like to participate in just the China or India portion of the trade mission, the participation fee will be \$1,750) There will be an additional fee of \$750 per country for each additional participant a company sends. The participation fee does not include the cost of travel, lodging, some ground transportation, or some meals. Participation is open to 25 qualified U.S. companies. Invited companies must submit the trade mission participation fee and completed participation agreement within two weeks of receipt of their invitation in order to secure their place in the mission. After that time other companies may be invited to fill that spot. Applications received after the closing date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

Dated: September 12, 2007.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Announcement of Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve Revised Management Plan Including a Boundary Expansion

**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 Revised Management Plan for the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce has approved the revised management plan and expansion of the boundary for the Great Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve.

The Great Bay Reserve was designated in 1989 pursuant to section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating under a management plan approved in 1989. Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must revise their management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve.

The mission of the Great Bay Reserve is to promote informed management of the Great Bay estuary and estuarine habitats through linked programs of stewardship, public education, and scientific understanding.

The management plan establishes goals consistent with the reserve's mission. These goals cover three general areas: (1) Protect and improve habitat and biological diversity within the boundary of the Reserve, (2) improve decisions affecting estuarine and coastal resources, and (3) promote education, stewardship, and scientific research focusing on estuarine ecosystems. Organized in a framework of programmatic goals and objectives, the Great Bay Reserve's management plan identifies specific strategies or actions for research, education/interpretation, public access, construction, acquisition, and resource protection, restoration, and manipulation. Overall, the plan seeks to accomplish the mission of the reserve by facilitating scientific research, encouraging stewardship, and addressing the local education and outreach needs.

Specifically, stewardship is encompassed under resource protection, habitat restoration, and resource manipulation plans. These plans address reserve efforts to evaluate natural and anthropogenic processes that affect the reserve and its habitats, support for research and monitoring of important resources, restore and protect natural habitats and to actively educate

the public to inform resource management.

Research and monitoring support independent research projects within the reserve and its vicinity with resources and background data. Staff and visiting researchers conduct monitoring and research within the boundaries of the reserve and Great Bay watershed and use GIS to map critical habitats. Research and monitoring results are made available to others and are translated to public and private users through education, training and outreach programs.

Education at the reserve targets a wide variety of audiences including students, teachers, adults, resource users and coastal decision-maker audiences. The reserve's comprehensive approach to education including a K-12 education program, outreach and a coastal training program are designed to increase knowledge about estuaries for target audiences.

Public access at Great Bay Reserve includes improving and enhancing water access to facilitate the implementation of reserve programs. Also, the reserve will reduce impacts on natural resources and maximize public outreach by designating specific areas (*i.e.*, boardwalks) and create guidelines for public access.

Administration at the reserve includes supporting the staffing and budget necessary to carry out the goals and objectives of the plan. The administration of the Great Bay Reserve is a collective effort involving the New Hampshire Department of Fish and Game, other state or local agencies and organizations, and the Reserve Advisory Committee. An established administrative framework implements and coordinates Reserve programs under the plan.

The boundary expansion incorporates additional open water and salt marsh in Little Bay and up to the first dams of five of the seven tidal rivers, namely: Bellamy River, Oyster River, Lamprey River, Squamscott River, and Winnicut River. Additional upland includes parcels purchased through the Nature Conservancy (TNC) on behalf of the Great Bay Resource Protection Partnership and transferred to New Hampshire Fish and Game Department, and the rest of the Great Bay National Wildlife Refuge. The expansion provides a broader and more representative diversity of wetland and water habitats. The new boundary of the reserve includes tidal freshwater riverine, emergent and forested wetland communities that are necessary to protect the ecological units of the

natural estuarine system for research purposes.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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Dated: September 14, 2007.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

**Availability of Seats for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council**

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary (HIHWNMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for both primary and alternate members of the following seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council, (Council): Education, Fishing, Hawaii County, Honolulu County, Kauai County, Maui County, Native Hawaiian, and Research. 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 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

**DATES:** The application deadline has been extended until October 5, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained from Mary Grady, 6600 Kalaniana'ole Hwy, Suite 301, Honolulu, HI 96825 or [Mary.Grady@noaa.gov](mailto:Mary.Grady@noaa.gov). Completed applications should be sent to the same address. Applications are also available online at <http://hawaiihumpbackwhale.noaa.gov>.

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The HIHWNMS Advisory Council was established in March 1996 to assure continued public participation in the management of the Sanctuary. Since its establishment, the Council has played a vital role in the decisions affecting the Sanctuary surrounding the main Hawaiian Islands.

The Council's twenty-four voting members represent a variety of local user groups, as well as the general public, plus ten local, state and federal governmental jurisdictions.

The Council is supported by three committees: A Research Committee chaired by the Research Representative, an Education Committee chaired by the Education Representative, and a Conservation Committee chaired by the Conservation Representative, each respectively dealing with matters concerning research, education and resource protection.

The Council represents the coordination link between the Sanctuary and the state and federal management agencies, user groups, researchers, educators, policy makers, and other various groups that help to focus efforts and attention on the humpback whale and its habitat around the main Hawaiian Islands.

The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager and is instrumental in helping to develop policies and program goals, and to identify education, outreach, research, long-term monitoring, resource protection and revenue enhancement priorities. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program within the context of Hawai'i's marine programs and policies.

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

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