

*Economic Development* (Economic Development Plan) for public comment.

**DATES:** Comments on this notice must be received by April 5, 2024 to be assured of consideration.

**ADDRESSES:** You may download the draft Overview of the NADP and the draft Economic Development Plan at <https://www.ars.usda.gov/sca/>.

**Submitting Comments:** Interested persons may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit electronic public comments to [AquacultureEcoDev@usda.gov](mailto:AquacultureEcoDev@usda.gov).

**Mail:** Gabriela McMurtry, Attn: Aquaculture Economic Development Plan Comments, Office of Policy, F/AQ, 1315 East-West Highway, 14th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by the SCA. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be made available for public viewing upon request. Please note that personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or other sensitive information submitted by the sender can be publicly accessible.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Deputy Director, Office of Aquaculture, NOAA Fisheries—David O'Brien, [david.obrien@noaa.gov](mailto:david.obrien@noaa.gov), (301) 427-8337. Research Agricultural Economist, USDA, Economic Research Service—Christopher G. Davis, [christopher.davis2@usda.gov](mailto:christopher.davis2@usda.gov), (225) 253-4580. Fishery Policy Analyst, Office of Policy, NOAA Fisheries—Gabriela McMurtry, [gabriela.mcmurtry@noaa.gov](mailto:gabriela.mcmurtry@noaa.gov), (204) 293-0570.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The U.S. national policy on aquaculture states that Congress declares that aquaculture has the potential for reducing the U.S. trade deficit in fisheries products, for augmenting existing commercial and recreational fisheries, and for producing other renewable resources, thereby assisting the United States in meeting its future food needs and contributing to the solution of the world resource problems. It is, therefore, in the national interest, and it is the national policy, to encourage the development of aquaculture in the United States. (National Aquaculture Act of 1980, (Pub. L. 96-362, 94 Stat. 1198, 16 U.S.C. 2801, *et seq.*)

The SCA, previously known as the Interagency Working Group on Aquaculture and the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture, is a statutory subcommittee that operates

under the Committee on Environment of the NSTC under the Office of Science and Technology Policy in the Executive Office of the President. It is co-chaired by the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Department of the Interior, and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy. Members include the Department of Agriculture, Department of Commerce, Army Corps of Engineers, Department of the Interior, Food and Drug Administration, Department of State, Environmental Protection Agency, and the Office of Management and Budget. The SCA serves as the Federal interagency coordinating group to increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal aquaculture research, regulation, technology transfer, and assistance programs. This interagency coordinating group has been functioning since before the National Aquaculture Act was signed into law in 1980.

Originally published in 1983, NADP encouraged domestic aquaculture development. While the National Aquaculture Act called for periodic updating, a comprehensive update to the 1983 NADP has not yet been completed. Nearly four decades have passed since the NADP, and the original NADP does not capture the progress the Federal Government and the U.S. aquaculture community have made to adopt and promote sustainable aquaculture growth and uses nor guidance for next steps for the Federal Government in that evolution.

During the past several years, the SCA has invited public input and then published strategic plans covering scientific and technological advances and outlining efficiencies for the Federal regulatory framework for aquaculture in the United States. Using the same process of public engagement, the Economic Development Task Force of the SCA prepared the draft Economic Development Plan using input from industry and other stakeholders and in collaboration with relevant experts from numerous Federal agencies.

The draft Economic Development Plan outlines actions that Federal agencies can take within their existing statutory authorities and budgetary resources to support a robust, resilient, globally competitive, and environmentally sustainable domestic aquaculture sector. The Economic Development Plan is intended to support both the viability and expansion of existing operations and to encourage new entrants, addressing needs across the seafood supply chain and diverse production systems. The proposed actions serve as points of

intersection between climate-smart food production, private-public partnerships, blue economy, community resilience and health, workforce development, working waterfronts, urban and rural development, and seafood supply chains (both farmed and wild-caught). The Economic Development Plan complements two other finalized thematic strategic plans—the *Strategic Plan to Enhance Regulatory Efficiency in Aquaculture* and the *National Strategic Plan for Aquaculture Research*.

The Overview to the NADP serves as introduction and provides policy context to the three thematic strategic plans. Once finalized, together these four documents will comprise an updated NADP that provides a holistic framework describing how federal agencies are advancing the contributions of aquaculture to support public health and nutrition, resilient communities, a strong economy, and a healthy planet.

These draft plans are being issued under the following authorities: National Aquaculture Act of 1980 (Pub. L. 96-362, 94 Stat. 1198, 16 U.S.C. 2801, *et seq.*) and the National Aquaculture Improvement Act of 1985 (Pub. L. 99-198, 99 Stat. 1641).

#### Next Steps

The public is encouraged to review and comment on the draft Economic Development Plan and the draft Overview to the NADP. After the public comment period ends, the SCA will consider and address the comments received before publishing the final work plan.

Dated: February 13, 2024.

**David O'Brien,**

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

[FR Doc. 2024-03345 Filed 2-16-24; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3510-22-P**

---

## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Sunshine Act Meetings

**TIME AND DATE:** 11:30 a.m. EST, Wednesday, February 28, 2024.

**PLACE:** CFTC headquarters office, Washington, DC.

**STATUS:** Closed.

**MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:** Matters relating to the selection of a candidate to serve as the Inspector General of the Commission. In the event that the time, date, or location of this meeting changes, an announcement of the change, along with the new time, date,

and/or place of the meeting will be posted on the Commission's website at <https://www.cftc.gov/>.

**CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:** Christopher Kirkpatrick, 202-418-5964. Authority: 5 U.S.C. 552b.

Dated: February 15, 2024.

**Robert Sidman,**

*Deputy Secretary of the Commission.*

[FR Doc. 2024-03503 Filed 2-15-24; 4:15 pm]

**BILLING CODE 6351-01-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Appointment of Members to the Board of Directors of the Army West Point Athletic Association

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to make appointments to the Board of Directors for the Army West Point Athletic Association (AWPAA).

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Army is publishing this notice to announce the DoD General Counsel has concurred with the Secretary of the Army's intent to appoint the Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, U.S. Army; the Commandant of Cadets, U.S. Military Academy; and, the Dean of the Academic Board, U.S. Military Academy, for service on the Board of Directors for the AWPAA.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John S. Frost, Senior Counsel—Legislation in writing at the Office of the Staff Judge Advocate, ATTN: John S. Frost, 646 Swift Road, West Point, NY 10996; by email at [john.frost@westpoint.edu](mailto:john.frost@westpoint.edu); or by telephone at 845-938-3205.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under 10 U.S.C. 1033 and the Joint Ethics Regulation, Department of Defense Directive (DoDD) 5500.07-R, paragraph 3-202, the Secretary of the Army may authorize personnel to participate in the management of a Non-Federal Entity (NFE) with the concurrence of the DOD General Counsel.

The Army West Point Athletic Association (AWPAA) is the 503(c)(3) corporation organized under the provisions of title 10, United States Code, section 7462, to execute the U.S. Military Academy's intercollegiate athletics mission. The AWPAA is governed by a Board of Directors (BOD), which is responsible for the day-to-day operations of the AWPAA as well as the general corporate responsibilities of the organization. Of the minimum of seven BOD positions made available under its by laws, three are reserved for members of the Armed Forces. The purpose of

Armed Forces membership on the AWPAA BOD is to provide oversight, advice and coordination with AWPAA. Their activities will not extend to the day-to-day operations of the AWPAA. The DoD General Counsel has designated the AWPAA as an entity for which DOD personnel may participate in management activities.

**James W. Satterwhite, Jr.,**

*Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.*

[FR Doc. 2024-03347 Filed 2-16-24; 8:45 am]

**BILLING CODE 3711-02-P**

## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Business Board; Notice of Federal Advisory Committee Meeting

**AGENCY:** Office of the Deputy Secretary of Defense, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice of Federal advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The DoD is publishing this notice to announce that the following Federal Advisory Committee meeting of the Defense Business Board ("the Board") will take place.

**DATES:** Open to the public Thursday, February 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:35 p.m. Eastern time.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be conducted virtually by Zoom. To participate in the meeting, see the Meeting Accessibility section for instructions.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Cara Allison Marshall, Designated Federal Officer (DFO) of the Board in writing at Defense Business Board, 1155 Defense Pentagon, Room 5B1088A, Washington, DC 20301-1155; or by email at [cara.l.allisonmarshall.civ@mail.mil](mailto:cara.l.allisonmarshall.civ@mail.mil); or by phone at 703-614-1834.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Due to circumstances beyond the control of the Department of Defense and Designated Federal Officer, the Defense Business Board was unable to provide public notification required by 41 CFR 102-3.150(a) concerning its February 29, 2024 meeting. Accordingly, the Advisory Committee Management Officer for the Department of Defense, pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.150(b), waives the 15-calendar day notification requirement.

This meeting is being held under the provisions of chapter 10 of title 5, United States Code (U.S.C.) (commonly known as the "Federal Advisory Committee Act" or "FACA"), 5 U.S.C. 552b (commonly known as the

"Government in the Sunshine Act"), and 41 CFR 102-3.140 and 102-3.150.

**Purpose of the Meeting:** The mission of the Board is to examine and advise the Secretary of Defense on overall DoD management and governance. The Board provides independent, strategic-level, private sector and academic advice and counsel on enterprise-wide business management approaches and best practices for business operations and achieving National Defense goals.

**Agenda:** The Board meeting will begin February 29 at 3:00 p.m. with opening remarks by the Board DFO, Ms. Cara Allison Marshall, followed with a welcome by the Board Chair. The Board will receive a presentation on the study, *Creating a Digital Ecosystem* from Mr. Stan Soloway, Chair, Business Transformation Advisory Subcommittee. During this session, the Subcommittee will brief the Board on the findings, observations, and recommendations it compiled as part of a recent study on ways to leverage digital ecosystems to harness the power of data to aid decision-making and risk analysis through simulation and advanced computing. The DFO will then adjourn the open session. The latest version of the agenda will be available on the Board's website at: <https://dbb.dod.afpims.mil/Meetings/Meeting-February-2024/>.

**Meeting Accessibility:** Pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 1009(d) and 41 CFR 102-3.155, the meeting on February 29 from 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. is open to the public virtually. Persons desiring to attend the public sessions are required to register. To attend the public sessions, submit your name, affiliation/organization, telephone number, and email contact information to the Board at [osd.pentagon.odam.mbx.defense-business-board@mail.mil](mailto:osd.pentagon.odam.mbx.defense-business-board@mail.mil). Requests to attend the public sessions must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on Monday, February 26, 2024. Upon receipt of this information, the Board will provide further instructions for virtually attending the meeting.

**Written Comments and Statements:** Pursuant to 41 CFR 102-3.105(j) and 102-3.140 and 5 U.S.C. 1009(a)(3) of the FACA, the public or interested organizations may submit written comments or statements to the Board in response to the stated agenda of the meeting or regarding the Board's mission in general. Written comments or statements should be submitted to Ms. Cara Allison Marshall, the DFO, via electronic mail (the preferred mode of submission) at the address listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section. Each page of the comment or statement must include the author's