

Reports/RRT_Report-080604.pdf. The final NOAA CI Policy and the CI Handbook were developed after soliciting public comments on the document entitled, "Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes", (70 FR 11195, March 8, 2005). All comments received by NOAA during that period were considered when writing the NOAA CI Policy and the CI Handbook.

The CI Handbook outlines procedures for establishing, soliciting, awarding, maintaining, reviewing, renewing, and closing NOAA CIs. The CI Handbook references policies and procedures for use by NOAA Line Offices (LOs) for ensuring the consistent implementation of legislation, regulations, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars, executive orders (EOs) and the Department of Commerce (DOC) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Interim Manual (http://oam.ocs.doc.gov/GMD_interimManual.html; hereafter referred to as the DOC Manual). The CI Handbook is being issued as supplemental operating unit-specific policies and procedures to cover items not covered by the DOC Manual to address programmatic requirements for the NOAA CIs, and does not conflict with the provisions of the DOC Manual.

The CI Handbook applies to all NOAA CIs established after the effective date of NAO 216-107 and to all competitive NOAA CIs established under the DOC Manual from February, 2002 through September 2, 2005. All other CIs established prior to the effective date of the NAO will continue to be maintained by the responsible NOAA LO under the terms of their existing agreement and extension, but will be subject to the guidelines of the CI Handbook to the maximum extent possible.

NOAA has elected to issue an interim Handbook and to make it immediately effective, to the extent practicable, since it is extremely important to provide NOAA LOs with interim direction to ensure consistent interpretation and implementation of the NAO. NOAA is also committed to provide adequate opportunities for the public to comment on the administrative policies of the NOAA CIs and is now requesting public comment on the CI Handbook. All comments will be considered in the development of the final version of the CI Handbook.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the CI Handbook, particularly those on any inconsistencies perceived within the CI Handbook and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the

CI Handbook, please propose specific remedies.

Please submit comments according to the instructions detailed herein for preparing and submitting your comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the consideration of all reviewer comments and ensure proper receipt. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: Your name(s), organization(s), and area(s) of expertise, mailing address(es), and telephone and fax number, e-mail address(es). Overview comments should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages and paragraphs should follow any overview comments and should identify the page and paragraph numbers to which they apply. Please number and print identifying information at the top of all pages.

The full text of the CI Interim Handbook is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci/docs/fedreg/ci-handbook120505.pdf>. Paper copies are available upon request from the address and phone numbers listed earlier in this notice. All public comments will be accessible on <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci>.

Dated: November 29, 2005.

John L. Hayes,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Distribution of NOAA Digital Navigation and Associated Data

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is announcing the distribution of Raster Navigational Charts (RNCs) to the public via the Internet. These RNCs have primary application in navigation and geographic information systems. Providing mariners with more timely and accurate information via the Internet is expected to improve their decision-making capability in an often

rapidly changing marine environment, thus improving marine safety and reducing the risk of accidents, including injury to people, property, the environment, and local economies. Paper versions of the nautical charts will continue to be available from existing sources.

In addition, NOS is announcing the availability of a public service by which fully updated versions of NOAA nautical charts are posted on the Internet in a manner that they may be readily examined on-line. The intent of this service is to make the updated charts easily accessible anywhere for use as a planning and reference tool. Access to the on-line, nautical chart viewer can be had from <http://www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer>.

DATES: Comments on this action should be submitted on or before 5 p.m., EST, January 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments in writing should be submitted to Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Written comments may be faxed to (301) 713-4019. Comments by e-mail should be submitted to Jim.Gardner@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain James Gardner, Chief, Marine Chart Division, Office of Coast Survey, NOS/NOAA, 301-713-2724 x101, fax 301-713-4516, Jim.Gardner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOS is responsible for providing nautical charts and related information for safe navigation and other purposes under 33 U.S.C. 883a *et seq.* NOS developed Raster Navigational Charts under a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) with Maptech, Inc. as one means of fulfilling this responsibility. During the period the CRADA was in effect, the resulting RNCs were produced by Maptech, and were sold through commercial channels. At the conclusion of the CRADA, NOS determined that RNCs had proven to be a beneficial product that contributed to the safety of navigation, and were desired by the public. NOS therefore decided to continue the production of RNCs and to distribute them via the Internet.

NOS had previously announced its intention to begin using the Internet to distribute more of NOS' products when it was reasonable and feasible (see **Federal Register**, May 21, 2003, Volume 68, Number 98, page 27784-27785). NOAA consulted with the U.S. Coast Guard about this proposal. The Coast Guard concurred that such action would promote marine safety. The action is also designed to be consistent with

section 2 of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3506(d) and Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130 regarding information management and dissemination, and is expected to maximize the usefulness of government data.

One of the primary reasons for making digital navigational and related data available to the public on the Internet is to promote safe navigation. Today's digital technologies and widespread access to the Internet provide the means to make this information available to the mariner much sooner, sometimes in near real-time. In addition, more accurate or complete information can be distributed in digital format than could be provided in a printed document. Releasing NOS digital navigation data and information via the Internet is expected to encourage commercial mariners, recreational boaters, and others to use the most accurate and complete digital information available.

A secondary benefit of releasing these data on the Internet is to promote the open and efficient exchange of public, scientific, and technical information. The public generally, not just mariners, have an interest in these data. Internet access to NOS navigation and other data should improve its dissemination to ocean engineers, marine scientists, emergency response personnel, managers and policy makers (including those in State and local governments), academia and other institutions, as well as the private sector. Such action may promote scientific advances, sound marine and coastal management, and the commercial development of new and better navigational or other products.

NOS is concerned about the use of these data in situations that may compromise marine safety. Consequently, NOS plans to work with mariners, product developers, and others to establish standards for those who wish to incorporate RNCs into navigation products, and to certify compliance with those standards for makers of derived navigational products.

NOS is publishing this notice to comply with section 8a(6)(j) of the Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130 which directs agencies to provide adequate notice when initiating, substantially modifying, or terminating significant information dissemination products.

Dated: November 22, 2005.

Captain Roger L. Parsons,

*NOAA, Director, Office of Coast Survey,
Ocean Services and Coastal Zone
Management, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration.*

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") will hold a public roundtable meeting at which invited participants will discuss global markets-related issues in the financial services and commodity markets. Participants will be announced at a later date.

DATES: Tuesday, December 13, 2005, from 1 to 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC, Lobby Level Hearing Room located at Room 1000.

STATUS: Open.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean A. Webb, 202-418-5100.

Issued by the Commission in Washington, DC on November 30, 2005.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Paducah

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE).

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces a meeting of the Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board (EMSSAB), Paducah. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) requires that public notice of this meeting be announced in the **Federal Register**.

DATES: Thursday, January 19, 2006, 5:30 p.m.-9 p.m.

ADDRESSES: 111 Memorial Drive, Barkley Centre, Paducah, Kentucky 42001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: William E. Murphie, Deputy Designated

Federal Officer, Department of Energy Portsmouth/Paducah Project Office, 1017 Majestic Drive, Suite 200, Lexington, Kentucky 40513, (859) 219-4001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management and related activities.

Tentative Agenda

5:30 p.m. Informal Discussion

6 p.m. Call to Order

Introductions

Review of Agenda

Approval of November Minutes

6:15 p.m. Deputy Designated Federal Officer's Comments

6:35 p.m. Federal Coordinator's Comments

6:40 p.m. Ex-officio's Comments

6:50 p.m. Public Comments and Questions

7 p.m. Task Forces/Presentations

- End State Vision

- Water Disposition/Water Quality Task Force

- Long Range Strategy/Stewardship Task Force

- Community Outreach Task Force

8 p.m. Public Comments and Questions

8:10 p.m. Break

8:20 p.m. Administrative Issues

- Revisions to Bylaws and Operating Procedures

- Budget Review

- Review of Workplan

- Review Next Agenda

8:30 p.m. Review of Action Items

8:35 p.m. Subcommittee Reports

- Executive Committee

8:50 p.m. Final Comments

9 p.m. Adjourn

Public Participation: The meeting is open to the public. Written statements may be filed with the Board either before or after the meeting. Individuals who wish to make oral statements pertaining to agenda items should contact David Dollins at the address listed below or by telephone at (270) 441-6819. Requests must be received five days prior to the meeting and reasonable provision will be made to include the presentation in the agenda. The Deputy Designated Federal Officer is empowered to conduct the meeting in a fashion that will facilitate the orderly conduct of business. Individuals wishing to make public comment will be provided a maximum of five minutes to present their comments.

Minutes: The minutes of this meeting will be available for public review and copying at the U.S. Department of Energy's Freedom of Information Public