

April 28, 2005—International Industry Symposium, Tokyo, Japan.

ADDRESSES: Please send indications of interest to attend the 3Rs International Industry Symposium, and the DOC 3Rs Meeting by facsimile or e-mail by March 1, 2005 to Sarah E. Aker, 3RsInitiative@mail.doc.gov, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing, Department of Commerce, Room 2132, 1401 Constitution Ave, Washington, DC 20230, Phone: (202) 482-4073, Fax: (202) 482-0856. Please include your name, phone number, and organization affiliation.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The U.S. Department of Commerce Office of Manufacturing, and the 3Rs Interagency group is announcing the opportunity to attend the International Industry Symposium on the 3Rs Initiative on April 28, 2005 in Tokyo, Japan. The 3Rs Initiative (Reduce waste, Reuse and Recycle) was introduced by the Government of Japan and supported by the U.S. at the 2004 G8 summit in Sea Island, Georgia.

It was further agreed at Sea Island that Japan would host a Ministerial level conference that will take place April 29-30, 2005 in Tokyo, Japan to formally launch the initiative. On April 28, 2005 as a side event to the ministerial meeting, the Organization for the Promotion of Sustainable Society (OPSS) and the United Nations University will hold an International Industry Symposium on the 3Rs Initiative for industry representatives under the auspices of the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) and other relevant ministries. The industry meeting will provide a discussion opportunity for those who are interested in developing the 3Rs, and the outcome of the symposium will be reported to the Ministerial meeting. The Department of Commerce seeks the views and input of individual attendees, and not group or consensus advice.

The tentative program for the International Symposium on the 3Rs Initiative as provided by the Government of Japan (<http://www.env.go.jp/earth/3r/en/index.html>) is as follows:

Track A: Challenges to talking on business activities in the 3Rs system. Topics to be addressed:

How has the business sector contributed to building the 3Rs system?

What kinds of technological developments should be conducted in enhancing the 3Rs system?

Are there any institutional factors obstructing technological development in enhancing the 3Rs system?

How should we inspire the interest of consumers in the 3Rs activities of the business sector?

Track B: EcoDesign. Topics to be addressed:

The industrial best practices of EcoDesign.

EcoDesign for sustainable development.

Prospective tools for enhancing EcoDesign policy (simulator for sustainable development).

Track C: Building an international logistics network for recycling. Topics to be addressed:

Horizontal share of economic activities and international recycling.

Balance between maximizing international resource utilization and protecting the environment.

Challenges to logistics network for international recycling in respect of logistics costs.

Challenges to logistics network for international recycling in respect of regulation of logistics.

Proper control of recyclable materials.

The White House Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ), which is leading the interagency effort, and Joseph H. Bogosian, the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing at the U.S. Department of Commerce, would like to solicit interest by March 15, 2005 from stakeholders who would like to attend the International Industry Symposium on April 28 in Tokyo, Japan in order to pass on the preliminary list of interested attendees to the Government of Japan.

Private Sector members are fully responsible for travel, lodging, and personal expenses associated with their participation in this event. They will receive no compensation. The private sector members will present the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate; private sector members are not special government employees.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Please contact Sarah E. Aker, Office of the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Manufacturing, Department of Commerce, Room 2132, 1401 Constitution Ave, Washington, DC 20230 3RsInitiative@mail.doc.gov, Phone: (202) 482-4073.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, March 15, 2005, from 8:20 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include updates on NIST's activities and facilities, a review of findings from NIST's investigation of the World Trade Center disaster, and two laboratory tours. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:20 a.m. and to end at 9:20 a.m. and to begin at 2:30 p.m. and to end at 5 p.m. on March 15, on the NIST budget, planning information and feedback sessions will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, March 10, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's email address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

DATES: The meeting will convene on March 15 at 8:20 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 27, 2004, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

Dated: February 15, 2005.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Acting Director.

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

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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 will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held March 7-10, 2005.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at The Wynfrey Hotel, 1000 Riverchase Galleria, Birmingham, Alabama.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813.228.2815.

Council

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

8:30 a.m. Convene.

8:45 a.m.-10 a.m.-Receive public testimony on (a) Final Shrimp Amendment 13/EA and (b) Exempted fishing permits (if any).

10 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-Receive report on Atlantic Sea Turtle Strategy by NMFS.

10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.-Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee report.

1:30 p.m.-2 p.m.-Receive the Shrimp Management Committee report.

2 p.m.-2:30 p.m.-Receive the Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committee Report.

2:30 p.m.-3 p.m.-Receive the Administrative Policy Committee Report.

3 p.m.-3:30 p.m.-Receive the Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee Report.

3:30 p.m.-4 p.m.-Receive the Migratory Species Committee Report.

4 p.m.-5 p.m.-Receive the AP Selection Committee Report (CLOSED SESSION).

5 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report (CLOSED SESSION).

Thursday, March 10, 2005

8:30 a.m.-8:45 a.m.-Receive the AP Selection Committee Report.

8:45 a.m.-9 a.m.-Receive the SSC Selection Committee Report.

9 a.m.-9:15 a.m.-Receive the Honolulu Meeting Report.

9:15 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-Receive Enforcement Reports.

9:30 a.m.-9:45 a.m.-Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's report.

9:45 a.m.-10:15 a.m.-Receive Director's Reports.

10:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.-Other Business.

Committee

Monday, March 7, 2005

8 a.m.-10 a.m.-The Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee will meet in closed session to appoint AP members.

10 a.m.-11:30 a.m.-The Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Selection Committee will meet in closed session to appoint SSC members.

1 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-The Reef Fish Management Committee will meet to review Draft Reef Fish Amendment 18A, which addresses the grouper fishery. The Committee will review a revised draft of a red grouper regulatory amendment providing for commercial vessel trip limits and a revised total allowable catch (TAC). The Committee will then discuss an Options Paper for Reef Fish Amendment 26 (Red Snapper IFQ). The Committee will also review a biological opinion on the effect of the Gulf reef fish fishery, proposed by NMFS, under the Endangered Species Act. The Committee will discuss updated greater amberjack analyses and alternatives for reducing greater amberjack landings. The Committee will hear an assessment update for goliath grouper.

Tuesday, March 8, 2005

8:30 a.m.-9:30 a.m.-The Joint Reef Fish/Mackerel/Red Drum Management Committees will review an Options Paper for a Generic Offshore Aquaculture Amendment. The Committees will then hear a status report on a Draft Generic Amendment for Extension of the Charter Vessel Permit Moratorium. The Committees will also discuss SEDAR Assessments for 2009 & 2010 and hear SEDAR Assessment Updates.

9:30 a.m.-11 a.m.-The Administrative Policy Committee will meet to hear cost and budget analyses for video/teleconferencing of future meetings. The Committee will also hear a proposal on Intranet use at meetings and discuss incorporation of the Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) standards.

12:30 p.m.-2 p.m.-The Migratory Species Committee will meet to review scoping comments on Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Amendment 2 after hearing a presentation by Russ Dunn.

2 p.m.-3:30 p.m.-The Sustainable Fisheries/Ecosystem Committee will hear a report on the Ecosystem Scientific Meeting. The Committee will also review plans for tasks to be completed under the Ecosystem Cooperative Agreement.

3:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m.-The Shrimp Management Committee will meet jointly with the Standing and Special Shrimp SSCs to review the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) report and public comments on Final Shrimp Amendment 13 which addresses limited access in the shrimp fishery in order to make recommendations to Council. The Shrimp Management Committee will then discuss Shrimp Amendment 14.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agendas may come before the Council and Committees for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the Council and Committees will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency. The established times for addressing items on the agenda may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the agenda items. In order to further allow for such adjustments and completion of all items on the agenda, the meeting may be