

partnerships. The Board works closely with MEP to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies. The purpose of this meeting is to update the board on the latest program developments at MEP including a MEP Update and discussions on Next Generation MEP. Discussions scheduled to begin at 1 p.m. and to end at 3:30 p.m. on September 23, 2004, on MEP budget issues will be closed. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register 48 hours in advance in order to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Tuesday, September 21, 2004 and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peter's email address is *carolyn.peters@nist.gov* and her phone number is 301/975-5607.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene September 23, 2004 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on September 23, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Employees' Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carrie Hines, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4800, telephone number (301) 975-3360.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on December 18, 2003, that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of proposed funding of the MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because that portion will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of the meeting which involve discussion of the staffing of positions in MEP may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in that portion of the meeting is likely to reveal information of a personal nature, where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

**Hratch G. Semerjian,**  
Acting Director.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 040708203-4203-01]

#### Request for Technical Input—Standards in Trade Workshops

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology/Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for workshop recommendations.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to submit recommendations for workshops covering specific sectors and targeted countries or regions of the world where training in the U.S. system of standards development, conformity assessment, and metrology may facilitate trade. Prospective workshops may be scheduled for one or two week periods. This notice is not an invitation for proposals to fund grants, contracts or cooperative agreements of any kind. NIST will offer a limited number of workshops, based upon the availability of resources. NIST will consider recommendations based upon which workshops would be most useful to intended audiences. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade Workshops is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

**DATES:** All recommendations must be submitted no later than September 10, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** All recommendations must be submitted to Elisabeth Gomez via email (*elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov*) or by mail to 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elisabeth Gomez (301) 975-3089, *elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov*. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade workshops, to include schedules and summary reports for workshops held to date and participant information, is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Standards in Trade Workshops are a major activity of the Global Standards and Information Group (GSIG) in the NIST Standards Services Division (SSD). The workshops are designed to provide timely information to foreign standards officials on U.S. practices in standards and conformity assessment. Participants are introduced to U.S.

technology and principles in metrology, standards development and application, and conformity assessment systems.

Each workshop is a one or two week program offering an overview of the roles of the U.S. Government, private sector, and regional and international organizations engaged in standards development and conformity assessment practices. Specific workshop objectives are to: (1) Familiarize participants with U.S. technology and practices in metrology, standardization, and conformity assessment; (2) describe and understand the roles of the U.S. Government and the private sector in developing and implementing standards; and (3) develop professional contacts as a basis for strengthening technical ties and enhancing trade.

Workshop recommendations (maximum 5 pages) must address at a minimum the following points, in the order noted and labeled accordingly:

1. Name and Description of the Recommending Organization. Provide the primary mailing address and a brief description of the organization, including the name, telephone number and email address of the primary point of contact.

2. Industry Sector for Workshop Focus. Provide a description of the suggested industrial sector and focus area for the workshop. Consider the goals and potential benefits.

3. Calendar Dates Suggested for Workshop. Provide three or more suggested start dates for the workshop. The first date should be no earlier than 6 months from the initial date of this announcement.

4. Relevant NIST Organizational Link. Workshop topics must be linked to NIST activities and/or research. The appropriate NIST organizational unit, laboratory or program must be identified and the relevance of the activity to NIST must be demonstrated. If known, identify the NIST staff who could serve as the NIST internal point of contact.

5. Proposed Foreign Participants. Provide a representative list of the organizations that might participate in the workshop, including a description of their function or business and their country of incorporation or origin.

6. U.S. Stakeholder Participants (e.g., Associations, Agencies, Users, others). Provide a list of the U.S.-based organizations that are likely to participate in the workshop.

7. Principal Topics. Describe the suggested topics for the workshop.

8. Related Site Visits and Events.

Workshops can include visits to relevant business sites or events. Provide suggested site visit locations, events or other areas of interest and

discuss the relevance of each to the overall purpose of the proposed workshop's goals.

9. Proposed Workshop Objectives.

Describe the intended goals to be attained and why they are important.

10. Expected Outcomes/Measures of Success. Include in this section a description of:

- a. The anticipated benefit of the workshop for trade and market access;
- b. The anticipated economic impacts (in dollars);
- c. The potential for future opportunities for trade as a result of the workshop;
- d. The measures of success;
- e. The desired results of the workshop and how the results will be measured.

All recommendations must be submitted to Elisabeth Gomez via e-mail ([elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov](mailto:elisabeth.gomez@nist.gov)) or mail 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899 no later than September 10, 2004.

Dated: August 18, 2004.

**Hratch G. Semerjian,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081204B]

#### Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Advisory Panels

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Highly Migratory Species and Billfish Advisory Panel meetings; request for nominations.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS will hold a joint Highly Migratory Species Advisory Panel (HMS AP) and Billfish Advisory Panel (Billfish AP) meeting in March 2005. Additionally, NMFS solicits nominations for the HMS AP and the Billfish AP. The intent of these Advisory Panel meetings is to consider alternatives for amending the fishery management plans for Atlantic highly migratory species (HMS).

**DATES:** The joint HMS-Billfish AP meeting will be held from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2005; from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Tuesday, March 22, 2005; and from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Wednesday, March 23, 2005.

Nominations must be submitted on or before October 12, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The AP meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue (Rt. 97), Silver Spring, MD 20910. Phone: 301-589-0800.

You may submit Nominations and requests for the AP Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures by any of the following methods:

• Email: [ID081204B@noaa.gov](mailto:ID081204B@noaa.gov).

Include in the subject line the following identifier: I.D. 081204B.

• Mail: Christopher Rogers, Chief, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

• Fax: 301-713-1917.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Othel Freeman or Carol Douglas (301) 713-2347.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### Introduction

In accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, (Magnuson-Stevens Act), 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act, Public Law 104-297, Advisory Panels (AP) have been established to consult with NMFS in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to the HMS Fishery Management Plan (FMP) (April 1999), Amendment 1 to the HMS FMP (December 2004), and the Amendment 1 to the Billfish FMP (April 1999).

Nominations are being sought to fill one-third of the posts on the HMS AP for 3-year appointment and one-half of the posts on the Billfish AP for 2-year appointments. The nomination process and appointments are required by the Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures for each AP.

The purpose of the HMS AP is to advise and assist the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to any amendment to the HMS FMP. The HMS AP evaluates future management options for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks under the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

The purpose of the Billfish AP is to advise and assist the Secretary in the collection and evaluation of information relevant to any amendment to the Billfish FMP. The Billfish AP evaluates future management options for Atlantic billfish under the requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

#### Procedures and Guidelines

##### A. Procedures for Appointing the Advisory Panels

Individuals with definable interests in the recreational and commercial fishing and related industries, environmental

community, academia, governmental entities, and non-governmental organizations will be considered for membership in the AP.

Nominations are invited from all individuals and constituent groups. Nominations should include:

1. The name of the applicant or nominee and a description of their interest in HMS or one species in particular from among sharks, swordfish, tunas, and billfish;
2. A statement of background and/or qualifications;
3. The AP to which the applicant seeks appointment;
4. A written commitment that the applicant or nominee shall actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the AP; and
5. Outreach resources.

##### Tenure for the HMS AP

Member tenure will be for 3 years, with one-third of the members' terms expiring on the last day of each calendar year. All appointments will be for 3 years (36 months).

##### Tenure for the Billfish AP

Member tenure will be for 2 years, with one-half of the terms expiring on the last day of each calendar year. All appointments will be for 2 years (24 months).

#### B. Participants

The HMS AP consists of not less than 23 members who are knowledgeable about the fisheries for Atlantic HMS species. The Billfish AP consists of not less than nine members who are knowledgeable about the fisheries for Atlantic billfish species. Nominations for each AP will be accepted to allow representation from recreational and commercial fishing interests, the conservation community, and the scientific community.

NMFS does not believe that each potentially affected organization or individual must necessarily have its own representative, but each area of interest must be adequately represented. The intent is to have a group that, as a whole, reflects an appropriate and equitable balance and mix of interests given the responsibilities of each AP. Criteria for membership include one or more of the following: (a) experience in the recreational fishing industry involved in catching swordfish, tunas, billfish, or sharks; (b) experience in the commercial fishing industry for HMS; (c) experience in fishery-related industries (marinas, bait and tackle shops); (d) experience in the scientific community working with HMS; and/or (e) representation of a private, non-