

process, a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks in the Southeast Region. SEDAR is a three-step process including: (1) Data Workshop, (2) Assessment Process utilizing webinars and (3) Review Workshop. The product of the Data Workshop is a data report which compiles and evaluates potential datasets and recommends which datasets are appropriate for assessment analyses. The product of the Assessment Process is a stock assessment report which describes the fisheries, evaluates the status of the stock, estimates biological benchmarks, projects future population conditions, and recommends research and monitoring needs. The assessment is independently peer reviewed at the Review Workshop. The product of the Review Workshop is a Summary documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

#### **SEDAR 22 Assessment Webinar V:**

Using datasets recommended from the Data Workshop, participants will employ assessment models to evaluate stock status, estimate population benchmarks and management criteria, and project future conditions. Participants will recommend the most appropriate methods and configurations for determining stock status and estimating population parameters.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### **Special Accommodations**

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other

auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 business days prior to the meeting.

Dated: July 28, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

#### **Department of Commerce Measuring and Enhancing Services Trade Data Conference**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of kickoff event to improve services trade data.

**SUMMARY:** The International Trade Administration, in conjunction with the Bureau of Economic Analysis, the Census Bureau and the Bureau of Labor Statistics, is announcing a kick-off event for its services trade data initiative. DOC is working to ensure that the measurement of economic activity and trade in the services sector is more robust, granular and meaningful. Primary goals include enhancements to services data to ensure that it is effective for commercial decision-making, policy planning, and is relevant for trade agreements in support of increased US services exports. DOC has invited well-known policy leaders from the White House, the Department, and private sector innovators in the services information arena to speak on the topic. **DATES:** The conference will be held on September 14, 2010.

Address all comments concerning this notice to the Office of Service Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Room 1104, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Barb Rawdon, 202-482-0474 or [Barb.Rawdon@trade.gov](mailto:Barb.Rawdon@trade.gov)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** There are significant weaknesses in data on services, even though services industries account for roughly 70 percent of the U.S. gross domestic product. Without timely, accurate information on the services sector, businesses and policy makers lack the information necessary to understand a major share of the economy and to develop modern trade and investment policy. As a first step in our Service

Industry Statistical Initiative, DOC will hold a conference on September 14, 2010, to focus on measuring and enhancing services trade data.

The conference will include key players from the public and private sector with the main goal of seeking broader support and direction for improving the quality and timeliness of services trade data. A key outcome of the conference will be the development of an action plan and working groups to improve certain discrete elements of services data collection and dissemination by various public and private sector organizations.

Current issues regarding services statistics include: limitations of the industry classification system, granularity of data, adequacy of survey detail in tracking of services, accounting for intangible assets, and accuracy of service price indices.

The target audience for the conference includes senior managers from private sector companies and government, along with participants from the public policy community. The morning session will focus on the current and future status of services trade data along with innovative ideas for the future. The afternoon sessions will feature free-flowing industry-specific discussions designed to spark a dialogue on improvement ranging from readily available solutions to transformational technologies and analytics that enable better business and public policy decision-making.

DOC will accept registrations on a first-come-first-served basis. Participants will be charged \$75 for attending these events if they register before September 7, 2010, and \$100 if they register on or after September 7, 2010. Those who are interested in attending this event should call 703-925-9455 ext. 0.

Dated: July 29, 2010.

**Barb Rawdon,**

*Director, Education, Healthcare and Professional Services.*

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## **COUNCIL ON ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY**

### **Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force—Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force**

**AGENCY:** Council on Environmental Quality.

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability, Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force's

“Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force”.

**SUMMARY:** On June 12, 2009, the President established an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality. The Task Force was charged with developing, with appropriate public input, a recommended national policy for the stewardship of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes; a framework for policy coordination, including specific recommendations to improve coordination and collaboration among Federal, State, tribal, and local authorities, and regional governance structures; an implementation strategy that identifies a set of priority objectives; and a framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning.

On July 19, 2010, the Task Force submitted its Final Recommendations to the President. They provide: (1) Our Nation's first ever *National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes*; (2) a strengthened governance structure to provide sustained, high-level, and coordinated attention to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes issues; (3) a targeted implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes nine categories for action that the United States should pursue; and (4) a framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning that establishes a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based approach to address conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

**DATES:** None.

**ADDRESSES:** The Task Force's Final Recommendations are available at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans> or by writing to The Council on Environmental Quality, Attn: Michael Weiss, 722 Jackson Place, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Weiss, Deputy Associate Director for Ocean and Coastal Policy, (202) 456-3892.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 12, 2009, President Obama issued a Memorandum to the Heads of Executive Departments and Agencies that established an Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force, led by the Chair of the Council on Environmental Quality. That Presidential memo charged the Task Force with, within 90 days, developing recommendations that include: (1) A national policy for the oceans, our coasts, and the Great Lakes; (2) a United States framework for policy coordination of efforts to improve stewardship of the oceans, our coasts,

and the Great Lakes; and (3) an implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes a set of objectives the United States should pursue to meet the objectives of a national policy. On September 17, 2009, the Task Force's Interim Report addressing these three items was issued for 30 days public comment. The comment period ended on October 17, 2009.

The Task Force was also charged with, within 180 days, developing a recommended framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning. The memorandum provides that the framework should be “a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based approach that addresses conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources consistent with international law, including customary international law as reflected in the 1982 United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.” On December 14, 2009, the Task Force's Interim Framework addressing this item was issued for 60 days public comment. The comment period ended on February 12, 2010.

In response to this direction, the Task Force has completed its *Final Recommendations of the Interagency Ocean Policy Task Force* (Final Recommendations). The Task Force Final Recommendations set a new direction for improved stewardship of the ocean, our coasts, and the Great Lakes. They provide: (1) Our Nation's first ever *National Policy for the Stewardship of the Ocean, Our Coasts, and the Great Lakes*; (2) a strengthened governance structure to provide sustained, high-level, and coordinated attention to ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes issues; (3) a targeted implementation strategy that identifies and prioritizes nine categories for action that the United States should pursue; and (4) a framework for effective coastal and marine spatial planning that establishes a comprehensive, integrated, ecosystem-based approach to address conservation, economic activity, user conflict, and sustainable use of ocean, coastal, and Great Lakes resources.

The Final Recommendations are now available at the National Ocean Council Web site at <http://www.whitehouse.gov/oceans>.

Dated: July 27, 2010.

**Nancy Sutley,**  
Chair, Council on Environmental Quality.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

[OE Docket No. EA-281-B]

### Application To Export Electric Energy; Manitoba Hydro

**AGENCY:** Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, DOE.

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** Manitoba Hydro (Manitoba) has applied to renew its authority to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada pursuant to section 202(e) of the Federal Power Act (FPA).

**DATES:** Comments, protests, or requests to intervene must be submitted on or before September 2, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments, protests or requests to intervene should be addressed as follows: Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability, Mail Code: OE-20, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585-0350 (FAX 202-586-8008).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher Lawrence (Program Office) 202-586-5260 or Michael Skinker (Program Attorney) 202-586-2793.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Exports of electricity from the United States to a foreign country are regulated by the Department of Energy (DOE) pursuant to sections 301(b) and 402(f) of the Department of Energy Organization Act (42 U.S.C. 7151(b), 7172(f)) and require authorization under section 202(e) of the FPA (16 U.S.C. 824a(e)).

On November 17, 2003, the Department of Energy (DOE) issued Order No. EA-281, which authorized Manitoba to transmit electric energy from the United States to Canada as a power marketer using existing international transmission facilities for a two-year term. DOE renewed the Manitoba export authorization as of November 17, 2005, in Order No. EA-281-A for an additional five-year term. That Order will expire on November 17, 2010. On July 15, 2010, Manitoba filed an application with DOE for renewal of the export authority contained in Order No. EA-281-A for an additional ten-year term.

The electric energy that Manitoba proposes to export to Canada would be surplus energy purchased from electric utilities, Federal power marketing agencies, and other entities within the United States. The existing international transmission facilities to be utilized by Manitoba have previously been authorized by Presidential permits issued pursuant to Executive Order 10485, as amended, and are appropriate