

Regional Competition, Rm 11732, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. The full text of the funding opportunity announcement for this competition can be accessed via Grants.gov FIND Web site: <http://www.grants.gov>. This announcement will also be available at the NOAA Web site: <http://www.ofa.noaa.gov/%7Eamd/SOLINDEX.HTML> or by contacting the program official identified in INFORMATION CONTACT.

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ELIGIBILITY: Proposals may be submitted only by the designated managing Sea Grant College or Institutional Program.

COST SHARING REQUIREMENTS: Matching funds equal to at least 50 percent of the Federal funding must be provided to support the proposed regional planning.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW: Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

#### Limitation of Liability

Funding for programs listed in this notice is contingent upon the availability of Fiscal Year 2006 appropriations. In no event will NOAA or the Department of Commerce be responsible for application preparation costs if these programs fail to receive funding or are cancelled because of other agency priorities. Publication of this announcement does not oblige NOAA to award any specific project or to obligate any available funds.

#### Universal Identifier

Applicants should be aware that, they are required to provide a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number during the application process. See the October 30, 2002 **Federal Register**, (69 FR 66177) for additional information. Organizations can receive a DUNS number at no cost by calling the dedicated toll-free DUNS Number request line at 1-866-705-5711 or via the Internet <http://www.dunandbradstreet.com>.

#### National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)

NOAA must analyze the potential environmental impacts, as required by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), for applicant projects or proposals that are seeking NOAA federal funding opportunities. Detailed information on NOAA compliance with NEPA can be found at the following NOAA NEPA Web site: <http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/>, including our NOAA Administrative Order 216-6 for NEPA, [http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216\\_6\\_TOC.pdf](http://www.nepa.noaa.gov/NAO216_6_TOC.pdf), and the Council on Environmental Quality implementation regulations, [http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc\\_ceq.htm](http://ceq.eh.doe.gov/nepa/regs/ceq/toc_ceq.htm).

Consequently, as part of an applicant's package, and under their description of their program activities, applicants are required to provide detailed information on the activities to be conducted, locations, sites, species and habitat to be affected, possible construction activities, and any environmental concerns that may exist (e.g., the use and disposal of hazardous or toxic chemicals, introduction of non-indigenous species, impacts to endangered and threatened species, aquaculture projects, and impacts to coral reef systems). In addition to providing specific information that will serve as the basis for any required impact analyses, applicants may also be requested to assist NOAA in drafting of an environmental assessment, if NOAA determines an assessment is required. Applicants will also be required to cooperate with NOAA in identifying and implementing feasible measures to reduce or avoid any identified adverse environmental impacts of their proposal. The failure to do so shall be grounds for the denial of not selecting an application. In some cases if additional information is required after an application is selected, funds can be withheld by the Grants Officer under a special award condition requiring the recipient to submit additional environmental compliance information sufficient to enable NOAA to make an assessment on any impacts that a project may have on the environment.

**Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements**

The Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements contained in the **Federal Register** notice of December 30, 2004 (69 FR 78389), are applicable to this solicitation.

#### Paperwork Reduction Act

This document contains collection-of-information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA). The use of Standard Forms 424, 424A, 424B, SF-LLL, and CD-346 has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under the respective control numbers 0348-0043, 0348-0044, 0348-0040, 0348-0046, and 0605-0001. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a

penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number.

#### Executive Order 12866

This notice has been determined to be not significant for purposes of Executive Order 12866.

#### Executive Order 13132 (Federalism)

It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in Executive Order 13132.

#### Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act

Prior notice and an opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act or any other law for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits, and contracts (5 U.S.C. 553(a)(2)).

Because notice and opportunity for comment are not required pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553 or any other law, the analytical requirements of the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are inapplicable. Therefore, a regulatory flexibility analysis has not been prepared.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

**Helen Hurcombe,**

*Director, Acquisition and Grants Office,  
National Oceanic and Atmospheric  
Administration.*

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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 meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held January 9 - 12, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** These meetings will be held at the Omni Corpus Christi Hotel - Bayfront Tower, 900 North Shoreline Boulevard, Corpus Christi, TX 78401.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 2203

North Lois Avenue, Suite 1100, Tampa, FL 33607.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 348-1630.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Council**

*Wednesday, January 11, 2006*

8:30 a.m. – Convene.

8:45 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Receive public testimony on (a) Reef Fish Amendment 26 (Red Snapper Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ)); (b) The Texas Shrimp Closure; and (c) Exempted fishing permits (if any).

1 p.m. – 3 p.m. – Receive the Reef Fish Management Committee Report.

3 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. – Receive the joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees Report.

4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – Receive Litigation Briefing (CLOSED SESSION).

*Thursday, January 12, 2006*

8:30 a.m. – 9 a.m. – Receive the Budget/Personnel Committee Report.

9 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. – Receive the Administrative Policy Committee Report.

9:30 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. – Receive the Habitat Protection Committee Report.

9:45 a.m. – 10 a.m. – Receive the Shrimp Management Committee Report.

10 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. – Receive the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (SAFMC) Meeting Report.

10:15 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – Receive the Enforcement Reports.

10:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m. – Adoption of the Law Enforcement Advisory Panel (LEAP) Operation Plan.

10:45 a.m. – 11 a.m. – Receive the NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

11 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – Receive the State Director's Reports.

11:30 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. – Other Business.

**Committee**

*Monday, January 9, 2006*

8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. – The Habitat Protection Committee will hear a report of the Southeast Aquatic Resources Partnership (SARP) Meeting and a report of the Texas Habitat Protection AP Meeting. The Committee will receive presentations of Shell Oil Liquified Natural Gas (LNG) Proposals and Gulf Foundation CRP Habitat Grants. Then the Committee will receive an update on the Gulf of Mexico Summit.

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m. – The Shrimp Management Committee will meet to review the Texas Closure.

1 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – The Reef Fish Management Committee will hear an

update on the second red snapper referendum. The Committee will hear a status report on the Grouper Allocation Amendment. Then, the Committee will discuss possible mechanisms to trigger vertical line fishing at the end of the grouper season.

*Tuesday, January 10, 2006*

8:30 a.m. – 12 noon – The joint Reef Fish/Shrimp Management Committees will review a scoping document for a joint Reef Fish 27/Shrimp 14 Amendment to consider changes to regulations for the directed red snapper fishery targeted at reducing shrimp trawl by-catch; by-catch in the directed red snapper fishery; and effort limitation alternatives for the shrimp fishery. The Committee will also review another scoping document for a joint Reef Fish 28/Shrimp 15 Amendment to consider at such issues as gear and depth restrictions for the red snapper fishery; further reducing bycatch in the red snapper and shrimp fisheries; effort reduction in the shrimp fishery; as well as other management alternatives. The Committees will hear the Shrimp Advisory Panel's (AP) comments on these two documents.

1:30 p.m. – 3 p.m. – The Budget/Personnel Committee will meet to review Family Medical Leave Act (FMLA) revisions to the Statement of Organization Practices and Procedures (SOPPs) and make recommendations to Council. The Committee will also review the factors affecting the CY 2006 Budget.

3 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. – The Administrative Policy Committee will discuss the revisions made to the SOPPs regarding the Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) operations by the SSC Operations Task Force and make recommendations to Council. The Committee will hear a presentation by staff on video conferencing and discuss holding public comment sessions.

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 (Magnuson-Stevens 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 extended from, or completed prior to the date established in this notice.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Dawn Aring at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 working days prior to the meeting.

Dated: December 20, 2005.

**Emily Menashes,**

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

**Department of the Army**

**Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Administrative Assistant to the Secretary of the Army (OAA-RPA), DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

In compliance with Section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 21, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Department of the Army, Military Surface Deployment and Distribution Command, 661 Sheppard Place, Ft. Eustis, VA 23604, ATTN: (Kim