

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Western Pacific Crustacean Fisheries; 2004 Bank-specific Harvest Guidelines

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

ACTION: Notification of no harvest guidelines for crustaceans.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that annual harvest guidelines for the commercial lobster fishery in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) will not be issued for the year 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alvin Katekaru, NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office, at 808-973-2937.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under the Fishery Management Plan for the Crustacean Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region, 50 CFR 660.50(b)(2), NMFS is required to publish the harvest guidelines for lobster Permit Area 1 around the NWHI. The fishery has been closed since 2000. This action is (a) taken as a precautionary measure to prevent overfishing of the lobster resources; (b) in compliance with an order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii to keep the crustacean fisheries closed until an environmental impact statement and a biological opinion have been prepared for the crustacean fisheries in the western Pacific region; and (c) consistent with Executive Orders 13178 and 13196, issued in December 2000 and January 2001, that respectively, might be interpreted to close the NWHI crustacean fishery. NMFS announces that it will not be publishing any harvest guideline for this fishery for the year 2004 and no harvest of NWHI lobster resources will be allowed. NMFS intends to continue to conduct biological research on the status of the NWHI lobster resources and to examine the resulting data for indications as to the appropriate direction for future fishery management actions.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense; Renewal of the Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of Defense.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense Historical Advisory Committee was renewed, effective January 23, 2004, in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The DoD Historical Advisory Committee consists of three subcommittees (Historical Records Declassification Advisory Panel, the Department of The Army's Historical Advisory Subcommittee, and the Secretary of the Navy's Subcommittee on Naval History) which advise the Office of the Secretary of Defense and the Secretaries of the Army and Navy regarding the professional standards, historical methodology, program priorities, liaison with professional groups, and adequacy of resources associated with Department of Defense historical programs.

The DoD Historical Advisory Committee will continue to be well balanced in terms of the interest groups represented and functions to be performed. The members include distinguished representatives from academia, current U.S. Government and private sector historians, authors and librarians, and retired general officers of general/flag rank.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Jennifer Spaeth, DoD Committee Management Officer, 703-588-8151.

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Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense; Renewal of 18 Department of Defense Federal Advisory Committees

AGENCY: DoD.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Under the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," notice is hereby given that the following 18 advisory committees have been determined to be in the public interest and were renewed on February 28, 2004:

A. Board of Visitors National Defense University

B. Strategic Advisory Group for the U.S. Strategic Command

C. Advisory Group on Electron Devices

D. Defense Science Board

E. Defense Advisory Committee on Military Personnel Testing

F. DoD Wage Committee

G. National Security Agency Advisory Board

H. Armed Forces Epidemiological Board

I. Army Science Board

J. Army Education Advisory Committee

K. Chief of Engineers Environmental Advisory Board

L. Scientific Advisory Board of the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology

M. Board of Advisors to the President, Naval War College

N. Board of Advisors to the Superintendent, Naval Postgraduate School

O. Chief of Naval Operations Executive Panel Advisory Committee

P. Naval Research Advisory Committee

Q. Air University Board of Visitors

R. U.S. Air Force Scientific Advisory Board

These committees provide necessary and valuable advice to the Secretary of Defense and other senior officials in the DoD in their respective areas of expertise. They make important contributions to DoD efforts in research and development, education, and training, and various technical program areas. Some of the are authorized by statute.

It is a continuing DoD policy to make every effort to achieve a balanced membership on all DoD advisory committees. Each committee is evaluated in terms of the functional disciplines, levels of experience, professional diversity, public and private association, and similar characteristics required to ensure a high degree of balanced is obtained.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Spaeth, DoD Committee Management Officer, 703-588-8151.

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