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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act, as amended, the Department of State has appointed a General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the IATTC. The U.S. Section consists of the four U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and the representative of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries. The Advisory Committee supports the work of the U.S. Section in a solely advisory capacity with respect to U.S. participation in the work of the IATTC, with particular reference to the development of policies and negotiating positions pursued at meetings of the IATTC. NMFS, Southwest Region, administers the Advisory Committee in cooperation with the Department of State.

The General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the IATTC will meet to receive and discuss information on: (1) 2006 and 2007 IATTC activities; (2) status of the stocks and status of the fishery in 2006; (3) recent and upcoming meetings of the IATTC and its working groups; (4) possible conservation and management measures for yellowfin and bigeye tuna for 2007 and beyond; (5) measures to be taken in cases of non-compliance with the IATTC's conservation and management measures; (6) management of fishing capacity; (7) measures to address bycatch (such as juvenile tunas, sea turtles, seabirds, and sharks); (8) financial issues pertinent to the financial solvency of the IATTC; (9) IATTC cooperation with other regional fishery management organizations; (10) Advisory Committee operational issues; and other issues.

**Special Accommodations**

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allison Routt at (562) 980-4019 or (562) 980-4030 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 26, 2007.

**James P. Burgess,**

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

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 022607E]

**International Whaling Commission; 59th Annual Meeting; Announcement of Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces the date and location of the public meeting being held prior to the 59th annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

**DATES:** The public meeting will be held April 5, 2007, at 1 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Cheri McCarty, 301-713-9090, Extension 183.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies.

Once the draft agenda for the annual IWC meeting is completed, it will be posted on the IWC Secretariat's website at <http://www.iwcoffice.org>.

Each year NOAA holds a meeting prior to the annual IWC meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. positions for the upcoming IWC meeting. Because the meeting discusses U.S. positions, the substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation.

Persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating

positions and are a necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Photo identification is required to enter the building.

**Special Accommodations**

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Cheri McCarty, 301-713-9090 by March 26, 2007.

Dated: February 26, 2007.

**William T. Hogarth,**

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Technology Administration**

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**National Medal of Technology's Call for Nominations 2007**

**AGENCY:** Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce's Technology Administration is accepting nominations for its National Medal of Technology (NMT) 2007 program.

Established by statute in 1980, the President of the United States awards the National Medal of Technology to our Nation's leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding, lasting contribution to the economy through technology, you may obtain a nomination form from: <http://www.technology.gov/medal>.

**DATES:** The deadline for submission of an application is May 31, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** The NMT Nomination form for the year 2007 may be obtained by visiting the Web site at <http://www.technology.gov/medal>. Please return the completed application to the National Medal of Technology Program at: [NMT@technology.gov](mailto:NMT@technology.gov) or by mail to: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4824, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** [NMT@technology.gov](mailto:NMT@technology.gov) or call the Technology Administration at 202/482-1575.