

than 5 p.m. E.D.T. on August 15, 2011, to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of RE&EEAC meeting minutes will be available within 30 days of the meeting.

Edward A. O'Malley,

Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Panel of Judges

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the Panel of Judges of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on Thursday, September 8, 2011. The Panel of Judges is composed of twelve members prominent in the fields of quality, innovation, and performance management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to review applicant consensus scores and select applicants for site visit review. The applications under review by Judges contain trade secrets and proprietary commercial information submitted to the Government in confidence.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 8, 2011, at 8 a.m. and adjourn at 5 p.m. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building, Lecture Room B, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General

Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2011, that the meeting of the Judges Panel may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(4) because the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential and 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) because for a government agency the meetings are likely to disclose information that could significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. The meeting, which involves examination of Award applicant data from U.S. companies and other organizations and a discussion of these data as compared to the Award criteria in order to recommend organizations that will receive site visit reviews, may be closed to the public.

Dated: July 21, 2011.

Charles H. Romine,

Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA581

Fisheries Off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Pacific Coast Groundfish Fishery; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of EFP application; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the receipt of an exempted fishing permit (EFP) application, and is considering issuance of EFPs for vessels participating in the EFP activities. The EFPs are necessary to allow activities that are otherwise prohibited by Federal regulations. The EFPs will be effective no earlier than August 10, 2011, and would expire one year after date of issuance, but could be terminated earlier under terms and conditions of the EFPs and other applicable laws.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., local time on August 10, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by 0648-XA581, by any one of the following methods:

- *Fax:* 206-526-6736, Attn: Kevin Duffy.

- *Mail:* Barry A. Thom, Acting Administrator, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., Seattle, WA 98115-0070, Attn: Kevin Duffy.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the EFP application, contact Kevin Duffy (Northwest Region, NMFS), phone: 206-526-4743, fax: 206-526-6736.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This action is authorized by the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act provisions at 50 CFR 600.745, which states that EFPs may be used to authorize fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited. NMFS received a request for a permit from the Environmental Defense Fund. The primary purpose of the EFP is to conduct gear trials using bottom trawl fishing gear fitted with excluders in order to test reduced bycatch of Pacific halibut while participating in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota fishery for groundfish. The EFP would exempt vessels fishing in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota fishery and participating in the EFP project from regulations that require the use of a two-seamed bottom trawl net in the area shoreward of the trawl Rockfish Conservation Area. All other regulations applicable to vessels in the Shorebased Individual Fishing Quota fishery would remain in place. The EFP would allow limited testing, during fishing activities, of an excluder device on a four-seamed bottom trawl net in order to compare bycatch rates of Pacific halibut with bycatch rates from legal bottom trawl gears fitted with similar excluder devices.

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

Dated: July 21, 2011.

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA598

New England Fishery Management Council; Public meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; Public meeting.