

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Call for Application for a Representative and Alternate to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve**

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is seeking applicants for the following vacant primary seat on its Reserve Advisory Council (Council): (1) Native Hawaiian and also for the following vacant alternate seat on the Council: (1) Research. Council Representatives and Alternates are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the State of Hawaii. The applicant who is chosen as the Native Hawaiian Representative should expect to serve the remainder of this seat's term which is due to expire in February 2004. The applicant who is chosen as the Research Alternate should expect to serve a concurrent term with the existing Research Member, which will expire in September 2006, pursuant to the Council's Charter. Persons who are interested in applying on the Council as either a Representative or Alternate may obtain an application from the person or website identified under the **ADDRESSES** section below. This notice extends and original application period that began September 8 and ended on September 19 for the Native Hawaiian Representative but also opens the application period for the Research Alternate.

DATES: Completed applications must be postmarked no later than November 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Applications may be obtained from Moani Pai, 6700 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Suite 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, (808) 397-2661 or online at <http://hawaiiireef.noaa.gov>. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aulani Wilhelm, 6700 Kalanianaʻole Highway, Suite 215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825, (808) 397-2657, Aulani.Wilhelm@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve is a new marine protected area designed to conserve and protect the coral reef ecosystem and related natural and cultural resources of the area. The Reserve was established by Executive Order pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000 (Pub. L. 106-513). The NWHI Reserve was established by Executive Order 13178 (12/00), as finalized by Executive Order 13196 (1/01).

The Reserve encompasses an area of the marine waters and submerged lands of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, extending approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. The Reserve is adjacent to and seaward of the seaward boundary of Hawaii State waters and submerged lands and the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, and includes the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge to the extent that any such refuge waters extends beyond Hawaii State waters and submerged lands. The Reserve is managed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and the Executive Orders. The Secretary has also initiated the process to designate the Reserve as a National Marine Sanctuary. The management principles and implementation strategy and requirements for the Reserve are found in the enabling Executive Orders, which are part of the application kit and can be found on the website listed above.

In designating the Reserve, the Secretary of Commerce was directed to establish a Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Advisory Council, pursuant to section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the Reserve Operations Plan and the proposal to designate and manage a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary by the Secretary.

The National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP) has established the Reserve Advisory Council and is now accepting applications from interested individuals for a Council Representative for the following citizen/constituent position on the Council:

1. One (1) representative from the Native Hawaiian community with experience or knowledge regarding Native Hawaiian subsistence, cultural,

religious, or other activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

Current Reserve Council Representatives and Alternates may apply for this vacant seat.

The Council consists of 25 members, 14 of which are non-government voting members (the State of Hawaii representative is a voting member) and 10 of which are government non-voting members. The voting members are representatives of the following constituencies: Conservation, Citizen-At-Large, Ocean-Related Tourism, Recreational Fishing, Research, Commercial Fishing, Education, State of Hawaii and Native Hawaiian. The government non-voting seats are represented by the following agencies: Department of Defense, Department of the Interior, Department of State, Marine Mammal Commission, NOAA's Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary, NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service, National Science Foundation, U.S. Coast Guard, Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council, and NOAA's National Ocean Service.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY**Cumberland System of Projects**

AGENCY: Southeastern Power Administration, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of rate order.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Secretary of the Department of Energy, confirmed and approved, on an interim basis, Rate Schedules CBR-1-E, CSI-1-E, CEK-1-E, CM-1-E, CC-1-F, CK-1-E, CTV-1-E, and SJ-1-B. The rates were approved on an interim basis, effective on October 1, 2003 and expire on September 30, 2008, and are subject to confirmation and final approval by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

DATES: Approval of rate on an interim basis is effective through September 30, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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