

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: 503-820-2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Regional Fishery Management CCED general session agenda for April 27-28, 2005, but not necessarily in this order:

- A. Congressional Staff Briefing
- B. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Reauthorization and Associated Legislation
 - 1. Review 2002 Administration Positions and Current Administration Perspectives
 - 2. Review 2002 Council Chairs' Positions and Current Regional Councils' Positions
- C. Budget Issues
 - 1. RFMC Funding
 - 2. NMFS Funding Issues
 - 3. Schedule for Interim CCED Meeting on Budget Issues
- D. Ocean Commission Report: President's U.S. Ocean Action Plan
- E. Ecosystem Management Approaches
 - 1. NOAA-Councils Work Group Report on Guidelines
 - 2. NOAA Activities
 - 3. Councils Fishery Ecosystem Plan Update
- F. Council Member Training
- G. Next CCED Meeting

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at 503-820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: April 4, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030805B]

Endangered Species; File No. 1510

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Liberty Science Center (Richard Weddle, Principal Investigator), 251 Phillip Street, Jersey City, New Jersey 07305, has been issued a permit to take shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) for purposes of enhancement through educational display.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Jefferies or Amy Sloan, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 15, 2004, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 75047) that a request for an enhancement permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The Liberty Science Center is authorized to receive and use five individual, captive-bred, non-releaseable shortnose sturgeon for an educational display exhibit. This project of displaying endangered captive bred shortnose sturgeon responds directly to a recommendation of the NMFS recovery outline for this species. In addition, the facility will formulate a public education program and exhibit to increase awareness of the shortnose sturgeon and its status. This project will educate the public on shortnose sturgeon life history and the reason for its declining numbers.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that this permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of the permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: March 31, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Meeting of the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) Executive Panel

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: The CNO Executive Panel is to report the findings and recommendations of the East Asia Strategy Study Group to the Chief of Naval Operations. The meeting will consist of discussions on a maritime strategy for East Asia.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, April 22, 2005, from 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Chief of Naval Operations office, Room 4E540, 2000 Navy Pentagon, Washington, DC 20350.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Commander Steve Vincent, CNO Executive Panel, 4825 Mark Center Drive, Alexandria, VA 22311, 703-681-4906.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App. 2), these matters constitute classified information that is specifically authorized by Executive Order to be kept secret in the interest of national defense and are, in fact, properly classified pursuant to such Executive Order. Accordingly, the Secretary of the Navy has determined in writing that the public interest requires that all sessions of the meeting be closed to the public because they will be concerned with matters listed in section 552b(c)(1) of title 5, United States Code.

Dated: April 1, 2005.

I. C. Le Moyne Jr.,

*Lieutenant, Judge Advocate General's Corps,
U.S. Navy, Alternate Federal Register Liaison
Officer.*

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ELECTION ASSISTANCE COMMISSION

Publication of State Plans Pursuant to the Help America Vote Act

AGENCY: U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255(b) of the Help America Vote Act (HAVA), Public Law 107-252, the U.S. Election Assistance Commission (EAC) hereby causes to be published in the **Federal Register** material changes to HAVA State plans previously submitted by Alaska and Ohio.

DATES: This notice is effective upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bryan Whitener, Telephone 202-566-3100 or 1-866-747-1471 (toll-free).

Submit Comments: Any comments regarding the plans published herewith should be made in writing to the chief election official of the individual States at the address listed below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 24, 2004, the U.S. Election Assistance

Commission published in the **Federal Register** the original HAVA State plans filed by the 50 States, the District of Columbia and the Territories of American Samoa, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. 69 FR 14002. HAVA anticipated that States, Territories and the District of Columbia would change or update their plans from time to time pursuant to HAVA section 254 (a)(11) through (13). HAVA sections 254(a)(11)(A) and 255 require EAC to publish such updates.

The submissions from Alaska and Ohio address material changes in the administration of their original State plans and, in accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(12), provide information on how the State succeeded in carrying out the previous State plan. Ohio has received its 2003 and 2004 requirements payments. Alaska has not yet submitted a statement of certification for a requirements payment to EAC.

Upon the expiration of 30 days from April 7, 2005, these States will be eligible to implement any material changes addressed in the plans that are published herein, in accordance with HAVA section 254(a)(11)(C). At that time, in accordance with HAVA section 253(d), Alaska also may file a statement of certification to obtain its requirements payments. Such statements of certification must confirm that the State is in compliance with all of the requirements referred to in HAVA section 253(b) and must be provided to the Election Assistance Commission in

order for the State to receive a requirements payment under HAVA Title II, Subtitle D.

EAC notes that plans published herein include only those that have already met the notice and comment requirements of HAVA section 256, as required by HAVA section 254(a)(11)(B). EAC wishes to acknowledge the effort that went into the revising the State plans and encourages further public comment, in writing, to the chief election official of the individual States at the address listed below.

Chief State Election Officials

Alaska

Ms. Laura A. Glaiser, Director, State of Alaska Division of Elections, PO

Box 110017, Juneau, AK 99811-0017,
Phone: 907-465-4611, Fax: 907-465-3203, e-mail: elections@gov.state.ak.us.

Ohio

The Honorable J. Kenneth Blackwell,
Secretary of State, 180 E. Broad Street,
16th Floor, Columbus, OH 43215,
Phone: 614-466-2655, Fax: 614-644-0649, e-mail: election@sos.state.oh.us.

Thank you for your interest in improving the voting process in America.

Dated: March 30, 2005.

Gracia M. Hillman,

Chair, U.S. Election Assistance Commission.

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