

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via webinar. The webinar is open to members of the public. Those interested in participating should contact Julia Byrd (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) to request an invitation providing webinar access information. Please request webinar invitations at least 24 hours in advance of each webinar. There will be an opportunity for public comment at the beginning of the meeting.

Council address: South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 4055 Faber Place Drive, Suite 201, N. Charleston, SC 29405.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julia Byrd, Citizen Science Program Manager, SAFMC; phone: (843) 302-8439 or toll free: (866) SAFMC-10; fax: (843) 769-4520; email: julia.byrd@safmc.net.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Citizen Science Operations Committee serves as advisors to the Council's Citizen Science Program. Committee members include representatives from the Council's Citizen Science Advisory Panel, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Regional Office, NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center, and the Council's Science and Statistical Committee. Their responsibilities include developing programmatic recommendations, reviewing policies, providing program direction/multi-partner support, identifying citizen science research needs, and providing general advice.

Agenda items include: Review of the Council's Citizen Science Program initial evaluation plan, including discussing interview findings and reviewing draft survey questions; the citizen science research priority process; a Citizen Science Program Update; and other business.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **ADDRESSES**) 5 days prior to the meeting.

Note: The times and sequence specified in this agenda are subject to change.

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

Dated: April 19, 2022.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XB962

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open public meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the proposed schedule and agenda of a forthcoming meeting of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC). The members will discuss and provide advice on issues outlined under **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** below.

DATES: The meeting will be held May 10 and 11, 2022, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., and May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Old San Juan Hotel, 100 Brumbaugh Street, San Juan, Puerto Rico 00901; 787-721-5100.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Heidi Lovett, MAFAC Assistant Director; 301-427-8034; email: Heidi.Lovett@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, notice is hereby given of a meeting of MAFAC. The MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), and, since 1971, advises the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. The complete charter and summaries of prior meetings are located online at <https://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/ocs/mafac/>.

Matters To Be Considered

This meeting time and agenda are subject to change.

The meeting is convened to hear presentations and updates and to discuss policies and guidance on the following topics: NOAA and NMFS priorities; national seafood strategy; aquaculture development; the NOAA Climate, Ecosystems, and Fisheries Initiative; offshore wind development and survey mitigation; and budget outlook. MAFAC will receive a report from its Recreational Electronic Reporting Task Force and an overview of outcomes from the recent National Saltwater Recreational Fisheries Summit. MAFAC will discuss various administrative and organizational

matters, and meetings of subcommittees and working groups will be convened.

Special Accommodations

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Heidi Lovett; 301-427-8034 by April 29, 2022.

Dated: April 18, 2022.

Jennifer Lukens,

Director for the Office of Policy, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Technical Information Service

National Technical Information Service Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the next meeting of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) Advisory Board (the Advisory Board).

DATES: The Advisory Board will meet on Monday, June 6, 2022 from 1:00 p.m. to approximately 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, via teleconference.

ADDRESSES: The Advisory Board meeting will be via teleconference. Please note attendance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Elizabeth Shaw, (703) 605-6136, eshaw@ntis.gov or Steven Holland at sholland@ntis.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Board is established by Section 3704b(c) of Title 15 of the United States Code. The charter has been filed in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. App.). The Advisory Board reviews and makes recommendations to improve NTIS programs, operations, and general policies in support of NTIS' mission to advance Federal data priorities, promote economic growth, and enable operational excellence by providing innovative data services to Federal agencies through joint venture partnerships with the private sector.

The meeting will focus on a review of the progress NTIS has made in implementing its data mission and strategic direction. A final agenda and summary of the proceedings will be

posted on the NTIS website as soon as they are available (<https://www.ntis.gov/about/advisorybd/index.xhtml>).

The teleconference will be via controlled access. Members of the public interested in attending via teleconference or speaking are requested to contact Ms. Shaw at the contact information listed in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above not later than Wednesday, June 1, 2022. If there are sufficient expressions of interest, up to one-half hour will be reserved for public oral comments during the session. Speakers will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period.

Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend are invited to submit written statements by emailing Ms. Shaw at the email address provided in the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section above.

Dated: April 19, 2022.

Gregory Capella,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 220418-0099]

RIN 0660-XC052

Developing a Report on Competition in the Mobile App Ecosystem

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; request for comment.

SUMMARY: Restoring competition in the American technology sector is a critical priority of the President's Executive order on Promoting Competition in the American Economy. On behalf of the U.S. Department of Commerce, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is requesting comments on competition in the mobile application ecosystem. The data gathered through this process will be used to inform the Biden-Harris Administration's competition agenda, including, but not limited to, the Department of Commerce's work developing a report to submit to the Chair of the White House Competition

Council regarding the mobile application ecosystem.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before 11:59 p.m. Eastern Time on May 23, 2022.

ADDRESSES: All electronic public comments on this action, identified by docket number NTIA-2022-0001 may be submitted through the Federal e-Rulemaking Portal at www.regulations.gov. The docket established for this rulemaking can be found at www.regulations.gov, NTIA-2022-0001. Click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments. Responders should include a page number on each page of their submissions. Please do not include in your comments information of a confidential nature, such as sensitive personal information or proprietary information. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to Regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. For more detailed instructions about submitting comments, see the "Instructions for Commenters" section at the end of this Notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please direct questions regarding this Notice to app-rfc@ntia.gov, indicating "Notice and Request for comment" in the subject line, or if by mail, addressed to Ruth Yodaiken, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Room 4725, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4067. Please direct media inquiries to NTIA's Office of Public Affairs, telephone: (202) 482-7002; email: press@ntia.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background and Authority

On July 9, 2021, the President signed Executive Order 14036 on Promoting Competition in the American Economy (E.O.).¹ As the E.O. explains, "[t]he American information technology sector has long been an engine of innovation and growth, but today a small number of dominant internet platforms use their power to exclude market entrants, to extract monopoly profits, and to gather intimate personal information that they can exploit for their own advantage. Too many small businesses across the economy depend on those platforms

and a few online marketplaces for their survival."

The E.O. includes numerous initiatives to address the problem of dominant tech platforms undermining competition and reducing innovation. Included among them is a directive to the Secretary of Commerce to, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Chair of the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), conduct a study—including by conducting an open and transparent stakeholder consultation process—of the mobile application (app) ecosystem, and submit a report to the Chair of the White House Competition Council, regarding findings and recommendations for improving competition, reducing barriers to entry, and maximizing user benefit with respect to the ecosystem.²

By one account, the app economy was valued at \$1.7 trillion in 2020, and over 300,000 U.S. companies work in this sector, employing more than 5.9 million Americans.³ The two main app stores are operated by companies with headquarters in the United States. Global consumer spending in this ecosystem is also growing rapidly, estimated by some as nearly doubling from 2016 to 2020, to reach \$120 billion.⁴ Entire new sectors of industries have been spawned as a result of app innovation, such as ride sharing, or have experienced technical advancement, such as smart home appliances. The app economy is becoming a fundamental way that Americans interact with their environment. Thus, it is critical that this market be robust, open, innovative, and secure—and without barriers to entry and growth.

On behalf of the Department, and in furtherance of this requirement, NTIA is requesting comments from the public on competition in the ecosystem in which mobile apps exist. The goal is to support the Administration's efforts to promote competition in the tech sector and to inform NTIA's analysis of ways to support healthy competition in the market for mobile apps, in particular.

NTIA is the executive branch agency that is principally responsible by law for advising the President on telecommunications and information policy. NTIA studies and develops policy advice for the Administration related to communications and the

² Software applications are often referred to as "apps," and the term is used throughout to refer to mobile apps, either native or web-based.

³ State of the U.S. App Economy: 2020. ACT: The App Association (Jan. 31, 2021) (ACT Report 2020), <https://actonline.org/wp-content/uploads/2020-App-economy-Report.pdf>.

⁴ ACT Report 2020.

¹ E.O. 14036, 86 FR 36987, Section (r) (iii) (July 9, 2021), <https://www.govinfo.gov/content/pkg/FR-2021-07-14/pdf/2021-15069.pdf#page=1>.