

National Preparedness to NEHRP activities, to review the conclusions of the National Research Council Report on National Earthquake Resilience, and to review NEHRP agency updates on their latest activities. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at <http://nehrrp.gov/>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda. On Wednesday, November 9, 2011, approximately one-half hour will be reserved near the conclusion of the meeting for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. 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 in person are invited to submit written statements to the ACEHR, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8604, via fax at (301) 975-4032, or electronically by e-mail to info@nehrrp.gov.

All visitors to the U.S. Department of Commerce Herbert C. Hoover Building are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business Tuesday, November 1, 2011, in order to attend. Please submit your full name, e-mail address, and phone number to Michelle Harman. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, and employer/sponsor. Mrs. Harman's e-mail address is michelle.harman@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5324.

Dated: October 7, 2011.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Construction Safety Team (NCST) Advisory Committee (Committee) will meet on Monday, November 7, 2011. The primary purpose of this meeting is to update the Committee on the status of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Disaster and Failure Studies Program, the NCST activities within the Program, and NIST studies following recent tornados, wildland-urban interface fires, and earthquakes. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/ncst>.

DATES: The NCST Committee will meet on Monday, November 7, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in Rooms C103-C106, Advanced Measurement Laboratory (AML) Building (215), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eric Letvin, Director, Disaster and Failure Studies Program, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8600, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8600. Mr. Letvin's e-mail address is eric.letvin@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975-5412.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established pursuant to Section 11 of the National Construction Safety Team Act (15 U.S.C. 7301 *et seq.*). The Committee is composed of ten members, appointed by the Director of NIST, who were selected for their technical expertise and experience, established records of distinguished professional service, and their knowledge of issues affecting teams established under the NCST Act. The Committee will advise the Director of NIST on carrying out studies of building failures conducted under the authorities of the NCST Act that became law in October 2002 and will review the procedures developed to implement the NCST Act and reports issued under

section 8 of the NCST Act. Background information on the NCST Act and information on the NCST Advisory Committee is available at <http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/ncst>.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app., notice is hereby given that the NCST Advisory Committee will meet on Monday, November 7, 2011, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

The primary purpose of this meeting is to update the Committee on the status of the NIST Disaster and Failure Studies Program, the NCST activities within the Program, and NIST studies following recent tornados, wildland-urban interface fires, and earthquakes. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/el/disasterstudies/ncst>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to items on the Committee's agenda for this meeting are invited to request a place on the agenda. Approximately one-half hour will be reserved for public comments, and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-served basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be 5 minutes each. 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 in person are invited to submit written statements to the National Construction Safety Team Advisory Committee, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, MS 8600, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-8600, via fax at (301) 975-4032, or electronically by e-mail to ncstac@nist.gov.

All those wishing to speak must submit their request by e-mail to the attention of Mr. Eric Letvin, eric.letvin@nist.gov by 5 p.m. EST on November 2, 2011.

All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting must register by close of business Monday, October 31, 2011, in order to attend. Please submit your full name, e-mail address, and phone number to Eric Letvin. Non-U.S. citizens must also submit their country of citizenship, title, and employer/sponsor. Mr. Eric Letvin's e-mail address is eric.letvin@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 975-5412.

Dated: October 11, 2011.

Willie E. May,

Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Gulf of Mexico Reef Fish Fishery; South Atlantic Snapper-Grouper Fishery

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

ACTION: Request for designation; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (GMFMC) has proposed to remove Nassau grouper from the fishery management unit in the Fishery Management Plan for Reef Fish Resources of the Gulf of Mexico (Reef Fish FMP). Subsequently, in a September 16, 2011, letter to NMFS, the GMFMC has requested that the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) designate the SAFMC as the responsible council to manage Nassau grouper throughout the South Atlantic region and the Gulf of Mexico under the FMP for the Snapper-Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (Snapper-Grouper FMP). The intent of this notice is to solicit public comments concerning this proposed designation.

DATES: Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., eastern standard time, on November 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on the application by any of the following methods:

- *E-mail:* Steve.Branstetter@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: "NASSAU".

- *Mail:* Submit written comments to Steve Branstetter, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to any of the above addresses.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Branstetter, 727-824-5305; e-mail: Steve.Branstetter@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The GMFMC has submitted a Generic Annual Catch Limits/Accountability

Measures Amendment for the GMFMC's Red Drum, Reef Fish, Shrimp, and Coral and Coral Reefs Fishery Management Plans (Generic ACL Amendment) for purposes of review by the Secretary under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). A Notice of Availability for the Generic ACL Amendment was published in the **Federal Register** on September 26, 2011 (76 FR 59373). As part of this amendment, the GMFMC has selected to remove Nassau grouper from the Reef Fish FMP. This proposed action is based on an October 20, 2010, letter from the SAFMC informing the GMFMC of its willingness to accept responsibility for managing Nassau grouper throughout South Atlantic and Gulf of Mexico (Gulf) Federal waters. The SAFMC currently manages Nassau grouper in its area of jurisdiction through the Snapper-Grouper FMP.

In accordance with section 304(f) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, on September 16, 2011, the GMFMC formally requested that the Secretary designate the SAFMC as the responsible Council for continued management of the species in Federal waters of the South Atlantic region and to manage the species in the Federal waters of the Gulf.

Currently, the harvest of Nassau grouper is prohibited in Federal waters by regulations implemented through the GMFMC's Reef Fish FMP and the SAFMC's Snapper-Grouper FMP. Additionally, the harvest of Nassau grouper in Florida state waters is prohibited by the applicable Florida regulations. With the approval and implementation of the GMFMC's Generic ACL Amendment, which proposes to remove Nassau grouper from the Reef Fish FMP, all harvesting restrictions for Nassau grouper in Federal waters of the Gulf would be removed. If the SAFMC is designated as the responsible council for the management of Nassau grouper in the Gulf, the SAFMC is expected to extend the prohibition on harvest in the Gulf. Any action to remove the current prohibitions in the Gulf could have a delayed effective date, so that it was implemented simultaneously with SAFMC action to extend the prohibition.

NMFS requests public comment on the GMFMC's request to designate the SAMFC as the responsible council for managing Nassau grouper in both the Gulf and South Atlantic. Public comments will be reviewed and considered prior to NMFS' decision on this request.

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

Dated: October 13, 2011.

Steven Thur,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

[Docket No: 111003608-1608-01]

Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research Draft Strategic Plan

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that OAR's draft Strategic Plan (FY12-18) is available for public review and comment. The draft incorporates OAR's mission and vision, and characterizes its goals and objectives over the next six years. These goals and objectives will provide guidance and strategic direction for program and laboratory planning.

DATES: Public comments are due by 5 p.m., EST, November 11, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Public comments must be submitted to OAR.Plan@noaa.gov.

The draft document can be found electronically at: <http://www.oar.noaa.gov/aboutus/strategic.html>. Those without computer access can call 301-734-1048 to request a copy of the draft strategic plan and instructions for returning written comments by U.S. Postal Service.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The NOAA Strategic Planning Team at OAR.Plan@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) completed its Next Generation Strategic Plan (NGSP) in December of 2010. The NGSP outlines NOAA's long-term goals and objectives. The Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, one of five Line Offices within NOAA, has developed its strategic plan in line with the NGSP to ensure the success of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

The strategic plan describes OAR's long-term goals along with specific objectives that will be pursued over the