

Pollution Control Act, and (4) no reasonable alternative is available that would permit the activity to be conducted in a manner consistent with the State's coastal management program. 15 CFR 930.121. To make the determination that the proposed activity is "necessary in the interest of national security," the Secretary must find that a national defense or other national security interest would be significantly impaired if the proposed activity is not permitted to go forward as proposed. 15 CFR 930.122.

A public hearing has been scheduled to address the findings the Secretary must make for each appeal as set forth in the regulations at 15 CFR 930.121 and 930.122. The public hearing will be held on September 27, 1999, from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. at the New World Landing, 600 South Palafox Street, Pensacola, FL. Persons interested in speaking at the hearing regarding any of the above criteria are required to register on the day of the hearing at New World Landing. Registration of speakers will begin at 5:00 p.m. Oral comments from public interest/lobbyist groups will be recognized on a first-come-first serve basis and will be limited to five minutes. Oral comments from the general public will be recognized on a first-come-first-serve basis and will be limited to three minutes. Written comments will be accepted at the public hearing.

In addition, written comments on the findings the Secretary must make for each appeal may be sent to Karl Gleaves, Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Copies comments will also be forwarded to the Appellant and the State. Comments are due by October 27, 1999.

All nonconfidential documents submitted in this appeal are available for public inspection during business hours at the offices of the State and the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, NOAA.

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karl Gleaves, Assistant Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Room 6111, Silver Spring, MD 20910, (301) 713-2967.

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General Counsel.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071699D]

#### Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting and public scoping hearing.

**SUMMARY:** The Western Pacific Fishery Council (Council) will hold a public meeting of its Ecosystem and Habitat Panel (EHAP). The Council also will hold a public scoping hearing.

**DATES:** The meeting and hearing will be held on August 4-5, 1999, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for the meeting and hearing agenda.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting and hearing will be held at the Council office's conference room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone (808) 522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EHAP will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed may change. The meeting also will serve as a public scoping hearing on management alternatives to be analyzed in a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Coral Reef Ecosystem Fishery Management Plan (CRE-FMP).

#### Agenda

*Wednesday, August 4, 8:30 a.m.*

I. Summary of progress to date on the CRE-FMP.

II. Implementation of plan/timetable for completion of the CRE-FMP.

III. Review of a draft CRE-FMP:

(A) Review of fishery management units (fish, invertebrates, other); (B) Review of initial proposed measures/alternatives/

impacts: (1) permit and reporting requirements; (2) designation of marine protected areas (criteria, specific candidate sites); (3) allowable harvest gear/prohibited practices; (4) framework regulatory process: (i) aquaculture/possession permit for live rock/coral; (ii) prohibition of anchoring by fishing vessels on Guam's offshore banks; (iii) designation of zones for mooring buoy installation and anchoring requirement and (iv) requirement for permanent marking of passive fishing gear; (C) Proposed non-regulatory management measures: (1) facilitation of local management; (2) creation of incentives for sustainable use; and (3) public education outreach.

*Thursday, August 5, 8:30 a.m.*

A public scoping hearing will be convened regarding proposed preparation of an EIS for the CRE-FMP under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. Additional matters are as follows:

(A) Suggestions for addressing existing laws and policies:

(1) Endangered Species Act; (2) Marine Mammal Protection Act;

(3) Administrative Procedure Act; (4) Coastal Zone Management Act; (5) Regulatory Flexibility Act; (6) Paperwork Reduction Act; (7) Executive Orders; (8) Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, Sustainable Fisheries Act, and Essential Fish Habitat; B. Preliminary draft regulations; C. Additional concerns regarding CRE-FMP development; D. Review of draft report from the Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team meeting; E. Review of public comments received; F. Public comment; and G. Scheduling of next Coral Reef Ecosystem Plan Team meeting.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the EHAP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this agenda.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds (808) 522-8220 (voice) or (808) 522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 16, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

### AmeriCorps Information Technology Initiative

**AGENCY:** Corporation for National and Community Service.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of funds to support the AmeriCorps Information Technology Initiative Through Grants to AmeriCorps National Programs.

**SUMMARY:** The Corporation for National Service (Corporation) announces the availability of approximately \$2,225,000 in grant funds to support information technology activities in selected cities in AmeriCorps programs operating on a national or multi-state basis.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by September 9, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Applications must be submitted to Box ACDR, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20525. Applications may not be submitted by facsimile or electronic mail.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For an application or further information, contact Adin C. Miller, Corporation for National Service, 1201 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC, 20525, (202) 606-5000, extension 428, acmiller@cns.gov. TDD (202) 565-2799. To request a copy of this Notice in an alternative format for persons with disabilities, contact Adin C. Miller at the contact information listed above.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

The Corporation is a federal government corporation that encourages Americans of all ages and backgrounds to engage in community-based service. This service addresses the nation's educational, public safety, environmental and other human needs to achieve direct and demonstrable results. In doing so, the Corporation fosters civic responsibility, strengthens the ties that bind us together as a people, and provides educational opportunity for those who make a substantial commitment to service. Each year, the Corporation supports approximately 40,000 AmeriCorps members who perform substantial service in communities across the

country. For more information about national service activities supported by the Corporation, go to <http://www.nationalservice.org>.

This Notice concerns funds that have been earmarked by Congress to support AmeriCorps National programs funded directly by the Corporation and operated by national nonprofit organizations in at least two states. Under the AmeriCorps National program, each national organization that serves as a parent organization provides subgrants to local chapters or affiliates, referred to as operating sites. For general information about applying for Corporation grants, you may obtain the *1999 Guide to Programs and Grants* at the Corporation's Website listed above.

This Notice concerns programs to be carried out over a period not to exceed three years. Applications must include a detailed proposed budget and proposed activities for the first year of operation, estimated funds required in the second and third years of operation, and program objectives for the entire award period. If the Corporation approves an application and enters into a multi-year award agreement, it will provide funding at the onset only for the first year of the program. The Corporation has no obligation to provide additional funding in connection with the award in subsequent years. Funding for the second and third years of an approved program is contingent upon satisfactory progress in relation to the approved objectives, submission of a detailed budget and budget narrative for the applicable program year, the availability of funds, and any other criteria established in the award agreement. Up to \$2,225,000 is available for the initial one-year budget period. The Corporation anticipates awarding between one and seven grants in this competition.

Existing Parent Organizations that receive funding under the AmeriCorps Information Technology Initiative may submit future continuation proposals along the same timeline of the already approved AmeriCorps National grant. A successful Parent Organization should plan to include the AmeriCorps Information Technology Initiative in its next AmeriCorps National continuation submission through the end of the three-year funding cycle, at which point the AmeriCorps Information Technology Initiative should be included in its re-competition submission.

#### Eligible Applicants

Nonprofit organizations whose mission, membership, activities, or constituencies are national in scope and whose proposal involves AmeriCorps

activities in more than one state may apply for funds under this Notice. An organization described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, 26 U.S.C. 501(c)(4), that engages in lobbying activities, is not eligible for these funds.

#### Program Overview and Requirements

The funds will support AmeriCorps National programs that propose to increase access to information technologies in K-12 school clusters located in federally-designated Round 1 Empowerment Zones, in conjunction with NextDay, a program of NetDay, a grassroots school wiring initiative.

The goal of NextDay—a coalition of Empowerment-Zone leaders, education and technology specialists, and national partners—is to develop K-12 high-tech school clusters in sixteen communities (10 urban Empowerment Zones, 3 rural Empowerment Zones, and 3 Enhanced Enterprise Zones). Each school cluster consists of an elementary and middle or junior high school feeding into a high school. Successful applicants under this Notice will aim to provide AmeriCorps activities designed to place these targeted school clusters among the top 15% of public American schools in classroom use of information technologies and digital resources. These model schools will acquire and install current-generation technologies, integrate digital information technologies into school curricula, and prepare teachers to use and teach technology. Additionally, successful applicants under this Notice will reinforce school technology training at students' homes and assist in the placement of government surplus computers in family homes. For more information about NextDay, please contact Michael Kaufman, NetDay, 240 Tamal Vista, Suite 200, Corte Madera, California, 94925, (415) 927-6850, extension 200, michael@netday.org.

At each targeted Empowerment Zone, NextDay places a Local Coordinator charged with ensuring that the goals and benchmarks for the targeted community are met and partners each school cluster with a Higher Education Institution. In addition, NextDay and its coalition of local partners plan to provide each cluster with an Education Integration Specialist and a Technology Support Specialist. The Corporation envisions an arrangement in which AmeriCorps members serve at each school throughout the implementation phases of the project. The Stanford Research Institute will evaluate the overall NextDay project with a specific focus on the educational outcome impact of the