DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
Rural Housing Service
Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program 2011 Industry Forums—Open Teleconference and/or Web Conference Meetings
AGENCY: Rural Housing Service, USDA.
ACTION: Notice.
SUMMARY: This notice announces a series of teleconference and/or Web conference meetings regarding the USDA Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program, which are scheduled to occur during the months of February, June, and October of 2011. This notice also outlines suggested discussion topics for the meetings and is intended to notify the general public of their opportunity to participate in the teleconference and/or Web conference meetings.
DATES: The dates and times for the teleconference and/or Web conference meetings will be announced via e-mail to parties registered as described below.
FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public wishing to register for the calls and obtain the call-in number, access code, Web link and other information for any of the public teleconferences and or Web conferences may contact Monica Cole, Financial and Loan Analyst, Multifamily Housing Guaranteed Loan Division, Rural Development, U.S. Department of Agriculture, telephone: (202) 720–1251, fax: (202) 205–5066, or e-mail: monica.cole@wdc.usda.gov. Those who request registration less than 15 calendar days prior to the date of a teleconference and/or Web conference meeting may not receive notice of that teleconference and/or Web conference meeting, but will receive notice of future teleconference and/or Web conference meetings. The Agency expects to accommodate each participant’s preferred form of participation by telephone or via Web link. However, if it appears that existing capabilities may prevent the Agency from accommodating all requests for one form of participation, each participant will be notified and encouraged to consider an alternative form of participation. Individuals who plan to participate and need language translation assistance should inform the Contact Person within ten business days in advance of the meeting date.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The objectives of this series of teleconferences are as follows:
- Enhance the effectiveness of the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.
- Establish a two way communications forum to update industry participants and Rural Housing Service (RHS) staff.
- Enhance RHS’ awareness of the market and other forces that impact the Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program.

Topics to be discussed could include but will not be limited to the following:
- Updates on USDA’s Section 538 Guaranteed Rural Rental Housing Program activities.
- Perspectives on the current state of debt financing and its impact on the Section 538 program.
- Enhancing the use of Section 538 financing with the transfer and/or preservation of Section 515 developments.
- The impact of Low Income Housing Tax Credits program changes on Section 538 financings.

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Tammye Treviño, Administrator, Rural Housing Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction Meeting
AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.
ACTION: Notice of open meeting.
SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (ACEHR or Committee), will meet Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, March 11, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The primary purpose of this meeting is to gather information for the Committee’s 2011 Annual Report of the Effectiveness of the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program (NEHRP). The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at http://nehrp.gov/.
DATES: The ACEHR will meet on Thursday, March 10, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 5 p.m. The meeting will continue on Friday, March 11, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.
ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Heritage Room, Administration Building, 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: Dr. Jack Hayes, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8604, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899–8604. Dr. Hayes’ e-mail address is jack.hayes@nist.gov and his phone number is (301) 973–5640.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee was established in accordance with the requirements of Section 103 of the NEHRP Reauthorization Act of 2004 (Pub. L. 108–360). The Committee is composed of 15 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 the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program. In addition, the Chairperson of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee (SESAC) serves in an ex officio capacity on the Committee. The Committee assesses:

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Trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction;
• The effectiveness of NEHRP in performing its statutory activities;
• Any need to revise NEHRP; and
• The management, coordination, implementation, and activities of NEHRP.

Background information on NEHRP and the Committee is available at http://nehrp.gov/.

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C., notice is hereby given that the ACEHR will meet Thursday, March 10, 2011 from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday, March 11, 2011, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Heritage Room, Administration Building, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. The primary purpose of this meeting is to gather information for the Committee’s 2011 Annual Report of the Effectiveness of the NEHRP. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NEHRP Web site at http://nehrp.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 March 11, 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 8630, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20890–8630, via fax at (301) 975–5433, or electronically by e-mail to info@nehrp.gov.

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 Tuesday, March 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: February 9, 2011.
Charles H. Romine,
Acting Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration RIN 0648–XA217
Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council) will hold a meeting, via conference call, of its Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team (CPSMT) and Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory subpanel (CPSAS). The meeting is open to the public.

DATES: The conference call will be held Monday, February 28, 2011, from 2 p.m. until 4 p.m. Pacific Time.

ADDRESSES: A listening station will be available at the Pacific Council offices. Please contact the Pacific Council Staff Officer for accommodations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kerry Griffin, Staff Officer; telephone: (503) 820–2280.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the joint conference call is to consider any CPS-related fisheries research proposals that will require an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) from NMFS. At its March meeting, the Pacific Council will consider adopting for public review any proposals that are submitted. The CPSMT and CPSAS will discuss any EFP proposals, and will develop statements to be included in the March Council meeting record.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Tracey L. Thompson,
Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration RIN 0648–XA142
Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Application for a scientific research permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received a scientific research permit application request relating to salmonids listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The proposed research is intended to increase knowledge of the species and to help guide management and conservation efforts.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific standard time on March 17, 2011.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 777 Sonoma Avenue, Room 325, Santa Rosa, CA 95404. Comments may also be submitted via fax to (707) 578–3435 or by e-mail to FFRPermits.SIL@noaa.gov. The applications and related documents may be viewed online at: https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov/preview/preview_open_for_comment.cfm. These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment by contacting NMFS by phone (707) 575–6097 or fax (707) 578–3435.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Jahn, Santa Rosa, CA (ph.: 707–575–6097, e-mail: jeffrey.jahn@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened California Coastal Chumook salmon (Oncorhynchus tshawytscha), endangered Central California Coast coho salmon (O. kisutch), and threatened Central California Coast steelhead (O. mykiss).

Authority

Scientific research permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits: (1) Are