

and other resources. These activities frequently require multiple environmental reviews, consultations, permits, and other authorizations under Federal laws and regulations that protect resources such as maritime heritage sites and sensitive or protected marine natural resources.

Presidential Memorandum, Ocean Mapping of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and the Shoreline and Nearshore of Alaska, 84 FR 64699 (Nov. 11, 2019), directs the Ocean Policy Committee, through its Ocean Resource Management Subcommittee, to identify opportunities and recommend actions to the Director of the OSTP and the Chairman of the CEQ that will increase the efficiency of the permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities across agencies. The Ocean Policy Committee is soliciting public input through this RFI to obtain information from a wide range of stakeholders, including academia, private industry, and other relevant organizations and institutions, in order to inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it prepares to identify these opportunities and develop recommended actions.

Questions To Inform Development of the Recommendations

Through this RFI, the Ocean Policy Committee seeks responses to the following questions to identify opportunities and inform development of recommendations that will increase the efficiency of the permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities that take place in the U.S. EEZ.

1. Please describe any challenges related to identifying and obtaining the necessary information, permits, and authorizations required to conduct ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ, particularly with respect to applicable regulations and agency policies.

2. Please describe opportunities to increase the efficiency of permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ.

3. What innovative tools, platforms, and technologies could increase the efficiency of permitting, reporting, and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ? To the extent innovative capabilities already exist, but are not being effectively used, what are the barriers to adopting them?

4. After authorization is obtained, are there any reporting or paperwork requirements that are unduly burdensome or lack utility? If yes, please describe such requirements and provide suggestions for addressing them.

5. Is there any additional information related to permitting and authorization processes for ocean research, mapping, and characterization activities in the U.S. EEZ, not requested above, that you believe the Ocean Policy Committee should consider?

Dated: February 3, 2020.

Timothy C. Gallaudet,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. Exclusive Economic Zone

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

ACTION: Notice; request for information.

SUMMARY: On behalf of the Ocean Policy Committee, Ocean Science and Technology Subcommittee and the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) as Co-Chairs of the Ocean Policy Committee, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) requests input from all interested parties on the development of a National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the United States Exclusive Economic Zone (U.S. EEZ). Through this Request for Information (RFI), the Ocean Policy Committee seeks input from the public on ways to map, explore, and characterize the U.S. EEZ; that is, to reveal the terrain of the ocean floor and identify areas of particular interest, and to identify and evaluate natural and cultural resources within these areas. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it works with Federal agencies and other stakeholders to develop the strategy.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before March 12, 2020.

ADDRESSES: Responses should be submitted via email to [\[ostp.eop.gov\]\(mailto:ostp.eop.gov\). Include “RFI Response: National Strategy for Mapping, Exploring, and Characterizing the U.S. EEZ” in the subject line of the message.](mailto:oceanmapping@</p>
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Instructions: Response to this RFI is voluntary. Respondents need not reply to all questions listed. For all submissions, clearly indicate which questions are being answered. Email attachments will be accepted in plain text, Microsoft Word, or Adobe PDF formats only. Each individual or institution is requested to submit only one response. OSTP may post responses to this RFI, without change, on a Federal website. NOAA, therefore, requests that no business proprietary information, copyrighted information, or personally identifiable information be submitted in response to this RFI. Please note that the U.S. Government will not pay for response preparation, or for the use of any information contained in the response.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kris Dellapina, OSTP, 202 456-6038.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Presidential Memorandum, Ocean Mapping of the United States Exclusive Economic Zone and the Shoreline and Nearshore of Alaska, 84 FR 64699 (Nov. 19, 2019), directs the Director of the OSTP and the Chairman of the CEQ, in their capacity as Co-Chairs of the Ocean Policy Committee, to coordinate the development of a national strategy for mapping, exploring, and characterizing the U.S. EEZ. Pursuant to this requirement, the Ocean Policy Committee, through its Ocean Science and Technology Subcommittee and in coordination with the Administrator of NOAA, seeks to develop a proposed strategy (“Strategy”) to map the U.S. EEZ, identify priority areas within the U.S. EEZ, and explore and characterize the priority areas. The Ocean Policy Committee has commenced development of the Strategy and is soliciting public input through this RFI to obtain information from a wide range of stakeholders, including academia, private industry, and other relevant organizations and institutions. The public input provided in response to this RFI will inform the Ocean Policy Committee as it continues to develop the Strategy.

Questions To Inform Development of the Strategy

Through this RFI, the Ocean Policy Committee seeks responses to the following questions to inform development of a national strategy for ocean mapping, exploration, and characterization.

1. Given the tools, platforms, and technologies of which you are aware, what is the most effective approach for mapping the remaining unmapped portions of the U.S. EEZ? How should areas be prioritized for mapping?

2. What innovative tools, platforms, and technologies could advance our capability to map, explore, and characterize the U.S. EEZ more efficiently and effectively? To the extent innovative capabilities already exist, but are not being effectively used, what are the barriers to adopting them? How can these barriers be overcome?

3. Given the tools, platforms, and technologies of which you are aware, what is the most effective approach for exploring and characterizing priority areas of the U.S. EEZ?

4. What selection criteria should inform the determination of priority areas of the U.S. EEZ for exploration and characterization?

5. How can public-private partnerships be utilized to effectively implement the Strategy?

6. Which Federal programs are best positioned to support public-private partnerships to advance ocean exploration, mapping, and characterization? What changes are needed, if any, to these programs to improve their effectiveness?

7. How should the data generated by the Strategy be managed so that it is most useful to public and private sectors?

8. Is there any additional information related to mapping, exploring, and characterizing the U.S. EEZ, not requested above, that you believe the Ocean Policy Committee should consider?

Dated: February 3, 2020.

Timothy C. Gallaudet,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere, Deputy NOAA Administrator, Department of Commerce.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Technology Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) announces that on February 26, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., the Technology Advisory Committee (TAC) will hold a public meeting in the Conference Center at the Commodity Futures Trading

Commission's headquarters in Washington, DC. At this meeting, the TAC will hear presentations on stablecoins, audit trails, compliance solutions, and cryptocurrency self-regulatory organizations, insurance, and custody. The TAC will also discuss and vote on a recommendation from its Cybersecurity Subcommittee regarding the Financial Services Sector Coordinating Council Cybersecurity Profile.

DATES: The meeting will be held on February 26, 2020, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Members of the public who wish to submit written statements in connection with the meeting should submit them by March 4, 2020.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Conference Center at the CFTC's headquarters, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. You may submit public comments, identified by "Technology Advisory Committee," by any of the following methods:

- *CFTC Website:* <http://comments.cftc.gov>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments through the Comments Online process on the website.
- *Mail:* Christopher Kirkpatrick, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581.
- *Hand Delivery/Courier:* Same as Mail, above.

Any statements submitted in connection with the committee meeting will be made available to the public, including publication on the CFTC website, <http://www.cftc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Meghan Tente, TAC Designated Federal Officer, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581; (202) 418-5785.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will be open to the public with seating on a first-come, first-served basis. Members of the public may also listen to the meeting by telephone by calling a domestic toll-free telephone or international toll or toll-free number to connect to a live, listen-only audio feed. Call-in participants should be prepared to provide their first name, last name, and affiliation.

- *Domestic Toll Free:* 877-951-7311.
- *International Toll and Toll Free:* Will be posted on the CFTC's website, <http://www.cftc.gov>, on the page for the meeting, under Related Links.
- *Pass Code/Pin Code:* 3637010.

The meeting agenda may change to accommodate other TAC priorities. For agenda updates, please visit the TAC committee website at: https://www.cftc.gov/About/CFTCCcommittees/TechnologyAdvisory/tac_meetings.html.

After the meeting, a transcript of the meeting will be published through a link on the CFTC's website at: <http://www.cftc.gov>. All written submissions provided to the CFTC in any form will also be published on the CFTC's website. Persons requiring special accommodations to attend the meeting because of a disability should notify the contact person above.

(Authority: 5 U.S.C. app. 2 section 10(a)(2)).

Dated: February 5, 2020.

Robert Sidman,

Deputy Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket DARS-2020-0008]

Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement: Prohibition on Certain Telecommunications and Video Surveillance Services or Equipment

AGENCY: Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

ACTION: Announcement of public meeting.

SUMMARY: DoD is hosting a public meeting to facilitate implementation planning by obtaining the views of DoD industry partners, associations, and interested parties regarding implementation of the prohibition in section 889(a)(1)(B) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019 on contracting with an entity that uses certain telecommunications and video surveillance services and equipment.

DATES:

Public Meeting Date: The public meeting will be held on March 2, 2020, from 1:00 to 5:00 Eastern time. The public meeting will end at the stated time, or when the discussion ends, whichever comes first.

Registration Date: Registration to attend the public meeting must be received no later than close of business on February 25, 2020. Information on how to register for the public meeting