

conversions from pounds to metric tons, and rounding errors for some metric equivalents. The GHs are intended to serve as benchmark harvest levels for participants in the charter vessel halibut fishery.

This announcement is consistent with 50 CFR 300.65(c)(2), which requires that GHs for IPHC regulatory areas 2C and 3A be specified by NMFS and announced by publication in the **Federal Register** no later than 30 days after receiving information from the IPHC. The IPHC annually establishes the total CEY for halibut in IPHC regulatory areas 2C and 3A. Regulations at § 300.65(c)(1) establish the GHs based on the total CEY that is established annually by the IPHC. The total CEY established by the IPHC for 2009 is 5,570,000 lb (2,526.5 mt) in Area 2C and 28,010,000 lb (12,705.2 mt) in Area 3A. The corresponding GHs are 788,000 lb (357.4 mt) in Area 2C, and 3,650,000 lb (1,655.6 mt) in Area 3A. The GH in Area 2C has been reduced from the 2008 level of 931,000 lb (422.3 mt). The GH for Area 3A did not change.

This is a notice of the GHs in Areas 2C and 3A for 2009 and does not require any regulatory action by NMFS. If a GH is exceeded in 2009, NMFS will notify the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) in writing within 30 days of receipt of that information. The Council has proposed management actions to reduce the harvest of Pacific halibut in the Area 2C guided charter vessel fishery to the GH (73 FR 78276, December 22, 2008). The Secretary of Commerce may issue a final rule after consideration of the 2009 GH and public comments on the proposed rule.

#### Classification

This notice does not require any additional regulatory action by NMFS and does not impose any additional restrictions on harvests by the charter fishery. If a GH is exceeded in any year, the Council would be notified, but would not be required to take action. This process of notification is intended to provide the Council with information about the level of Pacific halibut harvest by the charter vessel fishery in a given year and could prompt future action.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 773 *et seq.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Notice: Broadband Grant Programs Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) will begin holding meetings with interested parties on Monday, March 2, 2009, in connection with the broadband grant programs described in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (collectively, "Broadband Grant Programs"). All interested parties are invited to schedule a meeting.

**DATES:** Meetings will be scheduled beginning March 2, 2009, and will continue until further notice.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. (Please enter at 14th Street.) Room numbers will be provided to interested parties when meetings are scheduled. The disability accessible entrance is located at the 14th Street Aquarium Entrance.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To schedule a meeting, contact Barbara Brown at (202) 482-4374 or [bbrown@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:bbrown@ntia.doc.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NTIA is scheduling meetings to afford interested parties the opportunity to discuss implementation of the Broadband Grant Programs as described in the Broadband Data Services Improvement Act and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The Broadband Data Services Improvement Act was enacted in October 2008 and directs the Secretary of Commerce to award grants to eligible entities on a competitive basis to assess, identify and track broadband service deployment in each State. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was enacted in February 2009 and directs NTIA to establish the "Broadband Technology Opportunities Program" to make grants available on a competitive basis to accelerate and expand broadband deployment. Information about the Broadband Grant Programs will be made available at <http://www.ntia.doc.gov/broadbandgrants>.

Each meeting will be considered an *ex parte* presentation, and the substance of the meeting will be placed on the public record. No later than two (2) days after a meeting, an interested party must submit a memorandum to NTIA which summarizes the substance of the meeting. Any written presentations provided at the meeting will also be placed on the public record. NTIA reserves the right to hold individual or group meetings, depending on the number of meeting requests received. Group meetings may be transcribed and/or streamed to the Web and placed on the public record.

Attendance at the meetings is limited to space available. Meetings will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requesting accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to indicate this to Barbara Brown at least two (2) days prior to each meeting. Interested parties will have an opportunity to ask questions at the meetings. Individuals who would like to submit questions in writing should e-mail their questions to Barbara Brown at [BBrown@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:BBrown@ntia.doc.gov) at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

#### Online Safety and Technology Working Group

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration

**ACTION:** Notice

**SUMMARY:** The National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) is clarifying a notice published in the **Federal Register** on November 21, 2008 seeking nominations of individuals to represent the business community, public interest groups, and other appropriate groups interested in serving on the NTIA Online Safety and Technology Working Group (OSTWG). The 30 member limit applies only to private sector members of the OSTWG. The OSTWG membership will also include a certain number of Federal Government representatives as required by the Act. This notice does not reopen nominations for the OSTWG.