

Persons wishing to attend this open meeting should contact the Committee Chairperson, or the New England Regional Office of the Commission, 55 Summer Street, 8th Floor, Boston, Massachusetts 02110.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss hearing on issues concerning the Hispanic community of Manchester.

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, D.C., October 23, 1979.

John I. Binkley,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 79-33837 Filed 10-30-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-M

Oklahoma Advisory Committee; Agenda and Notice of Open Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a planning meeting of the Oklahoma Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Commission will convene at 6:00 p.m. and will end at 10:00 p.m., on November 27, 1979, at the Lincoln Plaza, Plaza Suite 6, 4545 Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73105.

Persons wishing to attend this open meeting should contact the Committee Chairperson, or the Southwestern Regional Office of the Commission, Heritage Plaza, 418 South Main, San Antonio, Texas 78204.

The purpose of this meeting is planning for the Oklahoma SAC on higher education desegregation in Oklahoma.

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, D.C., October 25, 1979.

John I. Binkley,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 79-33844 Filed 10-30-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-M

Oregon Advisory Committee; Agenda and Notice of Open Meeting

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a planning meeting of the Oregon Advisory Committee (SAC) of the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and will end at 5:00 p.m., on November 16, 1979, 304 S. E. Patawa Drive, Yakima Room, Pendleton, Oregon 97801.

Persons wishing to attend this open meeting should contact the Committee Chairperson, or the Northwestern

Regional Office of the Commission, 915 Second Avenue, Room 2852, Seattle, Washington 98174.

The purpose of this meeting is to discuss project design and approval process; discuss redlining project (proposed); discuss census project status and activities; and community forum session.

This meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Rules and Regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, D.C. October 25, 1979.

John I. Binkley,

Advisory Committee Management Officer.

[FR Doc. 79-33841 Filed 10-30-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 6335-01-M

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Announcement of Initial List of Recommended Areas (LRA) for Marine Sanctuary Designation and List of Active Candidates

AGENCY: Office of Coastal Zone Management (OCZM), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice catalogs those marine sanctuary recommendations submitted to date which have been determined to be eligible for inclusion on the List of Recommended Areas (LRA) in accordance with the revised regulations and those additional sites determined to be eligible for inclusion on the List of Active Candidates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JoAnn Chandler, Acting Director, Sanctuary Programs Office, Office of Coastal Zone Management, Page Building 1, 3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20235, (202) 634-4236.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 31, 1979, NOAA published revised General Marine Sanctuaries regulations pursuant to Title III of the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act of 1972, Pub. L. 92-532, 16 U.S.C. 1431-1434. These regulations (44 FR 44831; July 31, 1979), prescribing the procedures for nominating and designating marine sanctuaries call for NOAA to establish and LRA containing those areas with at least some potential for designation. The initial LRA must be published within 3 months of the effective date of the regulations. From this list NOAA will select Active Candidates following specified

procedures and criteria. These Active Candidates must be published in a separate list published concurrently. These lists are published herewith.

All recommendations submitted prior to the date of this notice have been reviewed in accordance with the stated site evaluation criteria (section 922.21(b)). Sites that do not appear on the LRA were not listed because the information contained in the original recommendation was either inadequate or indicated that the site did not meet the criteria. In both cases the recommenders were notified of the decision and given 20 days to provide additional information. No further responses were received; however, the recommendations may be resubmitted at any time with additional information.

If a recommended site does not appear on the LRA and no notification has been received from NOAA, the recommenders are urged to contact the Sanctuary Programs Office. At this time, NOAA has made no effort to revise suggested boundaries as provided for by § 922.21(d). In subsequent review, particularly for selection as Active Candidates, those site descriptions where the recommended boundaries appear either excessive or inadequate to protect the resources may be modified. In certain cases of overlapping or adjacent sites, a combined or revised site description has been prepared on the LRA. Further combinations may be made in the future.

On August 10, 1979, NOAA published a Preliminary List of Active Candidates consisting of those sites for which a Public Workshop had been held or had been scheduled to be held prior to the effective date of the revised regulations (44 FR 47132, August 10, 1979). This publication was made in accordance with section 922.23(d) of the revised regulations.

Since publication, one new Active Candidate, Gray's Reef, has been named (44 FR 58938, October 12, 1979). One site, Georges Bank, is no longer considered an Active Candidate (see FR Doc. 79-33601 in this Issue of the Federal Register). Accordingly, NOAA's list of Active Candidates is being published concurrently with the initial LRA.

The sites placed on the LRA will be considered for Active Candidate status and possible future designation on the basis of further evaluation criteria, as stated in the regulations. Placement of a site on the LRA or selection as an Active Candidate does not establish any regulatory controls. This can only occur after the designation of a marine sanctuary in accordance with the regulations. Listing is a prerequisite for designation as a marine sanctuary, but it

does not imply that designation will occur.

List of Recommended Areas

The following sites have been placed on the LRA. The abbreviations of the adjacent States are given in parentheses solely for the purpose of facilitating site identification. This identification does not imply that the site lies within the State's territorial sea.

East Coast

Hampton Harbor Estuary (NH), Jeffrey's Ledge and Isles of Shoals (NH), Stellwagen Bank (MA), Nantucket Shoals (MA), Coral/Hydrographer Canyon (MA), Coral/Oceanographer Canyon (MA), Coral/Lydonia Canyon (MA), Coral/Corsair Canyon (MA), Georges Bank (MA), Narragansett Bay (RI), Ninigret Pond (RI), 12 Miles SE of Fire Island Inlet (NY), Tinicum Marsh (PA), Tinicum Island (PA), Barrier Beach Inlets (NJ), Hudson Canyon (NJ), Great Bay/Mullica River Estuary (NJ), Offshore Sand Ridges/Basins (NJ), Shipwrecks (NJ), Coral/Wilmington Canyon (DE/MD), Coral/Baltimore Canyon (MD), Assateague Island Seashore (MD/VA), Virginia Barrier Islands and Bays (VA), Coral/Washington Canyon (VA), Coral/Norfolk Canyon (VA), Alcyonarian Coral Tree Area in Norfolk Canyon (VA), Beaufort Estuary/Island Sites (NC), North Edisto River and Estuary (SC), Skidaway Island (GA).

Great Lakes

Monroe Harbor Area (MI).

Gulf Coast and Caribbean

Big Bend Seagrass Beds (FL), Florida Middle Ground (FL), Buccaneer Field (TX), Carlos, Mesquite and Ayres Bays (TX), Espiritu Santo Bay (TX), Harbor Island-Redfish Bay (TX), Salt River, St. Croix (VI), Mona/Monito Islands (PR), Culebra Island/Cordillera Reef/Vieques (Bioluminescent Bay) (PR), Caha de Muertas (PR), La Parquera (PR), Desecheo Island (PR), Salinas/Jobos (PR).

West Coast and Hawaii

Southern California Right Queets/Kalalock to Neah Bay (CA), Nisqually Delta (WA), Thorndyke Bay and Hood Canal (WA), Padilla and Skagit Bays (WA), Willapa Bay (WA), North Coast Rookeries (CA), Mendocino Offshore (CA), Tanner/Cortes Banks (CA), San Diego Canyons (CA), San Nicholas Island (CA), Waters off San Diego (CA), Waters off Maui (HA).

Alaska

Beaufort Sea, Bering Straits, Yukon Delta-Kuskokwim Bay, Bristol Bay, Anagula Island, Pribilof Islands and Shelf Break, Unimak Pass, Gulf Coast of Alaska Peninsula including Kodiak Islands, Barren Island Areas, Lower Cook Inlet, Kachemak Bay, Tuxedni Bay, Prince William Sound-North Gulf of Alaska.

List of Active Candidates

(1) Flower Garden Banks (off Louisiana and Texas), (2) The Northern Channel Islands and Santa Barbara

Island (off California), (3) Monterey Bay (off California), (4) Point Reyes/Farallon Islands (off California), (5) Looe Key (off Florida), (6) St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, (7) Gray's Reef (off Georgia).

Dated: October 25, 1979.

Francis J. Balint,

Acting Director, Office of Management and Computer Systems.

[FR Doc. 79-33598 Filed 10-30-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-06-M

Announcement of Removal of Georges Bank From List of Active Candidates for Marine Sanctuary Designation

AGENCY: Office of Coastal Zone Management (OCZM), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Administrator for OCZM has determined that the site on Georges Bank nominated for marine sanctuary designation should not continue to be an Active Candidate. The basis for this determination is the fact that the ability of existing regulatory mechanisms to protect fully the values of the Lease Sale 42 area, the area most immediately threatened, has been significantly increased and it appears more likely that sufficient effort will be devoted to protection there without creating a sanctuary. Sites in the general area will continue to be studied as possible Active Candidates.

Discussion: On May 10, 1979, the Gloucester Fishermen's Wives Association and others nominated an area encompassing the entire Georges Bank for designation as a marine sanctuary. On August 10, 1979, OCZM named the area an Active Candidate (44 FR 47132) and at the same time, published a Notice of Availability of an Issue Paper and a schedule of Public Workshops for August 22, 23, and 24 in New England (44 FR 47132). Comments received in response to the Issue Paper and at the Public Workshops indicate that the only threat which would require sanctuary regulations at this time is oil and gas development, in particular Lease Sale 42, scheduled for November 6, 1979.

On September 21, 1979, following the workshops, NOAA, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Department of the Interior (DOI) agreed on a variety of safeguards to increase the protection of the rich biological resources of the Bank and their habitats from risks associated with Lease Sale 42. These safeguards include the following:

- The Department of the Interior will delete from the forthcoming lease sale 12 tracts located near the Lydonia and Powell Canyon heads along the southern edge of Georges Bank, containing important communities of lobster, coral, and other bottom dwelling organisms which would be adversely affected by drilling activities;

- A NOAA/EPA/DOI Biological Task Force for Georges Bank will be established to assess the effects of oil and gas development and recommend whatever measures are necessary to assure protection of the ecosystem and fisheries of the Bank;

- NOAA will review exploration and development and protection and production plans with respect to endangered species;

- The lessee will be required to maintain on-site pollution control equipment at both the exploration and development stages;

- Lease stipulations will require:

- Special surveys, studies and sampling for areas with biological populations or habitats which may require additional protection;

- Safe disposal of drill cuttings, drill muds and formation waters.

OCZM believes that these measures have significantly increased the ability of existing regulatory mechanisms to protect the values of the area most immediately threatened and make it more likely that sufficient effort will be devoted to such protection. In light of these measures, the belief expressed by a majority of commentators that oil and gas operations could proceed with adequate safeguards, and the comparatively lower risks associated with drilling in this area as opposed to other areas of the Bank, designation of a sanctuary to include the area is not an immediate priority. OCZM will continue to study the desirability of designating areas outside the Lease Sale 42 area, both on the Bank and adjacent to it.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: JoAnn Chandler, Acting Director, Sanctuary Program Office, Office of Coastal Zone Management, NOAA, Page Building I, 3300 Whitehaven Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20235 (202/634-4236).

Dated: October 24, 1979.

Francis J. Balint,

Acting Director, Office of Management and Computer Systems.

[FR Doc. 79-33601 Filed 10-30-79; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 3510-06-M

Office of the Secretary

National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program; Public Hearing

The Department of Commerce will hold an informal public hearing on the proposed criteria for accrediting testing laboratories that test carpet. This hearing is being held at the request of