

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide
year 2010 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surfclam and
ocean quahog allocation owners that
they will be required to purchase their
year 2010 cage tags from the National
Band and Tag Company. The intent of
this notice is to comply with regulations
for the Atlantic surfclam and ocean
quahog fisheries and to promote
efficient distribution of cage tags.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be
sent to: Regional Administrator,
National Marine Fisheries Service,
Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great
Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-
2298.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Anna Macan, Fishery Management
Specialist, (978) 281-9165; fax (978)
281-9135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Federal Atlantic surfclam and ocean
quahog fishery regulations at 50 CFR
648.75(b) authorize the Regional
Administrator of the Northeast Region,
NMFS, to specify in the **Federal
Register** a vendor from whom cage tags,
required under the Atlantic Surfclam
and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management
Plan (FMP), shall be purchased. Notice
is hereby given that National Band and
Tag Company of Newport, Kentucky, is
the authorized vendor of cage tags
required for the year 2010 Federal
surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries.
Detailed instructions for purchasing
these cage tags will be provided in a
letter to allocation owners in these
fisheries from NMFS within the next
several weeks.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 16, 2009.

Emily H. Menashes,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act Provisions; Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Fishery; 2010 Fishing Quotas for Atlantic Surfclams and Ocean Quahogs

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NMFS is announcing that the
quotas for the Atlantic surfclam and
ocean quahog fisheries for 2010 remain
status quo. Regulations governing these
fisheries require NMFS to notify the
public in the **Federal Register** of the
allowable harvest levels for Atlantic
surfclams and ocean quahogs from the
Exclusive Economic Zone if the
previous year's quota specifications
remain unchanged.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be
sent to: Regional Administrator,
National Marine Fisheries Service,
Northeast Regional Office, 55 Great
Republic Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-
2298.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Anna Macan, Fishery Management
Specialist, (978) 281-9177; fax (978)
281-9135.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
fishery management plan for the
Atlantic surfclam and ocean quahog
fisheries requires that NMFS issue
notification in the **Federal Register** of
the upcoming year's quota, even in
cases where the quota remains
unchanged from the previous year. At
its June 2009 meeting, the Mid-Atlantic
Fishery Management Council voted that
no action be taken to change the quota
specifications for Atlantic surfclams and
ocean quahogs for the 2010 fishing year
(January 1 through December 31, 2010),
and recommended maintaining the 2008
quota levels of 3.4 million bu (181
million L) for Atlantic surfclams, 5.333
million bu (284 million L) for ocean
quahogs, and 100,000 Maine bu (3.524
million L) for Maine ocean quahogs, as
announced in the **Federal Register** on
January 4, 2008 (73 FR 820).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: October 16, 2009.

Emily H. Menashes,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Broadband Data Transparency Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of Public Meeting.

SUMMARY: The National
Telecommunications and Information
Administration (NTIA) will host a
public meeting regarding data related to
broadband Internet access that the
agency collects, data needs of
researchers, and future broadband
research.

DATES: The meeting will be held on
October 30, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00
p.m. Eastern Daylight Time.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at
the U.S. Department of Commerce,
National Telecommunications and
Information Administration, 1401
Constitution Avenue, NW, Herbert C.
Hoover Building, Room 4830,
Washington, DC 20230 (please enter at
14th Street). The disability accessible
entrance is located at the 14th Street
Aquarium Entrance. Any change in the
location will be posted on NTIA's
website (www.ntia.doc.gov) prior to the
meeting.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For
further information regarding the
meeting, contact James McConnaughey,
NTIA, at (202) 482-1880 or
JMcConnaughey@ntia.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: President
Obama is committed to the expansion of
broadband Internet access across the
United States as a necessary part of the
foundation for long term economic
stability and prosperity.¹ The National
Telecommunications and Information
Administration (NTIA) is the President's
principal adviser on domestic and
international communications policies
pertaining to the Nation's economic and
technological advancement. In order to
achieve the technology and broadband

¹ See Guiding Principles, "Innovation in the
Economy: Drive Economic Growth and Solve
National Problems by Deploying a 21st Century
Information Infrastructure," [http://
www.whitehouse.gov/issues/technology](http://www.whitehouse.gov/issues/technology).

goals of the Administration, NTIA is working with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC), the Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service (RUS), and other stakeholders to develop and implement economic and regulatory policies that foster broadband Internet access deployment and adoption. Current and detailed data on broadband Internet use and access by U.S. households is critical to allow policymakers not only to gauge progress made to date, but to identify problem areas.

The purpose of the public meeting is to provide information to the research community regarding the type and availability of broadband data that may be made publicly available for use by the research community, and to hear from this research community with respect to their data needs. NTIA is authorized to conduct studies and evaluations concerning communications research and development and for 15 years, has developed and analyzed Internet data (including more recently the high-speed variety). These activities have provided essential data for prudent policymaking in this area, including fueling the needs of the research community whose work could be invaluable inputs for sound policies. NTIA currently collects broadband related data from several sources. Pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) and the Broadband Data Improvement Act (BDIA), two broadband initiatives within NTIA, the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program (State Broadband Data Program), are accumulating a variety of data.² Under the State Broadband Data Program in particular, this includes data that will populate a comprehensive, interactive, and searchable nationwide inventory map of existing broadband service capability and availability in the United States that depicts the geographic extent to which broadband service capability is deployed, available, and adopted from a commercial or public provider throughout each State.³

In October 2009, the Census Bureau collected through the Current Population Survey (CPS) data based on questions that NTIA sponsored and developed to provide up-to-date information on the extent of U.S.

broadband adoption and the major reasons why current non-users choose not to adopt. Data have been generated by several demographic and geographic categories and must be weighted and appropriately aggregated before release. Census periodically releases public use files containing the raw data collected.

These various data may be made publicly available for use by the research community to conduct economic, financial, demographic, and other studies. Such release, however, may be limited by such Federal disclosure laws as the Freedom of Information Act and the Trade Secrets Act.

Specific information regarding the status of and data from specific applications for the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program (BTOP) and the State Broadband Data and Development Grant Program (State Broadband Data Program) will not be discussed at the meeting.

Matters to Be Considered: The meeting will include a discussion of the following topics:

1. The types and frequency of broadband Internet access data that NTIA can compile through its ongoing programs and research that will be useful to the research community. For example, NTIA has categories of data from the BTOP and State Broadband Data Program and is gathering information through the next CPS that may be useful to the research community;

2. The current sources of data available to the research community for research related to broadband Internet access;

3. The economic, social, policy, or other areas that research related to broadband Internet access can inform;

4. The emergent themes, trends, and new directions within the research community regarding broadband Internet access data;

5. The data format preferred by researchers including those for distributing broadband-related data on the Web to promote maximum transparency for researchers and the interested public; and

6. The legal requirements regarding the agency's collection of and dissemination of data from third parties.

Time and Date: The meeting will be held on October 30, 2009, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. The times and the agenda topics are subject to change. The meeting may be webcast. Please refer to NTIA's web site, <http://www.ntia.doc.gov>, for the most up-to-date meeting agenda and webcast information.

Place: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4830, Washington, DC 20230. The meeting will be open to the public and press on a first-come, first-served basis. Space is limited. Attendees should bring a photo ID and arrive early to clear security. The public meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Individuals requiring accommodations, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, are asked to notify Mr. McConnaughey at (202) 482-1880 or JMcConnaughey@ntia.doc.gov, at least five (5) business days before the meeting.

Dated: October 19, 2009.

Kathy D. Smith,

Chief Counsel, National Telecommunications and Information Administration.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Notice of Intent, Pursuant to the Authority in Section 2(h)(7) of the Commodity Exchange Act and Commission Rule 36.3(c)(3), To Undertake a Determination Whether the NWP Rockies Financial Basis Contract, Offered for Trading on the IntercontinentalExchange, Inc., Performs a Significant Price Discovery Function

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of action and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission") is undertaking a review to determine whether the NWP¹ Rockies Financial Basis ("NWR") contract, offered for trading on the IntercontinentalExchange, Inc. ("ICE"), an exempt commercial market ("ECM") under Sections 2(h)(3)-(5) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA" or the "Act"), performs a significant price discovery function. Authority for this action is found in section 2(h)(7) of the CEA and Commission rule 36.3(c) promulgated thereunder. In connection with this evaluation, the Commission invites comment from interested parties.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 6, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

¹ The acronym "NWP" indicates the Northwest Pipeline.

² Broadband Data Improvement Act, Pub. Law No. 110-385, 122 Stat. 4096, section 106(b) (2008). The Secretary delegated his authority to meet the obligations of section 106 of the BDIA to the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information on April 9, 2009.

³ Recovery Act, section 6001(l), 123 Stat. at 516.