

Pacific Region, 50 CFR 660.50(b)(2), NMFS is required to publish by February 28 of each year, the harvest guidelines for lobster Permit Area 1 around the NWHI. The year 2000 NWHI lobster fishery was closed because of concerns raised by NMFS scientists about the health of the fishery and as a precautionary measure to prevent overfishing of the lobster resources. Furthermore, NMFS is under a Court Order issued by the U.S. District Court for the District of Hawaii to keep the crustacean fisheries closed until an Environmental Impact Statement and a Biological Opinion have been prepared and issued for the crustacean fisheries. In addition, recently issued Executive Orders 13178 and 13196 appear to close indefinitely the entire NWHI crustacean fishery. Given these events, NMFS announces that it will not be publishing any harvest guidelines for this fishery for the year 2001. Although no regulatory action has been taken to close the NWHI lobster fishery for 2001, NMFS anticipates that this will occur in the near future. Therefore, no harvest of NWHI lobster resources will be allowed and effectively the harvest guideline will be zero. In addition, there is still uncertainty regarding the model assumptions used by NMFS scientists to estimate the exploitable lobster population. However, as indicated in the NMFS 2001 "Report to Congress" on the status of fisheries, the lobster stock is not overfished. NMFS intends to conduct biological research on the status of NWHI lobster resources and to examine the resulting data for indications as to the appropriate direction for future fishery management actions.

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board; Notice of Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Intelligence Needs for Homeland Defense Follow-On Initiative will meet in closed session on February 27-28, 2001; March 27-28

2001; and April 24-25, 2001, at Strategic Analysis, Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA 22201. This Task Force will explore the intelligence ramifications posed by a changing spectrum of threat regimes, including biological, chemical, information, nuclear, and radiological weapons.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: consider the broad spectrum of intelligence issues from early threat detection to deterrence, through response including attribution; evaluate the collection and analysis of target-related information and weapon unique information; examine the role of HUMINT against these missions as well as the technology that the HUMINT collectors need to be equipped with; consider strategic indications and warning and tactical warning dissemination and how the two need to be merged; analyze methodology to correlate large data flows spatially temporally and functionally (Low SNR); and assess the robustness of today's intelligence apparatus for coping with these challenges.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that these Defense Science Board meetings, concern matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly these meetings will be closed to the public.

Due to critical mission requirements and scheduling conflicts, there is insufficient time to provide timely notice required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Subsection 101-6.1015(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR Part 101-6, which further requires publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the meeting of the Task Force.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board; Notice of Meeting

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee Meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board (DSB) Task Force on Training for Future Conflicts will meet in closed session on February 28, 2001, at SAIC, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22201. This Task Force will focus on identifying and characterizing what education and training are demanded by Joint Vision 2010/2020, and will address the development and demonstration time phasing over the next two decades for the combined triad of technology modernization, operational concepts, and training.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will also identify those approaches and techniques that potential enemies might take that could prepare them to revolutionize their warfare capabilities, thereby achieving a training surprise against the U.S. or its allies. This review will include, but not be limited to, unique training/education developments which might be spawned by allies or an adversary, training techniques and methodologies which might be transferred from the U.S. or through third parties, and finally, the possibilities emerging as a result of the globalization of military and information technologies, related commercial services and their application by other nations.

In accordance with section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Pub. L. No. 92-463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II), it has been determined that this Defense Science Board meeting, concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Due to critical mission requirements and scheduling conflicts, there is insufficient time to provide timely notice required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and Subsection 101-6.1015(b) of the GSA Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR Part 101-6, which further requires publication at least 15 calendar days prior to the meeting of the Task Force.