

Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) by Executive Order 12975, October 3, 1995. The purpose of NBAC is to provide advice and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council and other appropriate entities on bioethical issues arising from research on human biology and behavior and the applications, including the clinical applications, of that research.

Tentative Agenda

Friday, December 13, 1996

Morning Session

7:30–11:30 a.m. Discussion of issues by subcommittee members regarding the use of genetic information and technology.

11:30–12:30 p.m. Lunch.

Afternoon Session

12:30–3:00 p.m. Continuation of discussion by subcommittee members of issues regarding the use of genetic information and technology.

3:00–3:30 p.m. Public comment.

3:30 p.m. Adjourn.

Public Participation

The meeting is open to the public with attendance limited to space available. Members of the public who wish to make oral statements should contact NBAC at the address or telephone number listed below. Reasonable provisions will be made to include on the agenda presentations by persons requesting an opportunity to speak. Individuals who plan to attend the meeting and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other special accommodations, should also contact NBAC at the address or telephone number listed below at least seven business days prior to the meeting. Persons who wish to file written statements with NBAC may do so at any time.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patricia Norris, Communications Director, National Bioethics Advisory Commission, MSC-7508, 6100 Executive Boulevard, Suite 3C01, Rockville, Maryland 20892-7508, telephone 301-402-4242, fax 301-480-6900.

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Notice of Meeting of the Human Subjects Subcommittee of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended (5 U.S.C. Appendix 2), this notice is hereby given to announce an open meeting of the Human Subjects Subcommittee of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC). The purpose is to discuss issues regarding the protection of human research subjects.

DATES: Monday, December 16, 1996, 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: National Institutes of Health, Building 31 C wing, 6th Floor, Conference Room 8, Bethesda, Maryland 20892.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The President established the National Bioethics Advisory Commission (NBAC) by Executive Order 12975, October 3, 1995. The purpose of NBAC is to provide advice and make recommendations to the National Science and Technology Council and other appropriate entities on bioethical issues arising from research on human biology and behavior and the applications, including the clinical applications, of that research.

Tentative Agenda

Monday, December 16, 1996.

Morning Session

7:30–11:30 a.m. Discussion of human subjects protections issues by subcommittee members.

11:30–12:30 p.m. Lunch.

Afternoon Session

12:30–3:00 p.m. Continuation of discussion of human subjects protections issues by subcommittee members.

3:00–3:30 p.m. Public comment.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Notice of Availability of Final Handbook for Habitat Conservation Planning and Incidental Take Permitting Process

AGENCIES: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior, and National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of document availability.

SUMMARY: The Fish and Wildlife Service and National Marine Fisheries Service (hereafter referred to as the Services) announce the availability of their final Handbook for Habitat Conservation Planning and Incidental Take Permitting Process. This final guidance document provides internal guidance for conducting the incidental take permit program under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act). Its purpose is to provide policy and guidance for section 10(a)(1)(B) procedures to promote efficiency and nationwide consistency within and between the Services. Although intended primarily as internal agency guidance, this Handbook is fully available for public evaluation, and use, as appropriate.

ADDRESSES: Persons wishing to receive a copy of the final Handbook for Habitat Conservation Planning and Incidental Take Permitting Process should contact the Division of Endangered Species, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 4401 North Fairfax Drive, Room 452, Arlington, Virginia 22203, or the Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1335 East-