



**Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation
Derelict Fishing Gear and Related Marine Debris Seminar**

**January 13-16, 2004
Honolulu, HI
East-West Center
University of Hawaii, Manoa**

FOLLOW-UP SEMINAR NOTICE

On behalf of the APEC Fisheries Working Group, I would once again like to cordially invite you to participate in the upcoming APEC Derelict Fishing Gear and Related Marine Debris Seminar, scheduled for 13-16 January 2004 in Honolulu, Hawaii.

We request that those interested in participating please return the enclosed registration/travel form to Ms. Rifi Sachdev (rifi.sachdev@noaa.gov; Tel: (808) 522-6044; Fax: (808) 522-8226) without delay in order to receive the seminar rate at the venue hotel. In addition, we ask that participants review the following information and respond as requested or as appropriate.

Registration and Hotel Reservations

The host requests that those interested in participating return the enclosed registration/travel form to the seminar travel coordinator, Ms. Rifi Sachdev, as soon as possible. If participants choose to make hotel bookings themselves, instead of working through Ms. Sachdev, please be advised that when making the reservation at the Ala Moana Hotel you must indicate that you will be attending the "APEC Marine Debris Seminar," in order to get the seminar room rate.

Social Functions

Participants are requested to return the enclosed RSVP card to Ms. Sachdev by January 1, 2004 for the opening reception on January 13th and the closing luau dinner on January 16th.

Technical Tour

Participants are also reminded that there will be a Technical Tour to the Hawaii Metals Recycling Plant on Friday, January 16, 2004. The tour will take approximately one half day. This tour will provide an excellent opportunity for participants to view first-hand a recycling operation for derelict gear and nets and learn about the operation. All participants are encouraged to attend. Casual attire and sturdy shoes are recommended. Cameras are welcome.

Poster/Display space

Space has been made available in the seminar meeting room in the East-West Center for posters or displays to be set up by participants. Several participants have indicated an interest in bringing a poster or display to exhibit throughout the seminar. Fifteen poster-boards on wheels will be available. The dimensions of the poster-boards are XX height, XX width, and XX length. If you are interested in bringing a poster or other display item, please contact Ms. Cidney Howard (howardcn@state.gov; Tel: (202)647-2335; Fax: (202) 736-7350).

Parking permits at the East-West Center

Parking permits are required at the seminar venue. If you are planning to rent a car while in Honolulu, and you will be driving yourself to the seminar each day, please contact Ms. Sachdev and Ms. Howard, so a parking permit can be made available to you.

We look forward to meeting and working with everyone on this important topic in January. Please do not hesitate to contact me (mciffel@state.gov), Ms. Holly Koehler (hrkoehler@hotmail.com) or Ms. Cidney Howard (howardcn@state.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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