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NATIONAL COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF THE NAVY

Public Hearing on Improving America's Maritime Seapower

AGENCY: National Commission on the Future of the Navy.

ACTION: Announcement of public hearing.

SUMMARY: The Commissioners of the National Commission on the Future of the Navy (FNC), in accordance with the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023, will hold a public hearing to hear from leaders in the Department of War and Department of Navy and better understand department actions to improve America's maritime seapower. Those wishing to attend, present at, or submit a written statement to the Board prior to the public hearing must provide advance notice to the agency as detailed below.

DATES: The public hearing with be held at 10 a.m. EST, Wednesday, July 22, 2026.

ADDRESSES: The public hearing will take place in room 2118 of the Rayburn House Office Building. The hearing is open to the public.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Congress established the National Commission on the Future of the Navy in the Fiscal Year 2023 National Defense Authorization Act to provide an independent, bipartisan assessment of U.S. naval force structure, readiness, and long-term maritime requirements. The statute directs the Commission to conduct a comprehensive review of fleet size and force mix, naval aviation, shipbuilding capacity, personnel policies, and the force-generation model that sustains combat power at sea. It authorizes the Commission to hold public hearings, receive testimony, and obtain information from Federal departments and agencies to support recommendations to Congress. This hearing is the second in support of this effort.

The hearing is comprised of one panel that is open to the public. It will consist of leaders from the Department of War and Department of Navy; they will provide perspectives on what a future

Navy looks like to include strategy, force structure and needs of the industrial base to meet such strategy and force structure.

For further information on the Commission, go to www.futurenavy.senate.gov.

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