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Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

DOC has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Phase Equilibria Data for Ceramics.

Form Number(s): None.

Agency Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 400 hours.

Number of Respondents: 200.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 2 hours.

Needs and Uses: NIST seeks to assess the economic impact of its joint program with the American Ceramic Society on the evaluation and distribution of relevant phase equilibria data. The respondents will be U.S. ceramic producers and their customers. The results will be used by NIST for program evaluation purposes.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations, Not-for-profit institutions, and the Federal Government.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-3785.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed

information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 13, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Government-owned Invention; Availability for Licensing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of a government-owned invention available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce, and is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Industrial Partnerships Program, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

NIST Docket Number: 95-029/30

Abstract: A permeation tube sealed internally in a commercially available automatic sampler vial provides a simple and convenient method of preparing, using, and storing long-term samples such as retention index standards. The approach is especially suited to the handling of volatile organic compounds (VOCs). Sample can be dispensed at very low concentration, even at infinite dilution.

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Pacific Salmon Fisheries Off the Coasts of California, Oregon, Washington, Alaska and in the Columbia River Basin

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; scoping meeting; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: In the Federal Register of January 27, 1997, NMFS announced its intent to hold scoping meetings, prepare Environmental Assessments (EAs) and an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on ocean and in-river fisheries that may result in the incidental take of Pacific salmonids currently listed or proposed for listing under the Endangered Species Act. In the Federal Register of March 4, 1997, NMFS announced the time and place for the Alaska meeting and extended the comment period. Due to severe winter weather conditions the Alaska meeting was postponed. NMFS is therefore announcing a new scoping meeting in Alaska and is also extending the comment period on the EIS and EAs.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted through March 31, 1997. The scoping meeting will be held on March 20, 1997, 1:30-3:30 p.m., Sitka, AK.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and requests to be included on a mailing list of persons interested in the EIS should be sent to Joseph R. Blum, Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division (PR3), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The scoping meeting for Alaska will be held at the Sitka Centennial Building, 330 Harbor Drive, Sitka, AK 99835.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph R. Blum (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Background and rationale for this action were provided in the notice of intent (62 FR 3873, January 27, 1997) and are not repeated here.

NMFS announced the time and place for the Alaska meeting and extended the comment period (62 FR 9750, March 4, 1997).

Special Accommodations

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Tamra Faris (907)

586-7228 at least 3 days before the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*; 42 U.S.C. *et seq.*

Dated: March 13, 1997.

Gary C. Matlock,
*Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC), Bycatch Subcommittee, from April 14 to April 15, 1997.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. April 14, 1997, 1:00 p.m. - 5 p.m.
2. April 15, 1997, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Falmouth Inn, 824 Main Street, Falmouth, MA. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Wheeler, Executive Secretary; telephone: (301) 713-2252.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC or MAFAC Subcommittees. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1971, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of this Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and environmental, state, consumer, academic, and other national interests.

Matters To Be Considered

Matters to be considered include Bycatch Subcommittee business only:

April 14, 1997

(1) Briefing on NMFS Bycatch Task Force

(2) Briefing on Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission Bycatch Initiatives

April 15, 1997

(1) Discussion of Impact of Magnuson-Stevens Act on bycatch considerations within the Fishery Management Plan process.

(2) Briefing and discussion of Take Reduction Team Efforts on Harbor Porpoise and Large Whale TRT efforts.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see ADDRESSES).

Dated: March 14, 1997.

Charles Karnella,

*Acting Director, Office of Operation,
Management and Information, National
Marine Fisheries Service.*

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings to discuss various issues.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

DATES: The Council meeting will be held April 8-11, 1997. Various advisory groups will be meeting on Monday, April 7. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, April 8, at 8 a.m., in a closed session (not open to the public) to discuss litigation and personnel matters. The open session begins at 8:30 a.m. The Council meeting reconvenes at 8 a.m., Wednesday through Friday, and will adjourn when Council business has been completed.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Clarion Hotel, 401 East Millbrae Avenue, Millbrae, CA 94030, (415) 697-8735.

Council address: Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence D. Six, Executive Director, Pacific Fishery Management Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite 224, Portland, OR; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council Agenda

A. Call to Order

B. Salmon Management

1. Tentative Adoption of 1997 Ocean Salmon Management Measures for Analysis

2. Clarify Council Direction

3. Methodology Reviews for 1997

4. Identification of Stocks Not

Meeting Escapement Goals for 3

Consecutive Years

5. Final Action on 1997 Measures -

Including Halibut Incidental Catch

C. Habitat Issues

Report of Steering Group - Consider Adding Marine Habitat Expertise to Steering Group

D. Groundfish Management

1. Status of Federal Regulations Implementing Council Actions

2. Status of Fisheries and Inseason Management Adjustments

3. Revised Stock Assessment Process

4. Review of Harvest Policy

5. Development of Groundfish Fishery Capacity Reduction Program

6. Scoping for Plan Amendments

7. California Gillnet Regulations in the Exclusive Economic Zone

8. Status Report on Oregon Observer Program

9. Report of the Industry Meeting on Salmon Bycatch Avoidance in the Whiting Fishery

10. Composition of the Groundfish Advisory Panel

11. Member, Staff, and Agency Work Load

E. Administrative and Other Matters

1. Report of the Budget Committee

2. Status of Legislation

3. Draft Agenda for June 1997

Other Meetings

The Groundfish Management Team will meet on Monday, April 7, at 8 a.m. to discuss final action on Federal gillnet regulations off California, inseason management adjustments, and initiation of the plan amendment process to meet new requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Conservation and Management Act.

The Salmon Technical Team will convene as necessary Monday, April 7-11, to address salmon management items on the Council agenda.

The Scientific and Statistical Committee will convene on Monday, April 7, at 9 a.m., and Tuesday, April 8, at 8 a.m., to address scientific issues related to Council agenda items.

The Habitat Steering Group will convene on Monday, April 7, at 10 a.m.,