

isotope ratios, these ratios are used for quantification of the important processes. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the courses GLY 5298 "Advanced Topics in Geochemistry" and GLY 5261 "Advanced Topics in Geochronology." Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: March 25, 1997.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 96-148. *Applicant:* Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1531. *Instrument:* Mass Spectrometer, Model MAT ELEMENT. *Manufacturer:* Finnigan MAT, Germany. *Intended Use:* See notice at 62 FR 6216, February 11, 1997.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) A magnetic sector analyzer for best sensitivity to study low levels of ^{230}Th and ^{231}Pa in seawater and (2) fastest sample throughput to meet laboratory workloads. The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum dated February 4, 1997 that (1) These capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value

to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032497B]

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings; correction.

SUMMARY: This public meeting notice for the 92nd meeting of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council was originally published in the March 31, 1997, issue of the **Federal Register**.

Numerous corrections have made it necessary to reprint this notice in its entirety; therefore, this notice supersedes the March 31 publication.

DATES: The meetings will be held on April 21-25, 1997. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Ala Moana Hotel, Garden Lanai and Pakalana/Anthurium Rooms, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 855-4811.

Council address: Western Pacific Fishery Management Council, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1405, Honolulu, HI 96813.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 31, 1997 (61 FR 15157), a public meeting notice for the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council was published. Due to various corrections, it is hereby reprinted in its entirety for ease of reading, as follows:

A meeting of the full Advisory Panel (AP) will be held on Monday, April 21, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. On Tuesday, April 22, 1997, the Pacific Insular Area Fishing Agreement (PIAFA) Working Group will meet from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., and the Western Pacific Fishery Information Network (WpacFIN) Fishery Data (Coordinating) Committee will meet from 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Council's Standing Committees will meet on Wednesday, April 23, 1997, from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30

p.m. The Council's Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee will meet concurrently with the Enforcement Standing Committee. The full Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 24, 1997, and from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Friday, April 25, 1997.

The Council will discuss and may take action on the following agenda items:

1. Report on the AP meeting and recommendations to the Council;
2. Reports from the islands;
3. Reports on enforcement issues, including:
 - (a) U.S. Coast Guard report,
 - (b) NMFS activities and VMS update,
 - (c) VMS data request for research, and
 - (d) status of violations.
4. Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requirements for Fishery Management Plan (FMP) amendments, including:
 - (a) consistency of definitions;
 - (b) bycatch;
 - (c) fishing sectors (commercial, recreational, charter);
 - (d) essential fish habitat;
 - (e) fishing communities; and
 - (f) overfishing.
5. Pelagic fishery issues, including:
 - (a) pelagic fisheries research and data reporting;
 - (b) determination of total allowable level of foreign fishing for American Samoa, Guam, and the Northern Mariana Islands (NMI);
 - (c) status of bycatch/incidental take, interaction issues and assessments for turtles, sharks and seabirds;
 - (d) gear conflict between handliners and longliners;
 - (e) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) recommendations;
 - (f) public hearing;
 - (g) report on South Pacific Tuna treaty review and future international meetings; and
 - (h) other issues.
6. Crustacean fishery issues, including:
 - (a) Recommend that the Regional Administrator issue a final rule establishing a VMS program for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) lobster fishery;
 - (b) possible changes to the NWHI lobster fishery regulations under the framework procedures of the FMP, regarding: model to estimate exploitable lobster population in the NWHI; risk analysis estimation procedure; high-grading during 1996 NWHI lobster season; review harvest guideline for the 1997 NWHI lobster season for possible adjustment; grandfathered permit transferability issue; NWHI revised lobster catch report form; and impact of expanding live lobster product;

(c) NMFS lobster research activities; industry concerns about the fishery; summary of Review Panel's report/recommendations; Crustacean Plan Team/Hawaii-Crustacean Advisory Panel recommendations; SSC recommendations; public hearing; and (d) other issues.

7. Reports from fishery agencies and organizations.

8. Bottomfish issues, including:
(a) overfished Main Hawaiian Islands (MHI) onaga and ehu (State of Hawaii Draft Management Plan and Council's Management Plan);

(b) status of NWHI management system;

(c) SSC recommendations;
(d) public hearing; and
(e) other issues.

9. Native rights and indigenous fishing issues, including:

(a) PIAFA requirements such as conservation plans for American Samoa, Guam, the NMI and other U.S.

possessions;

(b) report of PIAFA Working Group;

(c) status of AP for demonstration projects;

(d) status of Commonwealth of NMI turtle study;

(e) SSC recommendations;
(f) Native Rights Committee recommendations;

(g) public hearing; and
(h) other issues.

10. Ecosystems and Habitat, including:

(a) summary of recent activities; and
(b) SSC recommendations.

11. Precious corals, including:

(a) application for permit to harvest precious corals;

12. Program planning, including:
(a) education and outreach program; and

(b) status of WpacFIN.

13. Administrative matters, including:

(a) Statement of Organization,

Practices, and Procedures revision;

(b) administrative reports;

(c) future meetings and travel; and

(d) other business as required.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to meeting date.

Dated: April 3, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The National Weather Service (NWS) is publishing proposed certifications for the proposed consolidations of:

(1) International Falls Weather Service Office (WSO) into the future Duluth and Eastern North Dakota Weather Forecast Offices (WFO);

(2) Abilene WSO into the future San Angelo WFO; and

(3) Victoria WSO into the future Corpus Christi WFO. In accordance with Pub. Law 102-567, the public will have 60-days in which to comment on these proposed consolidation certifications.

DATES: Comments are requested by June 10, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed consolidation packages should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 09356, 1235 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-0300. All comments should be sent to Tom Beaver at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Julie Scanlon at 301-713-1698 ext 151.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 706 of Pub. Law 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that these consolidations will not result in any degradation of service to the affected areas of responsibility and must publish the proposed consolidation certifications in the FR. The documentation supporting each proposed certification includes the following:

(1) a draft memorandum by the meteorologist-in-charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) a description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area;

(3) a comparison of the services provided within the service area and the

services to be provided after such action;

(4) a description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) an identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network;

(6) evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report(s), User Confirmation of Services Report(s), and the Decommissioning Readiness Report (as applicable); and

(7) a letter appointing the liaison officer.

These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. Law 102-567. At their December 14, 1995 meeting the numbers '* * * resolved that the MTC modify its procedure to eliminate proposed certification consultations of noncontroversial closings, consolidations, relocations, and automation certifications but will provide final consultation on certifications after public comment and before final submission to the Secretary of Commerce."

The above actions are all considered noncontroversial by the NWS. Also these proposed certifications do not include the documentation supporting them which is too voluminous to publish. Copies of the supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certifications. If decisions to certify are made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish the final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate Congressional committees prior to consolidating the offices.

Dated: April 7, 1997.

Elbert W. Friday, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.
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