

justice. The Commission has broad authority to investigate allegations of voting irregularities even when alleged abuses do not involve discrimination.

Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearings and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Pamela Dunston, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Jin, Office of the Staff Director (202) 376-7700.

Dated: February 5, 2001.

Edward A. Hailes, Jr.,
General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 01-001. *Applicant:* St. Louis Science Center, 5050 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63110. *Instrument:* Universal Planetarium, Universarium Model IX. *Manufacturer:* Carl Zeiss, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument is a planetarium which will be used as part of an interactive educational program to teach visitors to the center about human space habitation and space exploration. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* January 9, 2001.

Docket Number: 01-002. *Applicant:* The University of Texas at Austin, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry, Welch Hall, Room 3.202,

Austin, TX 78712. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. *Manufacturer:* JEOL Ltd., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to study shape and morphology of small nanoparticles to determine crystal structure and defects of nanoparticles and the crystalline structure of polymers and its aggregates. In addition, the instrument will be used for studies of the following: (1) Binding of nanoparticles to specific sites on nanoparticles, (2) crystal structure and chemical composition of nanoparticles of oxides, (3) friction and defects on nanodevices including mechanical, electronic and photonic, (4) chemical composition and interbond distance on semiconductor and metallic quantum dots, and (5) chemical shifts and bonding in composite, polymer, metal and nanoparticle materials. The objectives of these investigations are the discovery and applications of new properties of nanoparticles, semiconductors, polymers and metals. The instrument will also be used to provide hands-on training and utilization for graduate students in chemistry, engineering and physics. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 9, 2001.

Docket Number: 01-003. *Applicant:* Children's Medical Center of Dallas, 1935 Motor Street, Dallas, TX 75235. *Instrument:* Electron Microscope, Model H-7500-1. *Manufacturer:* Hitachi, Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to examine predominantly human tissue biopsies as part of a diagnostic workup and study of human disease during the teaching of pathology residents. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* January 12, 2001.

Docket Number: 01-004. *Applicant:* University of California, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616-8711. *Instrument:* Multielectrode Neuronal Manipulator, Model Eckhorn-7. *Manufacturer:* UWE Thomas Recording, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to deliver fine microelectrodes into the brains of monkeys to study the brain signals that are generated by social and emotional interactions among animals. These studies are aimed at understanding the brain mechanism that causes emotional disorders such as depression, anxiety, social phobia and panic attacks in people. *Application accepted by*

Commissioner of Customs: January 19, 2001.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020101B]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling public meetings of its Groundfish Committee, Groundfish Advisory Panel and Social Sciences Advisory Committee (SSAC) in February, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Thursday, February 22 and Wednesday, February 28, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Peabody and Newburyport, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978)465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Thursday, February 22, 2001, 9:30 a.m.—Groundfish Advisory Panel Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The Groundfish Advisory Panel will review the proposed management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Plan. These alternatives have been developed by the Groundfish Plan Development Team and the Groundfish Oversight Committee during the past year. The

Panel will develop its recommendations on the alternatives for further consideration by the Groundfish Oversight Committee. They will review the biological objectives for the amendment and will comment on those objectives. The Advisory Panel will develop recommendations for an observer program for the multispecies fishery, including funding sources. They will also identify issues that it believes may need further attention by the Committee, and may develop suggested alternatives to the management measures under development.

Friday, February 23, 2001, 10:00 a.m.—Social Sciences Advisory Committee Meeting

Location: Council Office, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

The Committee will review information collected from public meetings about the social and community impacts of Amendment 5, Amendment 7 and subsequent framework adjustments to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (Multispecies FMP). The Committee also will review economic information developed by the Council staff about the impacts of these measures. The information about the social, economic, and community impacts will be used in the development of Amendment 13 to the Multispecies FMP. The Committee also will discuss the organization of workshops for improving social and economic analyses.

Tuesday, February 27, 2001, at 9:30 a.m. and Wednesday, February 28, 2001, at 8:30 a.m.—Groundfish Oversight Committee Meeting

Location: Holiday Inn, One Newbury Street, Route 1, Peabody, MA 01960; telephone: (978) 535-4600.

The Groundfish Oversight Committee Panel will review the proposed management alternatives for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Plan. These alternatives have been developed by the Groundfish Plan Development Team and the Groundfish Oversight Committee during the past year. The Committee will finalize its recommendation on management alternatives that will be presented to the Council for consideration at the March Council meeting. The Committee will identify issues that it believes may need further attention by the Plan Development Team, and may develop additional alternatives to the management measures under development. The Committee may discuss all elements of the alternatives, including the biological objectives. The Committee will also receive a report on the social impacts of

management measures that have adopted since 1994, based on information collected by the Council staff in late 2000. Staff will also present an analysis of groundfish fishing vessel gross revenues since 1994. This information will be used by the Committee in choosing and evaluating management alternatives.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: February 2, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 020101C]

Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

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

DATES: The Council and its advisory entities will meet March 5-9, 2001. The Council meeting will begin on Tuesday, March 6, at 8 a.m., reconvening each day through Friday. The Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: The meetings hearing will be held at the Double Tree Hotel -

Columbia River, 1401 N Hayden Island Drive, Portland, OR 97217; telephone: (503) 283-2111.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 8 a.m. until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, March 7 to address litigation and personnel matters. The following items are on the Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order

1. Opening Remarks, Introductions
2. Roll Call
3. Executive Director's Report
4. Approve Agenda
5. Approve September and November Meeting Minutes

B. Salmon Management

1. Report on Federal Regulation Implementation
2. Review of 2000 Fisheries and Summary of 2001 Stock Abundance Estimates
3. Inseason Management Recommendations for Openings Prior to May 1 off Oregon
4. Identification of Management Objectives and Preliminary Definition of 2001 Options
5. Progress Report on the Queets Coho Overfishing Status Review
6. Update on Snake River Spring Chinook Salmon Recovery
7. Council Recommendations for 2001 Management Option Analysis
8. Appointment of Officers for March Salmon Hearings
9. Adoption of 2001 Management Options for Public Review

C. Habitat Issues

Ongoing and New Habitat Issues

D. Groundfish Management

1. Status of NMFS Research Programs and Other Nonregulatory Activities
2. Exempted Fishing Permit Applications
3. Future Groundfish Management Process and Schedule
4. Implementation of the Groundfish Strategic Plan
5. Groundfish Informational Reports

E. Highly Migratory Species Management

1. International Highly Migratory Species (HMS) Discussions and Actions
2. First Draft of the HMS Fishery Management Plan