

instrument will be used for investigations of the cellular and network properties of the nervous system in the marine mollusk Tritonia diomedea that underlie decision-making and learning. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: July 20, 1998.*

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Stanford University; 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, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 98-030. *Applicant:* Stanford University, Stanford, CA 94305. *Instrument:* Crystal Growth Furnace, Type FZ-T-10000-HVP-II-S. *Manufacturer:* Crystal Systems, Inc., Japan. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 33052, June 17, 1998.

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 optical melting of a rod to produce a single uncontaminated crystal along a moving float zone on the rod. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration advised February 8, 1998 that (1) this capability is 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 (comparable case).

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NOAA Coastal Ocean Programs (COP) Grant Applications

ACTION: Proposed Collection; Comment Request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Leslie McDonald, COP Grants Office, NOAA Coastal Ocean Programs (COP), SSMC#3, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3283, (301-713-3338, x 137).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA's Coastal Ocean Programs provides predictive capability for managing coastal ecosystems through sponsorship of research. COP seeks to deliver the highest quality science in a timely manner for important coastal decisions. It supports research on critical issues which exist in the Nation's estuaries, coastal waters, and Great Lakes and translates its findings into accessible information for coastal managers, planners, lawmakers and the public. Grant monies are available for related activities.

In addition to the standard application requirements for Federal grants, applicants must include the COP Summary Proposal Budget Form and a COP Project Summary (Abstract) Form. Applications may require up to 25 original proposal copies at time of submission. Use of the budget form will provide the level of detail required to evaluate the effort to be invested by investigators and staff on a specific project by the COP program staff; the proposed budget form is compatible

with forms in use by other agencies that participate in joint projects with COP.

The project summary (abstract) shall include a statement of objectives, methods to be employed, and the significance of the proposed activity to the advancement of knowledge or education; must not be more than one page in length; and should be written in the third person. The summary is used to help compare proposals quickly and allows the respondents to summarize these key points in their own words.

The stated requirements for the number of original proposal copies provide for a timely review process because of the large number of technical reviewers. Due to the fact that many proposals contain original color inserts and the lack of color-copying capabilities by COP, the increased number of original proposal copies provides the opportunity for a more consistent review of all proposals by all reviewers during the competitive process.

Persons with approved grants must file a COP Annual Progress Report and a COP Project Final Report. The annual report will provide the minimal information required by COP staff to evaluate the project's progress in respect to its goals and objectives, its schedule of accomplishments, and its resource management. The Project Final report will provide the level of detail required to evaluate the effort invested by the grantee, as well as the actual accomplishments or findings. The proposed format is compatible with forms in use by other agencies that participate in joint projects with COP.

II. Method of Collection

The COP Summary Proposal Budget Form and the COP Project Summary Form are submitted as part of grant applications. The COP Annual Progress Report and the COP Project Final Report must follow a format provided to grantees. For the number of proposal copies required, the information is submitted as part of the application process; and no form is used.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for profit institutions (public or private institutions of higher education, institutes, laboratories).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for a budget form, 30 minutes for a project summary, 10 hours for an annual report, 10 hours for a final

report, and 10 minutes to provide the additional copies required.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,550 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: None (no capital expenditures required).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 072498]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and its Executive Committee and Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, August 17, 1998, to Thursday, August 20, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn Independence Mall, 4th and Arch Streets, Philadelphia, PA, telephone: 215-923-8660.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christopher Moore, Ph.D., Acting Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 16.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Monday, August 17, the Council will meet from 10:00 a.m. until 7:00 p.m. On Tuesday, August 18, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Wednesday, August 19, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m., the Council will meet from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., and the Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Monitoring Committee will meet from 5:00-6:00 p.m. On Thursday, August 20, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. In the event Council business will not be concluded by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, Council may continue meeting for several hours on Friday morning, August 21, 1998.

Agenda items for this meeting are: Election of Chairman and Vice Chairman; review and hearing adoption of Dogfish Fishery Management Plan; Stock Assessment Workshop; adoption of commercial and recreational management measures for bluefish for 1999; possible discussion of Amendment 1 to the Bluefish Fishery Management Plan (FMP); adoption of commercial quota, recreational harvest limit, and commercial management measures for black sea bass, summer flounder, and scup for 1999; review and hearing adoption of Amendment 12 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass FMP, Amendment 12 to the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog FMP, and Amendment 8 to the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish FMP; adoption of the 1999 quota and commercial management measures for surfclams and ocean quahogs; possible review and comment on whiting, New England groundfish, herring, lobster and scallop management measures; discussion of management measures and possible adoption of the Monkfish FMP for Secretarial submission; adoption of the 1999 quotas and commercial management measures for Atlantic mackerel, *Loligo* and *Illex* squid, and butterfish; possible adoption of the Consistency Amendment for submission to the Secretary; and committee reports and other fishery management matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act,

those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: July 28, 1998.

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

[I.D. 072498C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a research/enhancement permit (1174); issuance of a modification to a scientific research permit (1015).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement: NMFS has received a permit application from: Mr. Harold Brundage III, Environmental Research and Consulting, Inc (ERCI)(1174); NMFS has issued a modification to a permit subject to certain conditions set forth therein, to: Dr. Frank A. Chapman, of Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences (DFAS)(1015).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the application must be received on or before September 2, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on the permit application should be sent to: Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

All documents pertaining to permits in this notice are available for review,