f. ANSI X9.17–1985, Financial Institution Key Management (Wholesale).

g. ISO/IEC 9798–1:1991, Information technology—Security techniques—Entity authentication mechanisms—Part 1: General model.

h. ISO/IEC 9798–3:1993, Information technology—Security techniques—Entity authentication mechanisms—Part 3: Entity authentication using a public key algorithm.

Other NIST publications maybe applicable to the implementation and use of this standard. A list (NIST Publications List 91) of currently available computer security publications, including ordering information, can be obtained from NIST.

7. Applicability. This standard is applicable to all Federal departments and agencies that use pubic key based authentication systems to protect unclassified information within computer and digital telecommunications systems that are not subject to Section 2315 of Title 10, U.S. Code, or Section 3502(2) of Title 44, U.S. Code. This standard shall be used by all Federal departments and agencies in designing, acquiring and implementing public key based, challenge-response authentication systems at the application layer within computer and digital telecommunications systems. This includes all systems that Federal departments and agencies operate or that are operated for them under contact. In addition, this standard may be used at other layers within computer and digital telecommunications systems.

This standard may be adopted and used by non-Federal Government organizations. Such use is encouraged when it is either cost effective or provides interoperability for commercial and private organizations.

8. Applications. Numerous applications can benefit from the incorporation of entity authentication based on public key cryptography, when the implementation of such technology is considered cost-effective. Networking applications that require remote login will be able to authenticate clients who have not previously registered with the host, since secret material (e.g., a password) does not have to be exchanged beforehand. Also, point-to-point authentication can take place between users who are unknown to one another. The authentication protocols in this standard may be used in conjunction with other pubic key-based systems (e.g., a public key infrastructure that uses public key certificates) to enhance the security of a computer system.

9. Specifications. Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 196, Entity Authentication Using Public Key Cryptography (affixed).

10. Implementations. The authentication protocols described in this standard may be implemented in software, firmware, hardware, or any combination thereof.

11. Export Control. Implementations of this standard are subject to Federal Government export controls as specified in Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Parts 768 through 799. Exporters are advised to contact the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Export Administration, for more information.

12. Implementation Schedule. This standard becomes effective April 6, 1997.

13. Qualifications. The authentication technology described in this standard is based upon information provided by sources within the Federal Government and private industry. Authentication systems are designed to protect against adversaries (e.g., hackers, organized crime, economic competitors) mounting cost-effective attacks on unclassified government or commercial data. The primary goal in designing an effective security system is to make the cost of any attack greater than the possible payoff.

While specifications in this standard are intended to maintain the security of an authentication protocol, conformance to this standard does not guarantee that a particular implementation is secure. It is the responsibility of the manufacturer to build the implementation of an authentication protocol in a secure manner. This standard will be reviewed every five years in order to assess its adequacy.

14. Waivers. Under certain exceptional circumstances, the heads of Federal departments and agencies may approve waivers to Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS). The head of such agency may re-delegate such authority only to a senior official designated pursuant to section 3506(b) of Title 44, U.S. Code. Waivers shall be granted only when:

a. Compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system, or

b. Cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator which is not offset by Government-wide savings.

Agency heads may act upon a written waiver request containing the information detailed above. Agency heads may also act without a written waiver request when they determine that conditions for meeting the standard cannot be met. Agency heads may approve waivers only by a written decision which explains the basis on which the agency head made the required finding(s). A copy of each such decision, with procurement sensitive classified portions clearly identified, shall be sent to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, ATTN: FIPS Waiver Decisions, Building 820, Room 509, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

In addition, notice of each waiver granted and each delegation of authority to approve waivers shall be sent promptly to the Committee on Government Operations of the House of Representatives and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate and shall be published promptly in the Federal Register.

When the determination on a waiver applies to the procurement of equipment and/or services, a notice of the waiver determination must be published in the *Commerce Business Daily* as a part of the notice of solicitation for offers of an acquisition or, if the waiver determination is made after that notice is published, by amendment to such notice.

A copy of the waiver, any supporting documents, the document approving the waiver and any supporting and accompanying documents, with such deletions as the agency is authorized and decides to make under 5 U.S.C. Section 552(b), shall be part of the procurement documentation and retained by the agency.

15. Where to Obtain Copies. Copies of this publication are available for sale by the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161. When ordering, refer to Federal Information Processing Standards Publication 196 (FIPS PUB 196), and identify the title. When microfiche is desired, this should be specified. Payment may be made by check, money order, credit card, or deposit account.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on March 10–13,1997.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Holiday Inn on the Beach, 365 East Beach Boulevard, Gulf Shores, Alabama; telephone: 334–948–6191.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228–2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

March 12

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

8:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Receive public testimony on Vermilion Snapper Total Allocable Catch (TAC).

1:00 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

2:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.—Receive a report of the Scientific and Statistical (SSC) Selection Committee. (CLOSED SESSION).

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—Receive a report of the Advisory Panel (AP) Selection Committee. (CLOSED SESSION).

March 13

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—Receive a report of the Shrimp Management Committee.

9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

9:45 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—Receive a report of the Administrative Policy Committee.

10:45 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—Receive a report of the Stone Crab Management Committee.

11:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.—Receive a report on the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—Receive Enforcement Reports.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.— Receive Director's Reports.

11:45 p.m. - 12:00 noon—Other business to be discussed.

Committees

March 10

9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.—Convene the AP Selection Committee. (CLOSED SESSION).

1:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the SSC Selection Committee. (CLOSED SESSION).

4:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Administrative Policy Committee.

March 11

8:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.—Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee.

12:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—Convene the Shrimp Management Committee.

4:00 p.m. - 4:45 p.m.—Convene the Stone Crab Management Committee.

4:45 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 3, 1997.

Dated: February 11, 1997.

Bruce Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Public Information Collection Requirement Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for Review

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title and OMB Control Number: Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS) Part 232, Contract Financing, and the Clause at 252.232–7002, Progress Payments for Foreign Military Sales Acquisitions; OMB Number 0704–0321.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Number of Respondents: 414.

Responses Per Respondent: 12.

Annual Responses: 4,968.

Average Burden Per Response: 30 minutes.

Annual Burden Hours: 7,452 (includes 4,968 recordkeeping hours).

Needs and Uses: The Arms Export Control Act requires, in the absence of a special Presidential Finding, that the U.S. Government purchase military equipment for foreign governments using foreign funds and without any charge to appropriated funds. In order to comply with this requirement, the Government needs to know how much to charge each country as progress payments are made for foreign military sales (FMS) purchases. The Government can only obtain this information from the contractor preparing the progress payment request. The clause at 252.232–7002 requires contractors, whose contracts include FMS requirements, to submit a progress payment request with a supporting schedule which clearly distinguishes the contract's FMS requirements from U.S. contract requirements. The Government uses this information to determine how much of each country's funds to disburse to the contractor.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit; not for profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer: Mr. Peter N. Weiss.

Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to Mr. Weiss at the Office of Management and Budget, Desk Officer for DoD, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

DOD Clearance Officer: Mr. William Pearce.

Written requests for copies of the information collection proposal should be sent to Mr. Pearce, WHS/DIOR, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Suite 1204, Arlington, VA 22202–4302.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

Patricia L. Toppings,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Science Board Task Force on Underground Facilities

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Underground Facilities will meet in closed session on March 12–13, 1997 at U.S. Strategic Command, Omaha, Nebraska.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At this meeting the Task Force will address the threat to U.S. interests posed by the growth of underground facilities in unfriendly nations. The Task Force should investigate technologies and techniques to meet the international security and military strategy challenges posed by these facilities.

In accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, Public Law 92–463, as amended (5 U.S.C. App. II, (1994)), it has been determined that this DSB Task Force meeting concerns matters listed in 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(1) (1994), and that accordingly this meeting will be closed to the public.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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Defense Science Board Task Force on Stealth Technology and Future S&T Investments

ACTION: Notice of advisory committee meetings.

SUMMARY: The Defense Science Board Task Force on Stealth Technology and Future S&T Investments will meet in closed session on March 19–20, April 1–2, and April 28–29, 1997 at Science Applications International Corporation, 4001 N. Fairfax Drive, Arlington, Virginia.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense through the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology