

Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of cancellation of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has cancelled a public meeting of its Monkfish Oversight Committee that was scheduled for April 10-11, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950, telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial notice was published on March 20, 2002 (see 67 FR 12976, March 20, 2002). The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date and announced in the Federal Register.

Dated: April 2, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 18 April 2002 at 10:00 am in the Commission's office at the National Building Museum, Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 2001-2728. Items of discussion affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, may include buildings, parks and memorials.

Draft agendas are available to the public one week prior to the meeting. Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC., 1 April 2002.

Charles H. Atherton,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army; Corps of Engineers

Availability for the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report for the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project, Lake County, CA

AGENCY: Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, in coordination with Lake County and the State of California Reclamation Board, have prepared the Draft Integrated Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement/Environmental Impact Report (DFR/EIS/EIR) for the Middle Creek Flood Damage Reduction and Ecosystem Restoration Project, Lake County, California. This investigation proposes to reduce flood damage and restore the historic Robinson Lake ecosystem, located at the northern end of Clear Lake, for fish and wildlife resources by restoring open water, wetland, riparian, and upland habitat; increasing the amount of breeding, feeding, and nursery grounds for fish; and reestablishing native historic plant and wildlife communities. This DFR/EIS/EIR is being made available for a 45-day public comment period. All comments should be submitted on or before May 20, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain additional information related to this report, interested persons are invited to contact the following: Mr. Jerry Fuentes, Social Sciences Environmental Manager, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, California 95814-2922, (916) 557-6706 or (916) 557-7856 (FAX), jerry.w.fuentes@usace.army.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

a. *Report Availability.* Printed copies of the DFR/EIS/EIR are available for public inspection and review at the following locations:

- (1) U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District, 1325 J Street, Sacramento, CA 95814-2922.
- (2) Lake County Library, 1425 High Street, Lakeport, CA 95453.

b. *Commenting.* Comments received in response to this report, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered. Pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request

the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Corps will inform the requester of the agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without the name and address.

Luz D. Oritz,

Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before June 4, 2002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) title; (3) summary of the collection; (4) description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) respondents and

frequency of collection; and (6) reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: April 1, 2002.

William Burrow,

Acting Leader, Regulatory Information Management, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Reinstatement.

Title: Application for Grants under the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program (84.217).

Frequency: Once every four years.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; Businesses or other for-profit; State, Local, or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 300.

Burden Hours: 6,000.

Abstract: The application form is needed to conduct a national competition for the Ronald E. McNair Postbaccalaureate Achievement Program for program year 2002–03. The program provides Federal financial assistance in the form of grants to institutions of higher education and combinations of institutions of higher education. The program provides Federal financial assistance in the form of discretionary grants to institutions of higher education for the purpose of providing academic and other support services to prepare low-income, first-generation college students, and students from groups underrepresented in graduate education for doctoral study.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, or should be addressed to Vivian Reese, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Room 4050, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202–4651. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_IMG_Issues@ed.gov or faxed to 202–708–9346. Please specify the complete title of the information

collection when making your request. Comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be directed to Joseph Schubart at (202) 708–9266 or via his Internet address Joe.Schubart@ed.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1–800–877–8339.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice 02–23; Terrestrial Carbon Sequestration Using the Poplar

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Biological and Environmental Research (OBER) of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces interest in receiving applications for the Terrestrial Carbon Sequestration Using the Poplar research program. Research is requested that could lead to strategies to improve the use of the poplar tree, genus *Populus*, for long-term sequestration of atmospheric carbon: (1) By leveraging the planned genomic sequencing of the poplar, and/or (2) through understanding of the microbial communities found in the poplar rhizosphere. Applications are sought for research to develop the scientific understanding needed to develop and apply genomic methods to enhance carbon sequestration by poplar. Genomics, which is revolutionizing the biological and environmental sciences, uses the genetic information within a cell to understand phenotypic expression of an organism, such as *Populus*. The focus of genomics in this solicitation is on how gene functions of *Populus* affect and can be manipulated to affect the phenotypic expression of processes that control the fixation and sequestration of carbon in above- and below-ground biomass and the soil.

DATES: Applicants are encouraged (but not required) to submit a brief preapplication for programmatic review. Early submission of preapplications is suggested to allow time for meaningful dialogue.

The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., May 30, 2002, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in Fiscal Year 2002 and early Fiscal Year 2003.

ADDRESSES: Preapplications, referencing Program Notice 02–23, should be sent e-mail to:

john.houghton@science.doe.gov.

Formal applications, referencing Program Notice 02–23, should be sent to: U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Grants and Contracts Division, SC–64, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, ATTN: Program Notice 02–23. This address must also be used when submitting applications by U.S. Postal Service Express Mail or any other commercial overnight delivery service, or when hand-carried by the applicant.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Houghton, Office of Biological and Environmental Research, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 19901 Germantown Road, Germantown, MD 20874–1290, telephone: (301) 903–8288, e-mail:

john.houghton@science.doe.gov, fax: (301) 903–8519. The full text of Program Notice 02–23 is available via the World Wide Web using the following web site address: <http://www.science.doe.gov/production/grants/grants.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Department of Energy Joint Genome Institute will be sequencing the nuclear, genomic DNA from a member of the *Populus* genus, *Populus balsamifera* ssp. *trichocarpa*, commonly known as black cottonwood. This *Populus* genome will be sequenced to a three-fold coverage in 2002, and increased to six-fold coverage in 2003. It will be the first woody plant species to be sequenced, and the draft sequence will be available immediately to the research community.

Poplar has many advantages both as a model organism and as a crop for carbon sequestration. Poplar is easily mutated, has facile transgenesis, and is easily cloned. The molecular physiology is well characterized. It has a relatively small, compact genome of approximately 550 Mbases. Much is known already about its genome, and genetic tools exist, such as genetic linkage maps, BAC (bacterial artificial chromosome) libraries, EST (expressed sequence tags) libraries, and QTL (quantitative trait locus) mapping of physiological traits. Research on trees has some advantages over non-woody plants for carbon sequestration due to the large fraction of total global terrestrial biomass in forests, rapid growth, high value products other than carbon sequestration that could help the economics of carbon sequestration, and widespread distribution.

Genomic studies of the poplar may result in improved breeding and options for cultivation that will enable