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| Comstock 2 Room | Almanor Room 303 | Comstock 2 Room |
| Scientific and Statistical Committee | Tribal Washington Technical Groups | Salmon Technical Team |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | 8 a.m. |
| Sierra B Room | Shasta Room 305 | Comstock 3 Room |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel | Klamath Fishery Management Council | Enforcement Consultants |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | As necessary |
| Comstock 2 Room | Sierra A Room | Comstock 1 Room |
| Salmon Technical Team | <i>THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2003</i> | Washington State Delegation |
| 8 a.m. | Council Secretariat | As necessary |
| Comstock 3 Room | 7 a.m. | Comstock 1 Room |
| Enforcement Consultants | California Room | Tribal Policy Group |
| Immediately after Council session | California State Delegation | As necessary |
| Tahoe Room 514 | 7 a.m. | Almanor Room 303 |
| Washington State Delegation | Tahoe Room 514 | Tribal Washington Technical Groups |
| As necessary Needed | Oregon State Delegation | As necessary |
| Comstock 1 Room | 7 a.m. | Shasta Room 305 |
| Tribal Policy Group | Comstock 2 Room | 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency. |
| As necessary | Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel | Special Accommodations |
| Almanor Room 303 | 8 a.m. | These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Ms. Carolyn Porter at (503) 820-2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date. |
| Tribal Washington Technical Groups | Klamath Room 513 | Dated: February 19, 2003. |
| As necessary | Salmon Advisory Subpanel | Theophilus R. Brainerd, |
| Shasta Room 305 | 8 a.m. | <i>Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.</i> |
| Klamath Fishery Management Council | Comstock 2 Room | [FR Doc. 03-4329 Filed 2-19-03; 4:34 pm] |
| As necessary | Salmon Technical Team | BILLING CODE 3510-22-S |
| Sierra A Room | 8 a.m. | |
| <i>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2003</i> | Comstock 3 Room | |
| Council Secretariat | Enforcement Consultants | |
| 7 a.m. | As necessary | |
| California Room | Tahoe Room 514 | |
| California State Delegation | Washington State Delegation | |
| 7 a.m. | As necessary Needed | |
| Tahoe Room 514 | Comstock 1 Room | |
| Oregon State Delegation | Tribal Policy Group | |
| 7 a.m. | As necessary | |
| Comstock 2 Room | Almanor Room 303 | |
| Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel | Tribal Washington Technical Groups | |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | |
| Klamath Room 513 | Shasta Room 305 | |
| Salmon Advisory Subpanel | Klamath Fishery Management Council | |
| 8 a.m. | As necessary | |
| Comstock 2 Room | Sierra A Room | |
| Salmon Technical Team | <i>FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2003</i> | |
| 8 a.m. | Council Secretariat | |
| Comstock 3 Room | 7 a.m. | |
| Enforcement Consultants | California Room | |
| As necessary | California State Delegation | |
| Tahoe Room 514 | 7 a.m. | |
| Washington State Delegation | Tahoe Room 514 | |
| As necessary | Oregon State Delegation | |
| Comstock 1 Room | 7 a.m. | |
| Tribal Policy Group | Comstock 2 Room | |
| As necessary | Salmon Advisory Subpanel | |
| | 8 a.m. | |

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****[I.D. 021003A]****Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act Provisions; Application for an Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP)**

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to issue an EFP to use modified traps to capture Royal

Red Shrimp (*Pleoticus robustus*); request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS (Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject EFP application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of Federal management of the American lobster resource. However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, NMFS announces that the Regional Administrator intends to issue an EFP that would allow one federally permitted lobster vessel to fish a maximum of six modified lobster traps to obtain live specimens of royal red shrimp for the purposes of study and cultivation. The request for the EFP was submitted by the Department of Molecular and Cell Biology, University of Connecticut in conjunction with a grant received by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to carry out aquaculture trials and maturation experiments on royal red shrimp and determine the suitability of this species for aquaculture. Approximately 300 to 600 live adult royal red shrimp are needed to carry out the aquaculture trials. Collection of the specimens will be conducted aboard the identified vessel during the course of routine commercial trap fishing operations for American lobster and red crab in lobster conservation management area 3, in the vicinity of Munson Canyon east to the Hague line. The EFP would authorize the experimental fishing to occur for a 1-year period beginning on the date of issuance of the EFP.

DATES: Comments on this action and application for an EFP for use of modified lobster traps for capture of royal red shrimp must be received on or before March 12, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NOAA Fisheries, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on Royal Red Shrimp EFP Proposal". Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (978) 281-9117. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via email or the internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Burns, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9144.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The regulations that govern exempted fishing, at 50 CFR 600.745(b) and 697.22, allow the Regional Administrator to authorize for limited testing, public display, data collection, exploration, health and safety, environmental clean-up and/or hazardous removal purposes, and the targeting or incidental harvest of managed species that would otherwise be prohibited. An EFP to authorize such activity may be issued, provided that adequate opportunity is given for the public to comment on the EFP application; the conservation goals and objectives of Federal management of the American lobster resource are not compromised; and the issuance of the EFP is beneficial to the management of the species.

Royal red shrimp can be found in the deep water habitats along the continental shelf and have been commercially harvested in a relatively limited capacity. Royal red shrimp are not a federally managed species. Therefore, no regulatory exemptions pertaining to their capture or retention are necessary.

The American lobster fishery is the most valuable fishery in the northeastern United States. In 2001, approximately 74 million pounds (33,439 metric tons) of American lobster were landed with an ex-vessel value of approximately 255 million dollars. The American lobster resource is managed by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plan for American Lobster. Regulations pertaining to the management of the resource in the Federal waters of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) are codified at 50 CFR part 697.

Regulations Pertinent to this EFP

The EFP for this activity relates to the experimental trap gear (no more than six experimental traps) and would waive the vessel from the trap limits as codified in 50 CFR 697.19(b)(2) and trap tagging requirements in 50 CFR 697.19(c) of the Federal lobster regulations. In addition, exemptions to the trap identification and trap tagging requirements in 50 CFR 697.21(a)(2), the escape vent requirement in 50 CFR 697.21(c), the ghost panel requirement in 50 CFR 697.21(d), and the maximum trap size restriction in 50 CFR 697.21(e)(2)(i) and (ii) are also necessary to allow the applicant to carry out the proposed experimental fishing. These exemptions are required because the vessel may exceed the current trap limit by fishing up to an additional six traps;

the size of the experimental traps is slightly larger than currently allowed under the Federal regulations (33,800 cu. (553,883 cu. cm.) vs. 30,100 cu. in. (493,251 cu. cm.)); the experimental trap design does not provide for either an escape vent or a ghost panel; and no practical mechanism exists by which additional trap tags may be obtained by the vessel owner to affix to the experimental traps. The waiver of these requirements would apply to the experimental trap gear only. The vessel's commercial trap gear would still be held to all the requirements of the Federal regulations.

Proposed EFP

The EFP request was submitted by the University of Connecticut. Researchers from this institution will collaborate with the owner/operator of an identified vessel to obtain 300 to 600 live adult royal red shrimp. The vessel, when conducting routine commercial trap fishing for American lobster and red crab, would deploy up to six modified traps in addition to the vessel's maximum trap allocation of 1,800 lobster traps. The modified traps will be added to the multi-trap trawls fished by the vessel and will not result in additional vertical lines in the water column. The operator of the vessel will be responsible for transporting, deploying, and hauling back the modified gear over the requested period until such time that a suitable number (300-600 individual live adult royal red shrimp) are successfully acquired or until the EFP expires (not to extend beyond one year in duration). Any bycatch will be discarded, and any live adult royal red shrimp will be retained, kept alive, and transported to researchers at the University of Connecticut.

The proposed experimental traps will be of a modified lobster or red crab design, with approximate dimensions as follows: 50" X 26" X 26" (approximately 33,800 cu. in.; 553,883 cu. cm.). Mesh size throughout the body of the trap will be 1/4 in. (0.635 cm.) and each trap will be wrapped entirely in burlap cloth in such a manner to allow entry of the shrimp but prevent escapement. Fishing depth of the traps is expected to be between 190 and 300 fathoms, and the experimental fishing is proposed for lobster conservation management area 3 in the vicinity of Munson Canyon east to the Hague Line. The University of Connecticut's proposal estimates approximately 100-150 lb (45.5 - 68.2 kg.) of bycatch in the experimental traps during the course of the project, including small monkfish, other finfish and shrimp species, small

crabs, and lobsters. These bycatch estimates were provided by the applicant and are based on the results of otter trawl experiments conducted by NOAA funded research projects that targeted royal red shrimp at similar depths and provided detailed data on observed bycatch.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 14, 2003.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

Title: Fastener Quality Act Insignia Recordal Process.

Form Number(s): PTO-1611.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0028.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 26 hours annually.

Number of Respondents: 150 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it will take the public approximately 10 minutes (0.17 hours) to gather the necessary information, prepare the form, and submit the request for recordal or renewal of a fastener insignia.

Needs and Uses: Under Section 5 of the Fastener Quality Act of 1999, 15 U.S.C. 5401 *et seq.*, as implemented in 15 CFR 280.300 *et seq.*, certain industrial fasteners must bear an insignia identifying the manufacturer. Manufacturers use this collection to record and renew fastener insignias with the USPTO so that these fasteners can be traced to their manufacturers. After the manufacturer submits a complete application for recordal of a fastener insignia, the USPTO will issue a Certificate of Recordal, which remains active for five years. The USPTO uses this information to maintain the Fastener Insignia Register, which is open to public inspection.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profits.

Frequency: On occasion and renewal every 5 years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.
OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Susan K. Brown, Records Officer, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division, USPTO, Suite 310, 2231 Crystal Drive, Washington, DC 20231, by phone at (703) 308-7400, or by e-mail at susan.brown@uspto.gov.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent on or before March 27, 2003 to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 14, 2003.

Susan K. Brown,

Records Officer, USPTO, Office of Data Architecture and Services, Data Administration Division.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

February 20, 2003.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 1, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Stetson, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that House of Perfection, d.b.a. Stepping Stones (House of Perfection) has violated the requirements for participation in the Special Access Program and has suspended House of Perfection from

participation in the Program for the period from March 1, 2003 until December 31, 2004.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by, or on behalf of, House of Perfection during the period from March 1, 2003 until December 31, 2004.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in Federal Register notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

February 20, 2003.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended House of Perfection, d.b.a. Stepping Stones (House of Perfection) from participation in the Special Access Program for the period from March 1, 2003 until December 31, 2004. You are therefore directed to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of House of Perfection during the period March 1, 2003 until December 31, 2004.

Sincerely,
D. Michael Hutchinson,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Notice of Availability of Novel Composite Material Technologies for Exclusive, Partially Exclusive or Non- Exclusive Licenses

AGENCY: Department of the Army, DOD.

ACTION: Notice of availability.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Army announces the general availability of exclusive, partially exclusive or non-exclusive licenses relative to novel composite material based technologies as described in U.S. Patent application "Method for Producing Nano-Textured Solid Surfaces" (U.S. Patent Application No. 10/318667). Any license shall comply with 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR part 404.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael D. Rausa, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Office of Research and