

recommendations for management action, as described here. Comments will be solicited from the public on these and any other management alternatives the public cares to offer.

Management measures that might be adopted in the Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP include permit and reporting requirements for non-subsistence harvest of coral reef resources, marine protected areas to ensure greater conservation and management to special locations (e.g., Penguin Bank, Northwestern Hawaiian Islands), allowable gear types to harvest coral reef resources in the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ, 3–200 miles (5.56 to 370.4 km) from shore in Hawaii and from most other U.S. Pacific Islands), prohibition on use of gear in ways destructive to habitat, and a framework management process to add future new measures. The FMP would also include essential fish habitat and habitat areas of particular concern, including fishing and non-fishing threats, as well as other components of FMPs required under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act). An additional measure, still under consideration for possible inclusion, is a ban on the possession or collection, for commercial purposes, of wild live rock and coral (other than coral covered by the Fishery Management Plan for the Precious Corals Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region). The collection of live rock or coral for scientific and research purposes and the collection of small amounts of live coral as brood-stock for captive breeding/aquaculture would be allowed by permit.

The Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP, and its associated EIS, would be the Council's fifth FMP for the EEZ for all U.S. Pacific Islands. This area includes nearly 11,000 km² (4,000 square miles) of coral reefs. Development of the Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP is timely, considering such new mandates and initiatives as the April 1999 report to Congress by the Ecosystem Principles Advisory Panel on Ecosystem-Based Fishery Management, the President's 1998 Executive Order on Coral Reefs (E.O. 13089), and priorities of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force and the U.S. Coral Reef Initiative, as well as the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act. The draft Coral Reef Ecosystem FMP would describe the importance of coral reef resources to Hawaii and the region and current and potential threats that warrant an FMP at this time. Information regarding the harvest of these resources in the EEZ is largely unknown. Potential for unregulated

harvest and bio-prospecting for reef fish, live grouper, live rock and coral exists throughout the region.

The public is also invited to assist the Council in developing the scope of alternatives and impacts that should be analyzed in an EIS for the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries FMP. An EIS has not been prepared for the FMP. Since the FMP was implemented in 1986, many changes have occurred in this fishery, and with the stocks and management regimes. As part of the scoping process for the EIS for this FMP, the public is also invited to comment on an alternative being considered for the addition of bottomfish species in the EEZ around the U.S. Pacific Island possessions (and the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI)), to the management unit of the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish FMP. Federal regulations for the EEZ off the U.S. Pacific Island possessions (and the CNMI) that would provide basic protection and conservation measures are already established in the EEZs for other parts of the Western Pacific Region, and include no taking with explosives, poisons, trawl nets or bottom-set gillnets. A definition of overfishing for a list of identified FMP management unit species would be established and evaluated annually, with required action in the event of overfishing.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, (see **ADDRESSES**), 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

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

Dated: August 16, 1999.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Citrus Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice-2 (FCOJ-2) Futures Contract Providing for Delivery of FCOJ Originating in Florida and Brazil Only, Changing the Contract's Quality Specifications and Providing for Trading of the FCOJ-2 Futures Contract at a Price Differential to the Existing FCOJ-1 Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

SUMMARY: The Citrus Associates of the New York Cotton Exchange (CANYCE or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Exchange's dormant frozen concentrated orange juice-2 (FCOJ-2) futures contract. The proposed amendments would provide for the delivery of FCOJ originating in Florida and Brazil only, make the contract's quality specifications conform to the quality specifications of the FCOJ-1 futures contract, amend the contract's speculative position limits, and provide for the trading of the FCOJ-2 futures contract as a differential price spread to the FCOJ-1 futures contract. The Exchange also proposes to recommence trading in this dormant contract pursuant to the provisions for Commission Regulation 5.2. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on September 27, 1999—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that the proposed amendments are of major economic significance, within the meaning of section 5a(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), and that their publication is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before September 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three

Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the CANYCE FCOJ-2 futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Exchange currently is designated to trade two FCOJ futures contracts, the actively traded FCOJ-1 futures contract and dormant FCOJ-2 futures contract. The terms and conditions of the FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 futures contracts are identical, except with respect to the contracts' quality specifications. In this regard, the FCOJ-1 futures contract provides for the delivery of FCOJ having a Brix value of acid ratio of not less than 14.0 to 1 and not more than 18.0 to 1 and a minimum score of 94, with minimum component quality factors of 37 for color, 37 for flavor, and 19 for defects. In contract, the FCOJ-2 futures contract provides for the delivery of FCOJ having a Brix value to acid ratio of not less than 13.0 to 1 and not more than 19.0 to 1 and a minimum score of 92, with minimum component quality factors of 36 for color, 36 for flavor, and 19 for defects.

The existing terms of the FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 futures contracts permit delivery of FCOJ of all origins, imported or domestic. In addition, both futures contracts provide for the delivery of shipping certificates, which require the certificate issuers to load FCOJ into transportation equipment provided by the certificate holder. The contracts' delivery points consist of approved delivery facilities located at Wilmington, Delaware; Newark and Port Elizabeth, New Jersey, in 11 specified counties in California; and in 16 specified counties in central Florida. FCOJ is deliverable at par at delivery facilities located in Florida, Wilmington, Newark and Port Elizabeth. FCOJ in delivery facilities in California is deliverable at a discount of 10 cents per pound. Currently, a trader's combined position in the FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 futures contracts is subject to speculative position limits of 3,000 contracts in all contract months combined, 1,800 contracts in individual non-spot contract months, and 300 contracts in the spot month.

The proposed amendments to the FCOJ-2 futures contract would limit the origins of deliverable FCOJ to FCOJ produced in Florida and Brazil. In addition, the proposed amendments would make the FCOJ-2 futures contract's quality specifications identical to the quality specifications of the FCOJ-1 futures contract, as noted above.

The proposed amendments also would provide for the trading of the FCOJ-2 futures contract as a component of a differential price spread between the FCOJ-2 and FCOJ-1 futures contracts ("FCOJ Differential Contracts") during most of the trading life of an FCOJ-2 contract month. In this respect, the proposed amendments define a long FCOJ Differential Contract as consisting of a long FCOJ-2 futures contract and a short FCOJ-1 futures contract. A short FCOJ Differential Contract is defined as a short FCOJ-2 futures contract and a long FCOJ-1 futures contract. The FCOJ Differential Contract will be traded as a single contract until the second business day preceding the first delivery notice day for the expiring contract month. The proposed amendments would provide that, on the second business day preceding the first delivery notice day for a contract month, each FCOJ Differential Contract position in the expiring contract month will be divided into its component FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 positions, i.e., a trader will receive by book entry a long (short) position in the FCOJ-2 futures contract and an opposite short (long) position in the FCOJ-1 futures contract. Trading in the FCOJ-2 futures contract will then continue until the first delivery notice day, with the quoted prices reflecting the value of FCOJ originating in Florida and Brazil (not the price spread differential between the FCOJ-2 and FCOJ-1 futures contracts). Trading in the FCOJ-2 futures contract would end on the first delivery notice day for a contract month and all positions remaining open after the close of trading on that day would be settled by delivery. The proposed amendments would not change the existing trading and delivery notice periods for expiring FCOJ-1 futures contract months.

In addition, the proposed amendments will provide for speculative position limits of 3,000 contracts for each of the FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 futures contracts in all contract months combined and 1,800 contracts for each of the FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 futures contracts in individual non-spot contract months. The spot month speculative position limit would continue to be applicable to a trader's

combined gross position in the FCOJ-1 and FCOJ-2 futures contracts.

The CANYCE intends to make the proposed amendments effective in October 1, 1999 with the commencement of trading in the revised FCOJ-2 futures contract.

In support of the proposed amendments, the CANYCE indicated that the proposal to trade the FCOJ-2 futures contract as a component of a differential price spread between the FCOJ-2 and FCOJ-1 futures contract is intended to avoid diluting the open interest and trading activity in the FCOJ-1 futures contract. The Exchange also indicated that proposal to divide each FCOJ Differential Contract position into its FCOJ-2 futures contract and FCOJ-1 futures contract components two business days before the first notice day of expiring contract months is intended to allow traders sufficient time to adjust their futures positions as necessary. In addition, the CANYCE indicated that, because FCOJ that meets the proposed delivery requirements of the FCOJ-2 futures contract constitutes approximately 90% of all FCOJ currently deliverable on the FCOJ-1 futures contract, there will be an adequate deliverable supply of FCOJ available for the amended FCOJ-2 futures contract.

The Division is requesting comments on the proposed amendments to the FCOJ-2 futures contract.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposed amendments can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address, by phone at (202) 418-5100, or via the Internet at secretary@cftc.gov.

Other materials submitted by the CANYCE in support of the proposal may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 C.F.R. Part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 C.F.R. 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with 17 C.F.R. 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposed amendments, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CANYCE, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity

Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 16, 1999.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Department of Education; Notice Inviting Applications for Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: The purpose of the Jacob K. Javits Fellowship (JKJ) Program is to award fellowships to eligible students of superior ability, selected on the basis of demonstrated achievement, financial need, and exceptional promise to undertake graduate study leading to a doctoral degree or a Master of Fine Arts (MFA) at accredited institutions of higher education in selected fields of the arts, humanities, or social sciences.

Eligible Applicants: Individuals who at the time of application have not yet completed their first year of graduate study or will be entering graduate school in academic year 2000-2001, and who are eligible to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance and intend to pursue a doctoral degree or MFA in fields selected by the JKJ Board at accredited U.S. institutions of higher education. Individuals must be U.S. citizens or nationals, permanent residents of the U.S., or citizens of any one of the Freely Associated States.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 29, 1999.

Applications Available: September 27, 1999.

Available Funds: \$1,973,400. The estimated amount of funds available for new awards is based on the Administration's request for this program for FY 2000. The actual level of funding, if any, is contingent on final congressional action.

Estimated Range of Awards: \$11,000—\$25,500.

Estimated Average Size of the Awards: \$25,300.

Estimated Number of Awards: 78 individual fellowships.

Note: The Department is not bound by any estimates in this notice.

Project Period: Up to 48 months.

Applicable Regulations: (a) The Education Department General Administrative Regulations (EDGAR) in 34 CFR parts 74, 75 (except as provided in 34 CFR 650.3(b)), 77, 82, 85 and 86; and (b) The regulations in 34 CFR part 650.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Stipend Level

The Secretary will determine the maximum allowable fellowship stipend for academic year 2000-2001, based on the level of support that the National Science Foundation will provide for its graduate fellowships. We anticipate that the fellowship stipend will be \$15,000 or the individual fellow's financial need, as determined by part F of title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, whichever is less.

Institutional Payment

The Secretary will determine the institutional payment for academic year 2000-2001 by adjusting the academic year 1999-2000 institutional payment, which was \$10,375 per fellow, by the Department of Labor's December 1999 projection of the Consumer Price Index for the year 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Melissa Burton, Jacob K. Javits Fellowship Program, U.S. Department of Education, International Education and Graduate Programs Service, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Suite 600-B, Portals Building, Washington, DC 20202-5247. Telephone: (202) 260-3574. The e-mail address for Ms. Burton is melissa_burton@ed.gov.

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FOR APPLICATIONS CONTACT: Education Publications Center (ED Pubs), P.O. Box 1398, Jessup, MD 20794-1398. Telephone (toll free): 1-877-433-7827. FAX: (301) 470-1244. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call (toll free): 1-877-576-7734. You may also contact ED Pubs via its Web site at: <http://www.ed.gov/pubs/edpubs.html>

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Claudio R. Prieto,

Acting Assistant Secretary, Office of Postsecondary Education.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Office of Postsecondary Education, Business and International; Education Program; Notice Inviting Applications for New Awards for Fiscal Year (FY) 2000

Purpose of Program: The Business and International Education Program provides grants to institutions of higher education to enhance international business education programs and to expand the capacity of the business community to engage in international economic activities.

Eligible Applicants: Institutions of higher education that enter into agreements with trade associations, business enterprises or trade organizations that are engaged in international economic activity.

Deadline for Transmittal of Applications: November 1, 1999.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: December 31, 1999.

Applications Available: September 7, 1999.