

**SUMMARY:** The invention listed below is owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in the invention is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally funded research and development.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

*NIST Docket Number:* 99-016/025US.

*Title:* Device for Stable Speed Determination in Machining.

*Abstract:* The device utilizes a non-contact force actuator to drive a machine-tool with a train of impulsive forces having a known, time-varying frequency to identify the speeds least likely to produce chatter (regenerative vibrations). This can be done in real time without the need for exhaustive cutting tests. The machine-tool spindle and a non-contact magnetic force actuator are used to produce the time-varying impulse train. This impulse train has significant energy at the spindle speed and its harmonics. As the spindle speed is ramped up from zero to the maximum speed, those speeds that maximize the dynamic response of the tool are the speeds that minimize regenerative chatter. The device is suitable for integration with the machine-tool controller, and could potentially allow the optimal speeds for each tool to be downloaded and stored for later use in NC programming.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcing a Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The 85th Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held July 16 through July 20, 2000, at the Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 South Street, Richmond, VA. The meeting is open to the public. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the states, counties, and cities of the United States, other government officials and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations. Conference members meet twice a year to develop weights and measures laws and to discuss subjects that relate to the field of weights and measures technology and administration. Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 272(B)(6)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology acts as a sponsor of the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the states in the complex of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the states of commercial weighing and measuring devices and practices.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held July 16-July 20, 2000, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Omni Richmond Hotel located at 100 South Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST, Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2350, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2350. Telephone (301) 975-4005, or E-mail ovm@nist.gov.

Dated: March 17, 2000.

**Karen H. Brown,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Bluefin Tuna Statistical Documents

**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 June 20, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-2347).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) to implement recommendations by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). In order to monitor landings and trade in bluefin tuna, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information through the bluefin tuna statistical document (BSD) program recommended by ICCAT. BSDs are required for lawful import of bluefin tuna products into countries that are contracting parties to ICCAT. By exchanging information collected through the BSD program, ICCAT members can monitor catch of

Atlantic bluefin tuna in relation to applicable country quotas for contracting parties and assess the extent to which catch by non-contracting parties could undermine the effectiveness of ICCAT's stock rebuilding program for Atlantic bluefin tuna.

## II. Method of Collection

Importers and commercial fish dealers who import or export bluefin tuna are required to obtain a tuna dealer permit from NMFS (approved under a separate collection: 0648-0202). Permitted dealers must obtain original BSDs from import shipments, complete the importer certification section and mail or fax the completed BSD to NMFS. Exporters must obtain numbered, non-transferable BSDs from NMFS, complete the landings information and exporter certification sections, mail or fax a copy of the completed BSD to NMFS, and attach the original BSD to the export shipment. In certain cases, the landings and export information must be validated by a government official or an accredited non-government institution. For the most part, U.S. catches of bluefin tuna are tagged upon landing (approved under a separate collection: 0648-0239) and such tagged bluefin are exempt from the BSD validation requirement. In order for a non-governmental institution to be accredited to provide validations it must submit a request for such authority.

## III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0040.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected public:* Businesses and other for-profit institutions.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:*

50.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* An average of 20 minutes for completing a BSD upon import, export or re-export of bluefin tuna into or from the United States (range of 5 minutes for BSDs listing tagged fish to 2 hours for BSDs requiring validation); 2 hours for a request for accreditation from a non-governmental institution.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 500.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$500.

## 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: April 13, 2000.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of cancellation of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) has cancelled the public meeting of its Research Steering and Experimental Fisheries Committee that was scheduled for Tuesday and Wednesday, April 25-26, 2000, at 9:00 and 8:30 a.m., respectively. The meetings were announced in the **Federal Register** on March 27, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: 978-465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The initial notice published on March 27, 2000 (65 FR 16186). The meeting will be rescheduled at a later date and announced in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: April 17, 2000.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 041400C]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling four public meetings in May, 2000: two joint meetings of its Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel; a meeting of the Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel, in conjunction with the Council's Scallop Committee; and a joint Habitat Committee and Advisory Panel meeting. Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held between Monday, May 8, 2000 and Tuesday, May 23, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in York Harbor, ME and Peabody, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Meeting Dates and Times

*Monday, May 8, 2000, 9:30 a.m. and Tuesday, May 9, 2000, 8:30 a.m.—Joint Groundfish Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting*

*Location:* York Harbor Inn, Route 1A, P.O. Box 573, York Harbor, ME 03911; telephone: (207) 363-5119.

The committee and advisors will conduct a joint meeting to continue development of management options for Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). They will continue review of current overfishing definitions and control rules for the multispecies complex, examine the assumptions and policy decisions in those rules, and develop recommendations for the biological goals of the amendment. They also will review existing management measures and identify their strengths and weaknesses. Suggestions for improvements to those measures will be