

**DATES:** Written comments on the proposed collection of information must be submitted on or before August 12, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit written comments on the collection of information to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6608, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, or via the Internet at [MClayton@doc.gov](mailto:MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests of additional information, for copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Henry Oppermann, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600, Tel. (301) 975-5507, or [henry.oppermann@nist.gov](mailto:henry.oppermann@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The NIST Weights and Measures Division (WMD) is part of Technology Services in Gaithersburg, MD. The WMD is the national technical resource on U.S. weights and measures standards, practices, and test procedures. Weights and measures regulatory control of the commercial measurement system is performed at the state and local government level. The study is to document the changes that have occurred over the past 10 years in state and local weights and measures enforcement programs in terms of funding, administration, and allocation of resources to their different regulatory activities. Additionally, approximately fifteen weights and measures directors will be interviewed to obtain information as to how the regulatory environment and their operations have changed over 10 years to identify trends. Jurisdictions will be asked to identify what they see as their most critical needs under the current environment and operation conditions of their programs. The changes in the number of businesses and devices regulated by weights and measures will be examined to assess how the nature of the regulated businesses has changed. Approximately ten representatives of companies that manufacturer scales, load cells, and meter manufacturers will be interviewed to identify how their markets and customer needs have changed, and how this has affected their views on national and international standards. The responses will help state and local weights and measures offices evaluate their programs. This information will be used to assess the impact of weights and measures enforcement activities, and set program

directions and priorities for the NIST Weights and Measures Division.

**II. Method of Collection**

Web forms will be the primary method to collect information on weights and measures resources, workloads, and distribution of resources. Paper forms as a backup data collection method for those who cannot access the web forms or prefer responding on paper. Interviews with selected weights and measures officials and industry representatives will result in the identification and assessment of national and international market trends, and trends in state and local budgets and program operations.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* None.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* State or local government, business or for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 90.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 6 hours.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 540.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public:* \$0.

**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.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

**Madeleine Clayton,**

*Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,  
Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Notice of Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License**

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

**SUMMARY:** This is a notice in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"), U.S. Department of Commerce, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States of America, its territories, possessions and commonwealths, to NIST's interest in the invention embodied in U.S. Patent No. 5,244,634, titled "System For Detecting Transition and Rare Earth Elements in a Matrix," NIST Docket No. 92-003D to Metara, Inc., having a place of business at 1225 E. Arques Avenue, Sunnyvale, CA 94085. The grant of the license would be in the following fields of use: Semiconductor, Environmental, Pharmaceutical, Chemical and other related commercial applications.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** J. Terry Lynch, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Phone 301-975-2691.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty days from the date of this published Notice, NIST receives written evidence and argument which establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The availability of the invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** on November 23, 1992.

U.S. Patent No. 5,244,634 is jointly owned by the U.S. government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce, and Dionex Corporation. The invention accurately detects transition and rare earth elements in environmental materials and natural waters, industrial waste, biological fluids, and other samples. The system is sensitive enough to detect these elements below the parts-per-billion level. Samples may contain 1,000 to 1 million times more alkali or alkaline earth metals than transition and rare earth elements. Ion-exchange detection methods are not specific enough to detect ions of interest in such samples.

Dated: June 3, 2002.

**Karen H. Brown,**

*Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060502C]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**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 (Council) will convene public meetings of the Technical Review Panel and User Review Panel from June 26 through June 27, 2002.

**DATES:** The Council's Technical Review Panel and User Review Panel will convene in separate meetings at 8:30 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 and will conclude by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-877-6688.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Technical Review Panel and User Review Panel will convene to review the Preliminary Draft of the Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (PEIS) for the Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH) Amendment in separate meetings.

The Technical Review Panel will review the preliminary draft of the EFH PEIS and provide the Council and contractor with suggestions for technical revisions. In addition the Technical Review Panel members serve as contract monitors.

The User Review Panel will review the preliminary draft of the EFH PEIS and provide the Council and contractor with suggestions for revisions. In addition the User Review Panel

members are asked to provide their comments on whether the documents properly address the issues for the user group they represent. The User Review Panel is comprised of representatives from the following sectors: recreational, charter, commercial, environmental, oil and gas industry, and wetlands owners.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in the agendas may come before the Technical and User Review Panels for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSFCMA), those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305 (c) of the MSFCMA, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agendas of these meetings can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815 (toll-free 888-833-1844).

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is 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 June 19, 2002.

Dated: June 6, 2002.

**Virginia M. Fay,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060502D]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

**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 of the Reef Fish Advisory Panel (AP) and the Standing and Special Reef Fish Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) from June 24 through June 27, 2002.

**DATES:** The Council's Reef Fish AP will convene at 9 a.m. on Monday, June 24,

2002 and conclude by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 25, 2002. The SSC will convene at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, June 26, 2002 and will conclude by 5 p.m. on Thursday, June 27, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Hilton Tampa Airport Westshore Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-877-6688.

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The AP and the SSC will review a report of the Council's Socioeconomic Panel (SEP). The major content of the SEP report is a bioeconomic model evaluation of the economic implications of various measures proposed to rebuild the Gulf of Mexico red grouper stock under the draft Secretarial Amendment 1 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan to Set a 10-Year Rebuilding Plan for Red Grouper, with Associated Impacts on Gag and Other Groupers and Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement. The AP and SSC will also provide recommendations to the Council on red grouper regulations.

Although other non-emergency issues not on the agenda may come before the AP/SSC for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions of the AP/SSC will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agendas and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under Section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take action to address the emergency.

Copies of the agendas of these meetings, and draft Secretarial Amendment 1, can be obtained by calling the Council office at 813-228-2815 (toll-free 888-833-1844). Additional materials, including an addendum to Secretarial Amendment 1 (reflecting changes to the Council's preferred alternatives made at the May Council meeting), and the Socioeconomic Panel report, can also be obtained from the Council office but may not be available until just prior to the meetings.