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May 11, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Magnuson-Stevens Act Provisions; General Provisions for Domestic Fisheries; Application for Exempted Fishing Permits

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Assistant Regional Administrator for Sustainable Fisheries, Northeast Region, NMFS (Assistant Regional Administrator) has made a preliminary determination that the subject Exempted Fishing Permit (EFP) application contains all the required information and warrants further consideration. The Assistant Regional Administrator has also made a preliminary determination that the activities authorized under the EFP would be consistent with the goals and objectives of the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery Management Plan (FMP). However, further review and consultation may be necessary before a final determination is made to issue the EFP. Therefore, the Assistant Regional Administrator proposes to recommend that an EFP be issued that would allow three commercial fishing vessels to conduct fishing operations that are otherwise restricted by the regulations governing the fisheries of the Northeastern United States. The EFP would allow for exemptions from the FMP as follows: The Gulf of Maine (GOM) Rolling Closure Areas II and III.

Regulations under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act require publication of this notification to provide interested parties the opportunity to comment on applications for proposed EFPs.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before May 31, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Patricia A. Kurkul, Regional Administrator, NMFS, Northeast Regional Office, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930. Mark the outside of the envelope "Comments on the Manomet Rigid Mesh EFP Proposal." Comments may also be sent via fax to (978) 281-9135 or via e-mail to da5-85@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Tasker, Fishery Management Specialist, phone (978) 281-9273.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Manomet Center for Conservation Sciences submitted an application for an EFP on March 16, 2005. The primary goal of the research is to test the effectiveness of inserting a rigid mesh panel between the extension and the codend of a trawl net to reduce bycatch while targeting yellowtail flounder, winter flounder, summer flounder, American plaice, and cod in inshore GOM waters.

The proposed rigid mesh panel would be 6.56 ft (2 m) in length and would be constructed of elongate meshes 2.36 inches (60 mm) wide and 7.87 inches (200 mm) long. This panel would be inserted between the extension and the codend of the net and would be the same diameter as the net. This project is proposed to occur in the Western GOM, excluding the Western GOM Closure Area but including GOM Rolling Closure Areas II and III. The project would take place over 22 days from May 2005, to July 15, 2005, in two areas in the GOM waters, excluding the Western GOM Closure Area, as follows: (1) The area from 43°10' N lat. to the Maine shoreline, and from 69°30' W long. to the Maine shoreline; and (2) the area from 42°00' N lat. to 42°30' N lat., and from 70°00' W long. to the Massachusetts shoreline (approximately 70°40' W long.). Researchers request an exemption from the regulations establishing these closures because of the high likelihood that the targeted species would be present in significant numbers during these times, which would enhance the effectiveness of the experiment. Researchers would film the interior and exterior of the net to verify proper construction and to document species' reactions to the net. Once the proper construction of the net has been verified, researchers would use the remainder of the trials to test the potential for bycatch reduction of the experimental panel by conducting alternating tows using the net with the experimental panel and a conventional codend, following an A-B-B-A pattern, comparing the catches between the two

codends. No more than 110 tows total for the three vessels combined would be performed during at-sea trials. Under the previously issued EFP, researchers were authorized to conduct similar research over 30 days of sea trials; however, they were able to conduct only 8 days of sea trials.

The researchers anticipate that a total of 4,917 lb (2,230.3 kg) of fish, including 1,320 lb (598.7 kg) of cod, 550 lb (249.5 kg) of yellowtail flounder, 550 lb (249.5 kg) of winter flounder, and 550 lb (249.5 kg) of American plaice would be harvested throughout the course of the study. Other species that are anticipated to be caught are species of skates, smooth and spiny dogfish, sculpins, sea ravens, and sea robins. All legal-sized fish, within the possession limits, would be sold, with the proceeds going toward defraying the cost of vessel chartering fees. There would be no retention of undersized fish aboard the vessels and there is no anticipated impact on marine mammals or endangered species.

The applicant may request minor modifications and extensions to the EFP throughout the year. EFP modifications and extensions may be granted without further notice if they are deemed essential to facilitate completion of the proposed research, and minimal enough so as not to change the scope or impact the initially approved EFP request.

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

Dated: May 10, 2005.

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Request for Public Comment on Commercial Availability Request under the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement (USSFTA); Correction

May 10, 2005.

In the document published in the **Federal Register** on May 10, 2005 (70 FR 24553), on page 24554, Column 1, line 21 in the 1st full paragraph, please change the date from "June 16, 2004" to "June 9, 2005". Please make the same correction to the date, "June 16, 2004",

on page 24555, 3rd column, line 8 in the 1st paragraph under the table.

James C. Leonard III,
Chairman, Committee for the Implementation
of Textile Agreements.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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 July 15, 2005.

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 Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, 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: May 10, 2005.

Angela C. Arrington,
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Services Team, Regulatory Information
Management Services, Office of the Chief
Information Officer.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Federal Family Education Loan, Direct Loan, and Perkins Loan Discharge Applications.

Frequency: One time.

Affected Public: Individuals or household.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 29,543.

Burden Hours: 14,774.

Abstract: These forms will serve as the means of collecting the information necessary to determine whether a Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) or Direct Loan borrower qualifies for a loan discharge based on total and permanent disability, school closure, false certification of student eligibility, or unauthorized signature. The school closure discharge application may also be used by Perkins Loan borrowers applying for a closed school discharge.

Requests for copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2739. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700. Requests may also be electronically mailed to the Internet address OCIO_RIMG@ed.gov or faxed to 202-245-6621. 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 his e-mail 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 EDUCATION

Office of Innovation and Improvement (OII); Notice Reopening the Star Schools Program Fiscal Year (FY) 2005 Competition

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA) Number: 84.203G.

SUMMARY: On March 8, 2005, we published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 11202) a notice inviting applications for the Star Schools program's FY 2005 competition. The original notice for this FY 2005 competition established a May 9, 2005, deadline date for eligible applicants to apply for funding under this program.

In order to afford as many eligible applicants as possible an opportunity to receive funding under this program, we are reopening the Star Schools program FY 2005 competition. The new application deadline date for the competition is May 20, 2005.

DATES: *Deadline for Transmittal of Applications:* May 20, 2005 (applications must be received at the Grants.gov/Apply Web site by 4:30 p.m., Washington, DC time).

Note: Applications for grants under the Star Schools program must be submitted electronically using the Grants.gov site. Through this site, you will be able to download a copy of the application package, complete it offline, and then upload and submit your application. You may not e-mail an electronic copy of a grant application to us. For information about how to submit your application electronically, please refer to Section IV. 6. *Other Submission Requirements* in the March 8, 2005, notice (70 FR 11207). We have not extended the deadline for submitting a statement that an applicant qualifies for an exception to the electronic submission requirement.

Deadline for Intergovernmental Review: The deadline date for Intergovernmental Review under Executive Order 12372 is extended to July 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald Fork, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., room 4W219, Washington, DC 20202-5980. Telephone: (202) 205-5633 or by e-mail: Donald.Fork@ed.gov.

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Individuals with disabilities may obtain this document in an alternative format (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotope, or computer diskette) on request to the program contact person listed in this section.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any eligible applicant may apply for funding