

run-of-the-river fish and anesthetized at the John Day Handling Facility at John Day Dam by NMFS personnel under the authority of permit 822. The NMFS personnel will then provide OCFRU personnel with a representative sample made up of listed and non-listed fish. Once the fish are provided to OCFRU, they will be implanted with radio telemetry transmitters (radio tags), held for 36-48 hours in tanks supplied with circulating river water to determine tag retention and delayed mortality, released near the mouth of the John Day River, and tracked electronically to determine their fate. Permit 950 was issued to OCFRU on April 19, 1995. The duration of the study is from April 15 to July 15 in 1995 only.

Issuance of these permits, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits, and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA and the NMFS regulations governing listed species permits.

Dated: April 26, 1995.

**Russell J. Bellmer,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for a scientific research permit (P771#72).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, has applied in due form for a permit to take the marine mammals listed below for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 1, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gary Barone, (301/713-2289).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of this application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The applicant seeks authorization to biopsy sample 120 beluga whales (*Delphinapterus leucas*) and conduct genetic and dietary analyses on the samples over a 3-year period. In addition, the applicant seeks authorization to take by harassment up to 2,000 beluga whales incidental to the sampling. Proposed taking will be by small boat. Field work will be conducted from July, 1995 through October, 1998 in Cook Inlet, Norton Sound, Bristol Bay, Kotzebue Sound, and Beaufort Sea, on the west coast of Alaska. The results of the research will provide information on the stock boundaries.

Dated: April 20, 1995.

**Ann D. Terbush,**

*Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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### Technology Administration

#### National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Determination for Closure of Meeting

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for May 3, 1995.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The Committee's recommendations are made

after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have from six to twelve members, of which ten are now serving. Two additional Committee members are in the process of being appointed.

The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to impair the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the May 3, 1995, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Dated: April 27, 1995.

**Gloria Gutierrez,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Administration.*

Dated: April 26, 1995.

**Barbara S. Fredericks,**

*Assistant General Counsel for Administration.*

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### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

#### New York Cotton Exchange: Proposed Amendments Relating to the Maximum Daily Price Fluctuation and the Minimum Price Fluctuation Limits for the Cotton No. 2 Futures Contract

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Contract Rule Change.

**SUMMARY:** The New York Cotton Exchange ("NYCE") has submitted proposed amendments to its cotton No. 2 futures contract that will: (1) Increase to three from two cents per pound the contract's base maximum daily price fluctuation limit (base maximum limit) for all contract months listed for trading whenever the settlement price for any one contract month equals or exceeds 95 cents per pound; (2) provide that the proposed three-cent-per-pound maximum limit may be increased to

four and one-half cents per pound under specified conditions; and (3) increase to 5/100ths from 1/100th of one cent per pound the minimum price fluctuation limit for a contract month whenever prices for that contract month equal or exceed 95 cents per pound.

In accordance with Section 5a(a)(12) of the Commodity Exchange Act and acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis ("Division") of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") has determined, on behalf of the Commission, that publication of the proposed amendments 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 May 9, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments relating to changes in the maximum price and the minimum price fluctuation limits for the cotton No. 2 futures contract.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frederick V. Linse, Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 254-7303.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The cotton No. 2 futures contract currently specifies a base maximum limit of 2 cents per pound above or below the previous day's settlement price. The contract's existing terms also provide that, whenever the prices for 3 or more contract months increase or decrease by the base maximum limit for 3 consecutive business days, the base maximum limit is increased to 3 cents per pound for those contract months only. The current minimum price fluctuation limit is 1/100 of one cent per pound.

As noted, the proposed amendments will provide that, whenever the daily settlement price for any single futures contract month is 95 cents per pound or higher, the base maximum limit for all contract months on the next business day will be three cents per pound. The proposed amendments also will stipulate that, if three or more contract months settle at the higher three-cent-per-pound maximum limit for three consecutive business days and the price for at least one contract month is 95 cents per pound or greater, the three-

cent maximum limit will be increased to four and one-half cents per pound for all contract months. The limit will remain at this level until (1) there are no individual-month settlement prices which are 95 cents per pound or higher, and (2) the settlement prices for no more than 2 months have increased or decreased by the three-cent limit.

In addition, the proposed amendments will specify that, whenever the prices for a contract month are 95.00 cents per pound or higher, the minimum price fluctuation for that contract month shall be 5/100ths of one cent per pound, except that straddle transactions may continue to be made at prices expressed in minimum values of 1/100th of one cent per pound.

The NYCE intends to apply the proposed amendments to all existing and newly listed contract months following Commission approval.

In support of the proposal to increase the base maximum limit when futures prices are trading at or above 95 cents per pound, the Exchange stated that:

It is the view of the [NYCE's Board of Directors] that trading at \* \* \* levels [of 95 cents per pound] is another indication of market activity warranting the ability to trade further before the market locks limit up. During discussion, it was noted that cotton futures already have the most restrictive price limits, regular limits being about two percent of current market value and expanded limits, being approximately three percent of such values.

The Commission is requesting comments on the proposals within the specified period of time in view of the cotton market's recent heightened volatility and the consequent need for timely consideration by the Commission of the proposals. In this respect, on the vast majority of the trading days during April 1995, the settlement prices for at least one of the two nearby contract months listed for this future contract have increased or decreased by the existing two-cent-per-pound base maximum limit.

Copies of the proposed amendments will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the amended terms and conditions can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by facsimile by telephone at (202) 254-6314.

The materials submitted by the NYCE in support of the proposed amendments may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR Part 145 (1987)). Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI,

Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in accordance with CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views or arguments on the proposed amendments should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on April 28, 1995.

**Blake Imel,**

*Acting Director, Division of Economic Analysis.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Navy

#### Government-Owned Inventions; Availability for Licensing

**AGENCY:** Department of the Navy, Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of inventions for licensing.

**SUMMARY:** The inventions listed below are assigned to the United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Navy and are made available for licensing by the Department of the Navy.

Copies of patents cited are available from the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231, for \$3.00 each. Requests for copies of patents must include the patent number.

Copies of patent applications cited are available from the National Technical Information Service (NTIS), Springfield, Virginia 22161 for \$6.95 each (\$10.95 outside North American Continent). Requests for copies of patent applications must include the patent application serial number. Claims are deleted from the copies of patent applications sold to avoid premature disclosure.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. R. J. Erickson, Staff Patent Attorney, Office of Naval Research (Code OOC), Arlington, Virginia 22217-5660, telephone (703) 696-4001.

Patent 5,158,760: 99mTC LABELED LIPOSOMES; filed 30 May 1990; patented 27 October 1992.

Patent 5,313,266: DEMODULATORS FOR OPTICAL FIBER INTERFEROMETERS WITH (3 X 3) OUTPUTS; filed 17 August 1992; patented 17 May 1994.