

recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. On June 6, 1995, the agenda will include an update on NIST programs by NIST Director Prabhakar; evaluation of the Applied Technology Program, the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program; a laboratory tour; and presentations on biotechnology and communications strategy. On June 7, 1995, there will be a presentation on standards and international trade.

DATES: The meeting will convene June 6, 1995, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 9:45 p.m. on June 7, 1995.

ADDRESSES: On June 6, 1995, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:20 a.m., the meeting will be held in the Conference Room (seating capacity 33, includes 27 participants) at the Clarion Harvest House, 1345-28th Street, Boulder, Colorado; and from 1:25 p.m. to 3:45 p.m., the meeting will be held at NIST-Boulder in Conference Room 1107 (seating capacity 45, includes 27 participants) in the Radio Building, Boulder, Colorado. On June 7, 1995, from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m., the meeting will be held in the Conference Room (seating capacity 33, includes 26 participants) at the Clarion Harvest House, 1245-28th Street, Boulder, Colorado.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Chris E. Kuyatt, Visiting Committee Executive Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-6090.

Dated: May 9, 1995.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License.

SUMMARY: This is 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 to practice the invention

embodied in U.S. Patent Serial Number 08/360,963, titled, "Strut Structure and Rigid Joint Therefor" to Technical Instrument Company, having a place of business in San Jose, California. The patent rights in this invention have been assigned to the United States of America.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bruce E. Mattson, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Development and Small Business Program, Building 221, Room B-256, Gaithersburg, MD 20852.

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 sixty 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.

U.S. Patent Serial Number 08/360,963 is a system of mechanical joints and clamps for assembling lightweight struts into a rigid structure.

NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The CRADA may be conducted by NIST without any additional charge to any party that licenses the patent. NIST may grant the licensee an option to negotiate for royalty-free exclusive licenses to any jointly owned inventions which arise from the CRADA as well as an option to negotiate for exclusive royalty-bearing licenses for NIST employee inventions which arise from the CRADA.

The availability of the invention for licensing was published in the **Federal Register**, Vol. 60, No. 55 (60 FR 15126, March 22, 1995). A copy of the patent application may be obtained from NIST at the foregoing address.

Dated: May 9, 1995.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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RIN 0648-AG75

West Coast Salmon Fisheries; Northwest Emergency Assistance Program; Proposed Amendment

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

ACTION: Program for financial assistance; proposed amendment.

SUMMARY: The Vessel Permit Buyout Program (Buyout Program) established under the Northwest Emergency Assistance Program (NEAP) has been developed in consultation with NMFS by the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW). For purposes of the Buyout Program only, the definitions of "commercial fishery" and "commercial fisheries income" are proposed to be modified to clarify the exclusion of Puget Sound gill net permit holders from the Buyout Program, and Puget Sound commercial fishing income from the uninsured loss calculations associated with the Buyout Program. Also, a definition of "coastal waters" is proposed in order to clarify the sources of commercial fisheries income that can be used to qualify for the Buyout Program. This proposed amendment is intended to limit the Buyout Program to those permit holders most impacted by the ocean chinook and coho salmon disaster declared by the Secretary of Commerce on May 26, 1994.

DATES: Written comments must be received by May 30, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Stephen P. Freese, Northwest Emergency Assistance Program, Trade and Industry Services Division, Northwest Regional Office, National Marine Fisheries Service, Bin C15700, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bruce Morehead, (301) 713-2358, or Stephen Freese, (206) 526-6113.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

NEAP was described in the following documents: Revisions to program for financial assistance (60 FR 5908, January 31, 1995); program for financial assistance (59 FR 51419, October 11, 1994); notice of proposed program (59 FR 46224, September 7, 1994); and advance notice of proposed rulemaking (59 FR 28838, June 3, 1994).

The Buyout Program is intended to compensate commercial fishermen for a percentage of their uninsured, and uncompensated by other Federal or State programs, lost income suffered as a result of the salmon fishery resource disaster and to aid the long-term viability of the fishery resource by reducing fishing effort on the stocks. The program description published in the October 11, 1994, **Federal Register** (59 FR 51419) indicated that the Buyout Program would be applied to the Washington State troll and gill net fleets and that Washington State may elect to include the charterboat fleets.

Federal support for the Buyout Program stems from recommendations, particularly those of the Snake River Salmon Recovery Team, for reducing long-term effects on the salmon resources. As part of the recovery plan for Snake River sockeye, spring/summer chinook, and fall chinook under the Endangered Species Act, this team specifically recommended that a buyout program to reduce fishing capacity in the ocean troll, charterboat, and in-river gill net fisheries be undertaken in conjunction with decreased quotas and/or fishing times and places. These recommendations are now part of the Proposed Salmon Recovery Plan that was issued by NMFS Northwest Region on March 20, 1995.

In consultation with NMFS, WDFW has designed a permit buyout program consistent with state and Federal management and grant regulations, including a permit offer application that allows assessment of the uninsured, and otherwise uncompensated, loss of the applicant. WDFW, in consultation with NMFS, also has the right to reject any and all bids.

The Buyout Program limits eligibility to holders of these Washington State commercial salmon fishery licenses in 1994: Salmon troll license, salmon delivery license, Willapa Bay/Columbia River salmon gill net license, Grays Harbor/Columbia River salmon gill net license, or salmon charter license. (Note that a salmon delivery license is only for fishing in the Federal exclusive economic zone and landing the fish in Washington State. Salmon troll licenses are only for fishing within 3 miles off the coast.) The 1994 license requirement is a prerequisite for the Buyout Program, and not part of the definition of loss established in 60 FR 5910 (January 31, 1995). For purposes of determining the uncompensated loss and thus the maximum bid an applicant may make, the Buyout Program allows an applicant to use only income from salmon fisheries in the coastal waters of Washington, Oregon, and California

(defined as those waters between the baseline from which the territorial sea of the United States is measured, and the outer boundary of the exclusive economic zone, i.e., 200 nautical miles seaward of the baseline), and the waters of Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and the Columbia River.

Excluding Puget Sound gill net licenses would focus the Buyout Program principally on those gear groups most associated with the Snake River Recovery Team recommendations. Limiting commercial fishing income would focus the aid to those fishermen most dependent on chinook and coho, fisheries that have been under the most severe restrictions because of the conditions underlying the declaration of the fishery resource disaster. (Note that Puget Sound fishermen—who mainly harvest sockeye, pink, and chinook salmon, and have undergone fishing restrictions to protect chinook and coho salmon—have access to the Habitat and Data Collection Jobs Programs, where the income eligibility criteria include income from all West Coast salmon.)

In developing this program, WDFW relied on extensive public input that included: Six informal meetings with a total of 70 commercial salmon fishing industry leaders; a notification by mail of the pending Buyout Program to all potentially affected license holders; a mailing of proposed state administrative rules to more than 1,300 potential applicants, industry associations, media, and public officials; and a public hearing including receipt of written testimony and comment. To explain the WDFW program and the draft applications, 20 workshops were held in 10 different geographic locations, involving more than 400 fishermen.

Proposed Amendments

For purposes of NEAP, the following definition of "coastal waters" is proposed, and changes are proposed to the previously published definitions of "commercial fishery" and "commercial fishery income":

Coastal waters means those waters between the baseline from which the territorial sea of the United States is measured, and the outer boundary of the exclusive economic zone (i.e., 200 nautical miles seaward of the baseline).

Commercial fishery, for purposes of the Habitat and Data Collection Jobs Programs, is defined as the salmon fishery off the coasts and in the state waters of Washington, Oregon, and California for purposes of either selling the salmon harvested or providing a vessel for hire that carries recreational fishermen to engage in fishing for a fee (e.g., charterboats and headboats).

Subsistence fisheries do not fall under this definition. For purposes of the Vessel Permit Buyout Program, commercial fishery is defined as a fishery conducted under a 1994 Washington State troll, salmon delivery, Willapa Bay/Columbia River salmon gill net, Grays Harbor/Columbia River salmon gill net, or salmon charter license. (Note that a salmon delivery license is only for fishing in the Federal exclusive economic zone and landing the fish in Washington State. Salmon troll licenses are only for fishing within 3 miles off the coast.)

Commercial fishery income, for purposes of the Habitat and Data Collection Jobs Programs, is income derived from participation in the commercial fishery. For purposes of the Vessel Permit Buyout Program, commercial fishery income is income derived from participation in a commercial salmon fishery in the coastal waters of Washington, Oregon, and California, and the waters of Grays Harbor, Willapa Bay, and the Columbia River.

Classification

This action has been determined to be not significant for the purposes of E.O. 12866.

The application mentioned in this notice is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. It has been approved by the Office of Management and Budget under control number 0648-0288.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 4107(d).

Dated: May 9, 1995.

Henry R. Beasley,

Acting Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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National Technical Information Service

NTIS Advisory Board Meeting

AGENCY: National Technical Information Service, Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Partially Closed Meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the National Technical Information Service Advisory Board (the "Board") will meet on Tuesday, June 6, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The session on Wednesday, June 7, 1995 will be closed to the Public.

The Board was established under the authority of 15 U.S.C. 3704b(c), and was