

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instruments described below, for such purposes as each is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Docket Number: 94-149. *Applicant:* The Scripps Research Institute, LaJolla, CA 92037. *Instrument:* Microvolume Stopped Flow Spectrofluorimeter, Model SX.17MV. *Manufacturer:* Applied Photophysics, United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 3394, January 17, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) multiple component mixing, (2) automatic acquisition of time-resolved emission spectra and, (3) 150W Xenon source covering the entire UV-VIS wavelength range. *Advice Received From:* The National Institutes of Health, March 21, 1995.

Docket Number: 95-007. *Applicant:* Ohio State University, Columbus, OH 43210. *Instrument:* Frequency Synthesizer. *Manufacturer:* KVARTZ Measuring Instruments & Systems, CIS. *Intended Use:* See notice at 60 FR 9662, February 21, 1995. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) swept frequency over the range 118 to 178 GHz, (2) 100 Hz resolution and (3) output power to 25 mW for pumping and observing specific molecular absorptions. *Advice Received From:* National Institute of Standards and Technology, April 5, 1995 and Los Alamos National Laboratory, April 11, 1995.

The National Institutes of Health, National Institute of Standards and Technology and Los Alamos National Laboratory advise that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to either of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.
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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Friday, June 23, 1995, from 9:00 until 4:30. The meeting will be held at the Crossroads Community Room, Carmel, California.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including an update from the Sanctuary Manager, reports from the working groups, an update on the Water Quality Protection Program, a status report on the California Mussel Watch Program, and an update on the Vessel Traffic Report.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane Delay at (408) 647-4246 or Elizabeth Moore at (301) 713-3141.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program

Dated: May 22, 1995.

W. Stanley Wilson,

Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Marine Mammals

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

ACTION: Receipt of application to modify permit no. 917 (P774#2).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. John B. Pearce, NMFS, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, 166 Waters Street, Room 312, Woods Hole, MA

02543-1097, has requested a modification to permit No. 917.

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be received on or before June 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The modification request 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, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250).

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, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kellie Foster, (301/713-1401).

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

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

The subject modification to permit No. 917, issued on May 11, 1994 (59 FR 25891) is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit No. 917 authorizes the permit holder to conduct a number of studies on several cetacean species as well as gray and harbor seals in the northeastern U.S. and Canadian waters. The research activities include: Vessel surveys, aerial surveys and photogrammetry, photo-identification studies, and the collection of biopsies. The permit holder requests additional authorization to collect biopsy samples from sei whales for genetic analyses, which will provide information on stock structure.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits & Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Proposed Amendments Converting the Live Hogs Futures Contract From a Physical Delivery Contract to a Cash Settlement System

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed contract market rule changes.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange ("CME") has submitted proposed amendments to its Live Hogs futures contract that would convert the delivery provisions of that futures contract from a physical delivery contract to a cash settlement system. 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 the proposed amendments are of major economic significance and that publication of the proposed amendments would be in the public interest. On behalf of the Commission, the Division is requesting comment on this proposal.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before June 26, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 2033 K Street NW, Washington, D.C. 20581. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments converting the live hogs futures contract to cash settlement.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing terms of the live hogs futures contract provides for physical delivery of 40,000 pounds of live hogs meeting specified quality and weight requirements at CME-approved public livestock yards at seven delivery points located in six different states. The contract currently specifies a maximum daily price fluctuation limit of 1.5 cents per pound, which is applicable through the last trading day of each expiring contract month. The contract's existing terms also specify that trading ends on

the business day immediately preceding the last five business days of the contract month. In addition, the contract's current terms provide for speculative position limits of 900 contracts in any one month and 450 contracts in the expiring month.

The proposed amendments would delete all physical delivery provisions of the futures contract. These provisions would be replaced by terms specifying cash settlement of all open positions at the expiration of trading in a contract month. The cash settlement price would reflect the value of hogs on a carcass weight basis during the last two trading days of expiring contract months. Specifically, the proposed cash settlement price would equal the two-day weighted average of U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Lean Value Direct Hog Prices for packer base weight hog carcasses, 51-52 percent lean/.80-.99 inches of backfat at the last rib or equivalent as reported by the USDA for the Western Corn Belt, the Eastern Corn Belt and the Mid-South. Under the proposals, the cash settlement price would be calculated by summing the above-noted USDA-reported average prices for each region and each of the two days weighted by the ratio of the total number of lean hogs sold directly to packers in that region on that day relative to the total number of lean hogs sold directly to packers in all three regions combined during the specified two-day period.

The proposed amendments also will specify that the contract's trading unit will be 40,000 pounds of lean hog carcasses. In addition, the proposed amendments will provide that the contract's existing 1.5-cent-per-pound maximum daily price fluctuation will not be applicable during the last two trading days of an expiring contract month. Speculative position limits would be 3,000 contracts in any individual non-spot contract month and 450 contracts in expiring contract months as of the close of business on the fifth business day of the spot month. Trading in expiring contract months would end on the tenth business day of the spot month for both the futures and option contracts.

In addition to the substantive amendments, the proposed amendments would make certain conforming changes to other rules governing the live hog futures and option contracts. Also, the proposed amendments would rename the contracts as the "lean hogs" futures and options contracts.

According to the CME, physical delivery through public livestock yards no longer reflects dominant cash market practice. The CME notes that less than

10% of hogs meeting the requirements for delivery on the futures contract are currently sold through such yards, and that the percentage of hogs sold through such yards is expected to continue to decline. The CME further indicates that, as a result of the decline in importance of sales through public livestock yards, the usefulness of the live hogs futures contract as a price discovery and risk management tool has been adversely affected. The CME indicates, in this respect, that the limited cash market activity at most public terminal markets raises valid questions regarding whether the prices paid at the terminal markets accurately reflect prices paid in the rest of the industry.

According to the CME, the decline in importance of the terminal markets has been accompanied by an increase in the importance of direct sales to packers at packing plants and country buying stations, and an increase in carcass-basis pricing. The CME said that, according to the USDA, 90% of the hogs sold in the U.S. during 1990 (the latest year for which statistics are available) were sold through non-public markets, mainly packing plants and country buying stations. The CME also said that approximately 75% of market hogs sold in 1993 were sold on a carcass grade and yield basis.

The CME believes that cash settlement using carcass-based pricing is necessary to ensure the long-term viability of the contract for the reasons noted above. The CME also believes that increasing the speculative limits to 3,000 contracts in individual non-spot months and to 450 contracts in the expiring month will accommodate new business from certain commercial entities and increase the liquidity of the market.

The CME proposes to make the amendments effective only for all newly listed contracts, following Commission approval. No currently open contract month or position would be affected by the proposed amendments.

On behalf of the Commission, the Division is requesting comment on the proposed amendments. In particular, the Division is seeking comment on regarding the extent to which the proposed cash settlement price will reflect the underlying cash market and the susceptibility of the proposed cash settlement price to manipulation or distortion.

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, D.C. 20581. Copies of the amended terms and conditions can be obtained through the

Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by telephone at (202) 254-6314.

The materials submitted by the CME 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, D.C. 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, D.C. on May 18, 1995.

Blake Imel,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Army Science Board; Notice of Closed Meeting

In accordance with Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (P.L. 92-463), announcement is made of the following Committee Meeting:

Name of Committee: Army Science Board (ASB).

Date of Meeting: 8 and 9 June 1995.

Time of Meeting: 1300-1700, 8 June 1995; 0830-1500, 9 June 1995.

Place: Pentagon—Washington, DC.

Agenda: The Army Science Board's (ASB) 1994 Summer Study on "Technical Architecture C41" will meet to discuss concepts and plans for marketing the Army's Technical Architecture. These meetings will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c), to Title 5, U.S.C., specifically subparagraph (4) thereof, and Title 5, U.S.C., Appendix 2, subsection 10(d). The proprietary information to be discussed is so inextricably intertwined so as to preclude opening any portion of these meetings. The ASB Administrative Officer, Sally Warner, may be contacted for further information at (703) 695-0781.

Sally A. Warner,

Administrative Officer, Army Science Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Eisenhower Professional Development Federal Activities Program—Initial Teacher Professional Development Projects

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of final priority for (FY) fiscal year 1995; correction.

SUMMARY: On May 1, 1995, the Secretary of Education published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 21396) an absolute priority for a FY 1995 competition under the Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Federal Activities Program. On May 10, the Office of the Federal Register published a notice to correct errors made in that notice. The notice published on May 1 omitted teacher preparation from the required activities in the absolute priority. This document corrects that error on page 21396, column 3, in the paragraph labeled "Initial Teacher Professional Development Projects," Line 13, by inserting "preparation," following the word "teacher."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Trudy Turner or Annora Dorsey, U.S. Department of Education, 555 New Jersey Avenue NW., Room 502, Washington, D.C. 20208-5645. Fax: (202) 219-2106; Telephone: (202) 219-2206. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Number 84.168, Dwight D. Eisenhower Professional Development Federal Activities Program)

Dated: May 17, 1995.

Sharon P. Robinson,

Assistant Secretary for Educational Research and Improvement.

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National Assessment Governing Board; Public Forum

AGENCY: National Assessment Governing Board; Education.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Assessment Governing Board is announcing the opportunity for commentary and review of the achievement levels being considered for the 1994 U.S. history assessment and the world geography assessment of the National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP). The

Board, in accordance with its statutory responsibility to identify "develop appropriate student performance levels for each age and grade in each subject area tested under the National Assessment" has contracted with American College Testing, which convened panels of judges for each subject to recommend achievement levels for grades 4, 8, and 12 to be used in reporting the 1994 NAEP. The Board intends to take final action on these recommendations at its regularly scheduled quarterly meeting on August 5, 1995. This document is intended to notify interested individuals and organizations of their opportunity to present oral and/or written views to the Board.

DATES: June 13, 1995.

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

PLACE: The Madison Hotel, 15th and M Streets, N.W., Washington, D.C. (202) 862-1600.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Cooper Loomis, NAEP Project Director, American College Testing, 2201 North Dodge Street, Iowa City, Iowa 52243. Telephone: 319-337-1048; or, Mary Lyn Bourque, Assistant Director for Psychometrics, National Assessment Governing Board, 800 North Capitol Street, Suite 825, Washington, D.C. 20002-4233. Telephone: 202-357-6940.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Assessment Governing Board is established under Section 412 of the Improving America's Schools Act of 1994, reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (1965) (Pub. L. 103-382).

The Board is established to formulate policy guidelines and to advise the Commissioner of the National Center for Education Statistics on policies and actions needed to improve the form and use of the National Assessment of Educational Progress, and develop specifications for the design, methodology, and reporting of test results. The Board also is responsible for selecting subject areas to be assessed, identifying the objectives for each age and grade tested, and established standards and procedures for interstate and national comparisons. The National Assessment Governing Board will hold a public forum in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, June 13, 1995 to hear comments on proposed definitions of U.S. history achievement levels and of world geography achievement levels, both for grades 4, 8, and 12 to be used in reporting the National Assessment of Educational Progress. The proposed achievement levels were prepared by