

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the NMFS bycatch plan should be directed to the NMFS Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD. 20910. PHONE:(301)713-2363. FAX: (301)713-1875. The NMFS bycatch plan is also available in its entirety on the Internet at <http://kingfish.ssp.nmfs.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Witzig or Liz Lauck, (301) 713-2365.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Interest in bycatch in the Nation's fisheries has received increased attention in the last decade. During this time, NMFS and its constituents have come to agree that fisheries bycatch is an issue of great concern to those interested in sustainable fisheries and marine ecosystems. Congress has emphasized NMFS' responsibility to address bycatch in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Marine Mammal Protection Act, and the Endangered Species Act.

Issues in each of NMFS' administrative regions and on the national level are addressed in detail in the draft NMFS bycatch plan. This discussion forms the basis for a set of research and management recommendations that will help guide the agency's bycatch-related activities. Broadly, recommendations in the plan address the acquisition of bycatch data, gear technology and selectivity research, the effects of bycatch, research on individual incentive programs to manage bycatch, development and implementation of conservation and management measures to address bycatch, and information exchange and cooperative management.

A notice of availability of the draft NMFS bycatch plan was published in the **Federal Register** on April 2, 1997 (62 FR 15659). The draft NMFS bycatch plan continues to generate significant public interest and NMFS would like to ensure that all interested members of the public have adequate time to comment on the draft plan. Thus, NMFS is extending the deadline for public comments on the draft plan to June 30, 1997. All comments received on or before that date will be considered in development of the final plan.

Request for Comments

NMFS intends that the final version of the bycatch plan will take advantage of information and recommendations from all interested parties. Therefore, comments and suggestions are hereby solicited from the public, other

concerned governmental agencies, the scientific community, industry, and any other person concerned with this draft NMFS Bycatch Plan.

Dated: May 1, 1997.

Nancy Foster,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Technology Center; Notice of Inventions Available for Licensing

AGENCY: Department of Energy (DOE), Federal Energy Technology Center (FETC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center hereby announces that the inventions listed below are available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207-209 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development. Foreign patents rights have been retained on selected inventions to extend market coverage and may also be available for licensing. A copy of issued patents may be obtained, for a modest fee, from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, DC 20231.

ADDRESSES: Assistant Counsel for Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26505.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lisa A. Jarr, Assistant Counsel for Intellectual Property, U.S. Department of Energy, Federal Energy Technology Center, P.O. Box 880, Morgantown, WV 26505; Telephone (304) 285-4555; E-mail: LJARR@FETC.DOE.GOV.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: 35 U.S.C. 207 authorizes licensing of Government-owned inventions. Implementing regulations are contained in 37 CFR Part 404. 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1) authorizes exclusive licensing of Government-owned inventions under certain circumstances, provided that notice of the invention's availability for licensing has been announced in the **Federal Register**.

ISSUED PATENTS

Number	Title
4,969,928	Combined Method for Simultaneously Dewatering and Reconstituting Finely Divided Carbonaceous Material.
5,379,902	Method for Simultaneous Use of a Single Additive for Coal Flocculation, Dewatering, and Reconstitution.

Patent Applications Filed

Combustor Oscillation Attenuation Via the Control of Fuel-Supply Line Dynamics
 Porous Desulfurization Sorbent Pellets Containing a Reactive Metal Oxide and an Inert Zirconium Compound
 Dynamically Balanced Fuel Nozzle
 Periodic Equivalence Ratio Modulation for Control of Combustion Oscillations

Dated: April 25, 1997.

Rita A. Bajura,

Director, FETC.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia); Notice

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770) notice is hereby given of the following Advisory Committee meeting: Environmental Management Site-Specific Advisory Board, Kirtland Area Office (Sandia).

DATES: Wednesday, May 21, 1997: 6:30 pm-9:35 pm (Mountain Standard Time).

ADDRESSES: North Valley Community Center, 3825 4th Street, NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mike Zamorski, Acting Manager, Department of Energy Kirtland Area Office, PO Box 5400, Albuquerque, NM 87185 (505) 845-4094.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Purpose of the Board: The purpose of the Board is to make recommendations to DOE and its regulators in the areas of environmental restoration, waste management, and related activities.

Tentative Agenda:

6:30 p.m.—DOE Quarterly Meeting
 7:30 p.m.—Public Comment Period
 7:40 p.m.—Approval of Agenda