

Secretary specifically requested comment on these approaches, as well as the optimal combination of regulatory requirements, accreditation elements, and oversight procedures to reduce the risks of diversion.

#### 8. Analysis of Impacts

The July 22, 1999, proposal included an extensive review and analysis of the estimated cost to affected opioid treatment programs for complying with the new regulations and the estimated cost to SAMHSA for enforcing the proposed regulations. The average annual net cost of this regulation was estimated to be \$4.4 million. The notice requested comments and information to further assess or estimate the costs for programs to meet the requirements of the current regulations. In addition, the proposal requested comments on how to address the impact of the estimated costs on small entities.

#### III. Scope of Hearing

The purpose of this hearing is to provide an additional opportunity for Federal officials to gather information that will aid in evaluating the proposed rule issued on July 22, 1999. In addition, it will provide an opportunity for panelists representing Federal agencies with interests and responsibilities in this area to question commentors, to the extent necessary, to clarify issues. It is not the purpose of this hearing to have Federal officials evaluating and making recommendations at this hearing on specific elements in the July 22, 1999, proposed rule.

#### IV. Notice of Hearing

SAMHSA and FDA believe the format and procedures of a public hearing, at which interested persons can testify, will provide an additional opportunity to elicit the information needed to evaluate further the July 22, 1999, proposed rule.

The public hearing is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m. in Conference Room D, Neuroscience Conference Center, 6001 Executive Blvd., Rockville, MD, 20852, on November 1, 1999. The presiding officers, H. Westley Clark, M.D., J.D., M.P.H., Director, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT), Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and David Lepay, M.D., Director, Division of Scientific Investigations, Center for Drug Evaluation and Research, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), will be accompanied by a panel of FDA, National Institutes of Health, DEA, Department of Veterans Affairs, and

Office of National Drug Control Policy employees with relevant expertise.

Persons who wish to participate are requested to notify CSAT of their intention by writing to CSAT at the address specified above on or before October 26, 1999. To ensure timely handling, the outer envelope should be clearly marked with Docket No. 98N-0671 and the phrase "Proposed Rule Public Hearing." The notice of participation should contain the interested person's name, address, telephone number, facsimile number, any business or organizational affiliation of the person desiring to make a presentation, a brief summary of the presentation, and the approximate time requested for the presentation. CSAT and FDA may ask that groups having similar interests consolidate their comments as part of a panel. CSAT and FDA will allocate the time available for the hearing among the persons who properly file notices of their intent to participate. If time permits, CSAT and FDA will allow interested persons attending the hearing who did not submit a notice of participation in advance to make an oral presentation at the conclusion of the hearing. Finally, CSAT and FDA request that those persons interested in attending the hearing, but not intending to testify, should also notify CSAT of their intent to do so.

Persons who find that there is insufficient time to submit the required information in writing may give oral notice of participation by calling Mr. Robert Lubran (telephone number above) no later than October 29, 1999.

After reviewing the notices of participation and accompanying information, CSAT and FDA will schedule each appearance and notify each participant by mail or telephone of the time allotted to the persons and the approximate time the person's oral presentation is scheduled to begin. The hearing schedule will be available at the hearing.

It should be noted that there are other opportunities for all interested persons to submit data, information, or views on the July 22, 1999, proposed rule. As noted in July 22, 1999, notice, the administrative record will remain open until November 19, 1999. Persons who wish to provide additional materials for consideration are to file these materials in accordance with the instructions provided in that notice.

The hearing is informal, and the rules of evidence do not apply. No participant may interrupt the presentation of another participant. Only the presiding officers and panel members may

question any person during or at the conclusion of a presentation.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

**Nelba Chavez,**

*Administrator, Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.*

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## OFFICE OF MANAGEMENT AND BUDGET

### Office of Federal Procurement Policy

#### 48 CFR Part 9903

#### Cost Accounting Standards Board; Notice of Open Public Meeting and Extension of Public Comment Period

**AGENCY:** Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, OMB.

**ACTION:** Notice of meeting and extension of comment period.

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**SUMMARY:** The Cost Accounting Standards Board (CASB) hereby extends an invitation for interested parties to attend an open meeting with the Board and its staff on Monday, December 6, 1999. Currently, the Board anticipates holding the meeting from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the General Services Administration, 18th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405. During this meeting, the Board would like to hear the views of interested parties concerning the regulatory topics covered in the recent Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM-II), regarding "Changes in Cost Accounting Practices," 64 FR 45700 (8/20/99).

In addition, the Board is extending the public comment period for the SNPRM-II, 64 FR 45700, until November 22, 1999.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on December 6, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Due to time considerations, individuals desiring to make a presentation before the Board, must notify the CASB staff, in writing, no later than November 22, 1999. Public comments on the SNPRM-II must be received, in writing, no later than November 22, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the auditorium of the General Services Administration, 18th and F Streets, NW, Washington, DC 20405. Requests to make a presentation at the meeting must be in writing, and must be addressed to Cost Accounting Standards Board, Office of Federal Procurement Policy, 725 17th Street, NW, room 9013,

Washington, DC 20503. Attn: CASB Docket No. 99-01. Public comments on the SNPRM-II should continue to reference CASB Docket No. 93-01N(3).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Richard C. Loeb, Executive Secretary, Cost Accounting Standards Board (telephone 202-395-3254).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Cost Accounting Standards Board will hold an open public meeting on December 6, 1999. The purpose of this public meeting will be to hear the views of interested persons concerning the regulatory topics covered in the Board's recent Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (SNPRM-II) regarding "Changes in Cost Accounting Practices" 64 FR 45700 (8/20/99).

To gain admittance, individuals desiring to attend this meeting must notify the Board's staff, in writing, at the above listed address, by the deadline noted. If an individual desires to make a presentation to the Board at this session, he or she is required to submit a brief outline of the presentation when making the request. In addition, a full written statement must be submitted one week prior to the meeting. In lieu of making an oral presentation, individuals may submit a written statement for the record. Due to time limitations, the Board will notify individuals of their speaking status (time) prior to the meeting. Time allocations for oral presentations will depend on the number of individuals who desire to appear before the Board.

Also, due to various requests, the Board is extending the period for receipt of public comments on this SNPRM-II. To be considered, comments must be received no later than November 22, 1999.

**Nelson F. Gibbs,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### 50 CFR Part 227

## DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

### Fish and Wildlife Service

#### 50 CFR Part 17

#### Availability of a Status Review of the Atlantic Salmon in the Gulf of Maine Distinct Population Segment

**AGENCIES:** National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce; Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability.

**SUMMARY:** A Biological Review Team (Team), consisting of National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (Services) biologists, has completed a review of the status of Atlantic salmon in the Gulf of Maine distinct population segment (DPS) (Review of the Status of Anadromous Atlantic Salmon (*Salmo salar*) under the U.S. Endangered Species Act, July, 1999).

**DATES:** You should request copies of the July, 1999, status review by November 18, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Requests should be addressed to Mary Colligan, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, Massachusetts, 01930, or Paul Nickerson, FWS, 300 Westgate Center Drive, Hadley, MA, 01035.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mary Colligan, NMFS (978-281-9116) or Paul Nickerson, FWS (413-253-8615) at the above addresses.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Team has completed a review of the biological status of Atlantic salmon in the Gulf of Maine DPS, including an assessment of the adequacy of protective measures, the extent of implementation of these measures, and the effect of these measures on Atlantic salmon and their habitat. This status review is an update to the 1995 Atlantic salmon status review and indicates that, under current circumstances, it is the opinion of the Biological Review Team that the Gulf of Maine DPS is in danger of extinction.

#### Availability of Documents

You may obtain copies of the July, 1999, status review from Mary Colligan or Paul Nickerson (see **ADDRESSES** section).

## Background Information

On December 18, 1997, the Services withdrew a proposed rule to list a distinct population segment of Atlantic salmon in seven Maine rivers as "threatened" under the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (Act) (62 FR 66325). In reaching this determination, the Services considered the status of the Atlantic salmon in the seven Maine rivers. This evaluation took into account the efforts made to protect the species including the State of Maine Atlantic Salmon Conservation Plan (Conservation Plan) for the Seven Rivers, private and Federal efforts to restore the species, and international efforts to control ocean harvest through the North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organization. The Services determined that these efforts substantially reduced threats to the species; that the seven rivers DPS of Atlantic salmon was not likely to become endangered in the foreseeable future; and that, therefore, listing under the Act was not warranted. The populations that constituted the seven rivers DPS were those in the Dennys, East Machias, Machias, Pleasant, Narraguagus, Ducktrap, and Sheepscot Rivers. However, the Services renamed the seven rivers DPS the "Gulf of Maine DPS" in recognition of the possibility that Atlantic salmon in other Maine rivers could be added to the DPS in the future. The Services stated that Atlantic salmon populations in other rivers would be added to the DPS if they were found to be naturally reproducing and have historical river-specific characteristics. The geographic area within which populations of Atlantic salmon would be likely to meet the criteria for inclusion in the DPS was identified as ranging from the lower tributaries of the Kennebec River north to, but not including, the St. Croix River.

With the withdrawal of the proposed listing rule, the NMFS retained the Gulf of Maine DPS of Atlantic salmon on its list of candidate species, and the Services committed to maintaining oversight of the species. Specifically, the Services stated in the withdrawal notice that the process for listing the Gulf of Maine DPS would be reinitiated if: (1) An emergency which poses a significant risk to the well-being of the Gulf of Maine DPS is identified and not immediately and adequately addressed; (2) the biological status of the Gulf of Maine DPS is such that the DPS is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range; or (3) the biological status of the Gulf of Maine DPS is such that the DPS is likely to become endangered in the foreseeable