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**DATES:** The meeting will be held on February 16, 2000, at 9:30 a.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Ferncroft Hotel, 50 Ferncroft Road, Danvers, MA 01923; telephone 978-777-2500.

*Council Address:* New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, The Tannery-Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950, telephone 978-465-0492.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (978) 465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Groundfish Oversight Committee and Groundfish Advisory Panel will hear a presentation by the Northeast Fisheries Science Center on current information regarding fish stock boundaries in the region. The Committee and Panel will review problems and issues identified during the scoping process of Amendment 13 to the Northeast Multispecies Fishery Management Plan and organize the amendment development strategy. This organization may include the formation of working groups consisting of advisory panel and committee members, and will include the initial tasking of work to be completed by the Council Staff and Plan Development Team.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this document and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: January 28, 2000.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering and Experimental Fisheries Committee in February, 2000. Recommendations from the Committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will held on Wednesday, February 16, 2000, at 9 a.m.

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**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council 978-465-0492.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Committee will finalize recommendations on regional research priorities and forward them to the NMFS Regional Administrator for consideration. The Committee also will discuss related issues, including a draft Request for Proposals concerning the expenditure of funds appropriated by Congress for the conduct of collaborative research involving the New England groundfish. Other issues to be approved relate to the Committee's role in the review of proposals submitted in response to the RFP. The Committee may also discuss how to disburse funds collected under 2000 Total Allowable Catch research set-aside proposed in Framework 13 to the Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Technology Administration

#### Technology Administration Fellows Program

**AGENCY:** Technology Administration.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Technology Administration is seeking private sector organizations to sponsor individuals to participate in the Technology Administration Fellows Program. Sponsors will nominate individuals who, if accepted by the Technology Administration, will spend up to one year at the Technology Administration, conducting research studies involving public policy on technology matters.

**DATE:** Letters of interest will be accepted on a rolling basis.

**ADDRESSES AND CONTACT INFORMATION:** Applications should be submitted to, and for further information contact: Ms. Joyce Hasty, Office of the Under Secretary for Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Room 4823, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-5804.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** This Program is authorized under 15 U.S.C. 272(c)(2).

#### Program Description/Objectives

Under the Technology Administration Fellows Program (Program), private sector organizations (Sponsors) nominate individuals to spend up to one year working at the Technology Administration (TA), within the Department of Commerce (Department). Initial agreements will be for six months, with the opportunity to extend that period for an additional six months.

During their tenure at the Technology Administration, Fellows will be involved in a variety of activities, including conducting research studies involving public policy on technology matters and attending meetings involving the full range of issues in which the TA is involved. In pursuing these activities, Fellows may draw on information resources, both within and outside the Department, relevant to their areas of research, including working with private sector organizations and their members who possess special expertise, including the Sponsor. Fellows will be required to make quarterly presentations to Technology Administration senior management.

The goals of the Program are: support the TA's efforts to promote U.S. leadership in technology; support the Under Secretary for Technology's goals for TA; provide TA with different perspectives on technology policy issues; and provide experience to industrial representatives in the development of public policy on technology matters.

#### Eligibility

Sponsors must be organizations that do not have institutional conflicts of interest with the TA. For example, any organization applying for Advanced Technology Program funding this year may not sponsor Fellows. Eligible Sponsors may nominate Fellows. Nominated Fellows should be individuals within the Sponsor's upper level management up to the vice president level.

#### Eligibility Criteria

Sponsors will be evaluated based on the compatibility of their interests with that of the TA.

#### Funding

Under the Program, the Sponsor or Fellow pays for the Fellow's salary; relocation costs; living expenses; medical insurance and all other personnel benefits, including Social Security; and the Fellow's personal travel and related expenditures. The Technology Administration provides the Fellow with office facilities; secretarial and other staff support, as appropriate; and travel approved by the Technology Administration.

#### Application

Applicant Sponsors should submit a letter of interest. Letters of interest should be submitted to: Ms. Joyce Hasty, Office of the Under Secretary for Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution

Avenue, NW, Room 4823, Washington, D.C. 20230.

#### Other Requirements

While participating in the Technology Administration Fellows Program, Fellows must understand and promote the position of the Department and TA on matters of public policy as set by the Secretary of Commerce and the Under Secretary for Technology, when representing TA. Fellows may not engage in any outside activity, including business activity, that is incompatible with the policies and interests of the Department.

Fellows must adhere to the Department's security and clearance requirements, including: security clearances specified in Department Administrative Order 207-3, "Security Requirements for Research Associates, Guest Workers, and Trainees;" and Department regulations on Employee Responsibilities and Conduct, 15 CFR Part 0.

Fellows may not; obligate the expenditure of Federal funds; supervise Federal employees; speak for the Department in a public setting; nor use the name of the Technology Administration or the Department on any product or service without prior approval of the Technology Administration.

Dated: January 27, 2000.

**Cheryl L. Shavers,**

*Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology.*

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#### COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

##### **Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the coffee "C" Futures Contract Reducing the Discount Applicable to the Delivery of Peruvian Coffee, Deleting San Francisco as a Delivery Port, Changing the Requirements for Bags Containing Delivery Coffee, and Amending Coffee Sampling Procedures**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed amendments to contract terms and conditions.

**SUMMARY:** The Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange (CSCE or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Exchange's coffee "C" futures contract. The proposed amendments would: reduce the discount for Peruvian coffee delivered in satisfaction of coffee "C" futures contracts from 400 points to 100

points (from 4 cents per pound to 1 cent per pound); delete San Francisco, California as a delivery port; establish a minimum standard weight of 700 grams per bag for bags used in packaging deliverable coffee; permit new samples of coffee to be drawn for the purpose of appealing initial grading decisions regarding the coffee based on the first sample submitted; and change the method of transmitting completed and signed sampling orders to the Exchange. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedure which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on February 28, 2000—45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purposes of the Commodity Exchange Act.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before February 18, 2000.

**ADDRESSES:** Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange coffee "C" futures contract.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Please contact John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The coffee "C" futures contract currently provides for the delivery of 19 growths of coffee, including coffee produced in Peru, at CSCE-licensed warehouses in Miami, New York, New Orleans, and San Francisco. Individual coffee growths are deliverable at par or at specified premiums or discounts, with coffee of the growth of Peru presently being deliverable at a discount of 400 points (4 cents per pound). The contract currently requires that the bags in which deliverable coffee is packed must be made of sisal, henequen, jute, burlap or