

not suggest that exporters receive more in drawback than the amount to which they are entitled. Thus, petitioners have not provided sufficient information to support their allegation that there is a benefit to exporters under Argentina's duty drawback regime, and we are not including this program in our initiation.

3. Regional Promotional Scheme— Reimbursement "Patagonico": Reimbursement of Argentine National Income Tax

Petitioners allege that the GOA administers a regional promotion scheme for the Patagonian region (La Pampa, Rio Negro, Neuquen, Chubut, Santa Cruz, the National Territory of Tierra del Fuego, the Antarctic, the Falkland Islands and part of the Patagonian region located in the Province of Buenos Aires). According to petitioners, pursuant to Law 2,333/83, the GOA offers reimbursement of national income taxes to companies in the named region.

Petitioners have provided information supporting their allegation of import duty exemptions for capital goods under this program (*See* section I.J. above). However, petitioners have not provided information establishing that there is also an income tax reimbursement program under this regional promotion scheme. Therefore, we are not including this program in our initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, copies of the public version of the petition have been provided to the representatives of Argentina. We will attempt to provide copies of the public version of the petition to all the exporters named in the petition, as provided for under section 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

ITC Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of this initiation.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine by November 20, 2000, whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of honey from Argentina. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Notice of Government Owned Inventions Available for Leasing

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of government owned inventions available for licensing.

SUMMARY: The inventions listed below are owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's interest in the inventions is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Technical and licensing information on these inventions may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The inventions available for licensing are:

NIST Docket Number: 98-032US.

Title: Method of Manufacture of Convective Accelerometers

Abstract: This invention is jointly owned by the Department of Commerce and RF Microsystems. The Department's interest in the invention is available for licensing. A gamma radiation sensing device is described which can be used to create a detailed three dimensional intensity distribution of a high radiation zone and to map the radiation intensity as a registered color contour field of a three dimensional geometric model of the radiation zone. The device consists of two mated hemispheres fabricated from material with high-gamma blocking capability. The hemispheres contain an offset mating surface that precludes the mating surface

functioning as a radiation channel to the center of the mated sphere. A small-bore linear collimation channel is machined into each hemisphere to create a single, narrow bore viewing path to a central radiation sensing means located at the core of the sphere. The sensing element (an ionization probe, scintillator, or similar radiation sensitive means) is positioned so that it is at the terminus of the radiation channel. A circuitous path means machined into the hemisphere mating surfaces carries the signal (through the use of a flexible cable means—either coaxial or fiber optic) from the sensor to a remote electronic diagnostic and data logging means located well outside the high radiation environment. The circuitous path serves to restrict direct radiation entry to the sensor from all sources except those in line-of-sight with the collimated radiation channel.

Dated: October 23, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 103000A]

Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan Framework Adjustment 14

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed collection; Comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before January 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or

copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Paul H. Jones, Fishery Policy Analyst, NMFS, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, 978-281-9273, fax 978-281-9135, e-mail paul.h.jones@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The regulations implementing Framework Adjustments 11 and 13 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan (FMP) established the Georges Bank Sea Scallop Exemption Program (Exemption Program), which provided vessels permitted in the limited access scallop program short-term access to the groundfish closed areas on Georges Bank. The management measures and provisions of Framework Adjustment 14 to the FMP propose a similar area access program for the scallop Mid-Atlantic closed areas (Hudson Canyon South and Virginia Beach) as well as an adjustment to the limited access scallop days-at-sea (DAS) allocations. Following are measures that may be included in this access program: (1) Access allowed by all scallop limited access and open access vessels (dredge, trawl, and General Category vessels); (2) establishment of a scallop total allowable catch (TAC) for each of the reopened areas; (3) an allowance of five trips per vessel; (4) a possession limit of 15,000 lb (6,804 kg) of meats per trip for limited access vessels; (5) an automatic deduction of 10 DAS for each limited access trip; (6) a season of April 1, 2001, through February 28, 2002, with the provision that the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, may allow additional trips for those vessels that made a trip prior to September 1, 2001; (7) an emergency landing provision, whereby limited access vessels would not be charged the full 10 DAS, provided the vessel has experienced an emergency condition that forces the vessel to come into port earlier than anticipated; (8) a minimum mesh twine-top of 10 inches (25 cm) for scallop dredge vessels; (9) a Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) requirement, with double-polling for the duration of the access program; (10) a TAC set-aside to allow cooperative research; (11) a TAC set-aside to provide for observer coverage; and (12) a requirement that General Category vessels obtain a letter of authorization to fish in the scallop Mid-Atlantic closed areas. Proposed Framework 14 also may propose additional closed areas to protect concentrations of small scallops. Options for the closed areas include

areas in both the Mid-Atlantic and Georges Bank.

The VMS was considered to be one of the major tools for monitoring and enforcing the regulations pertaining to the exemption programs implemented under Framework Adjustments 11 and 13. Vessels participating in these Exemption Programs were required to use a VMS unit for the purposes of monitoring DAS under the scallop regulations. This submission requests comments on similar collection of information requirements, as well as new requirements, for proposed Framework 14. For limited access scallop vessels, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) gave Paperwork Reduction Act clearance for many of these reporting requirements. However, for General Category scallop vessels electing to participate in the proposed Mid-Atlantic Exemption Program, Framework Adjustment 14 proposes the following collection of information requirements: (1) Monthly reporting of intention to fish in the Exemption Program through the VMS e-mail; (2) daily reporting of scallops kept, Fishing Vessel Trip Report log page, and, for observed trips, scallops kept and yellowtail flounder caught on observed tows through the VMS e-mail messaging system; (3) installation of a VMS unit and documentation of installation of a VMS unit; (4) notice requirements for observer deployment; (5) declaration into the Exemption Program through the VMS prior to leaving the dock; (6) an increase in the polling frequency of the VMS from once every hour to once every thirty minutes; and (7) obtain a letter of authorization to fish in the scallop Mid-Atlantic closed areas. An additional collection of information requirement for limited access scallop vessels in the Exemption Program is: an emergency declaration through the VMS of a Exemption Program trip termination when fishing in the Mid-Atlantic closed areas.

II. Method of Collection

A combination of reporting methods will be involved, including forms, e-mail communications, phone calls, and automatic electronic transmissions.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 459.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes for a monthly e-mail notification of intent to fish in the

Exemption Program; 10 minutes for an e-mail messaging of catch; 1 hour for the installation of a VMS unit; 2 minutes for a notification for purposes of observer deployment; 5 minutes for submitting proof of VMS installation; 2 minutes for declaring into the Exemption Program through the VMS prior to leaving the dock; 5 seconds for each automated VMS report; 2 minutes for a emergency notification to terminate Exemption Program trip; and 2 minutes to obtain a letter of authorization to fish in the scallop Mid-Atlantic closed areas.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 683.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,120.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 26, 2000.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102700MC]

Public Assessment of Improved NOAA Weather Radio Automated Voice

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general