

Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether an instrument of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instrument shown below is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 01-012. *Applicant:* Rutgers University, Department of Physics and Astronomy, 136 Frelinghuysen Road, Piscataway, NJ 08854-8019. *Instrument:* Floating-Zone Optical Furnace, Model FZ-T-10000-H-VI-VP. *Manufacturer:* Crystal Systems, Inc., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to grow oxide single crystals such as (La,Ca)MnO₃, SrTiO₃, CuGeO₃, and La₂CuO₄ to investigate new magnetic and electronic ground states using the floating-zone crystal growth technique. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* May 9, 2001.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of Public Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held July 22 through July 26, 2001, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, Washington, DC. The meeting is open to the public. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the States, counties, and cities of the United States, private sector representatives. The annual meeting of the Conference brings together enforcement officials, other

government officials, and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations to discuss subjects that relate to the field of weights and measures technology and administration. Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 271(b)(6)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology supports the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the States in the complex of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the States of commercial weighing and measuring.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 22-July 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Grand Hyatt Hotel, 1000 H Street, NW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST, Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2350, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2350. Telephone (301) 975-4004, or E-mail owm@nist.gov.

Karen H. Brown,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Call for Applications for Native Hawaiian Representative to the Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Council for the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: On December 4, 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve (Reserve). The Executive Order requires the Secretary of Commerce or his or her designee (hereafter Secretary) to establish a Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Council (Reserve Council) to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the Reserve Operations Plan and the designation and management of a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary by the Secretary. The Secretary, through the Office of National Marine Sanctuaries

(ONMS), established the Reserve Council and is now seeking applicants for one Native Hawaiian representative seat on the Reserve Council. Previous applicants and current Alternate Council Representatives interested in serving as a full Council member must reapply specifically for this seat in order to be considered in the competitive pool.

DATES: Completed applications must be received by July 16, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Application kits may be obtained from Robert Smith or 'Aulani Wilhelm, Northwest Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, National Ocean Service, P.O. Box 43, Hawaii National Park, Hawaii 96718-0043, or online at: <http://hawaiiireef.noaa.gov>.

Completed applications should be sent to the same address as above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

'Aulani Wilhelm at (808) 295-1234, or aulani.wilhelm@noaa.gov, or visit the web site at: <http://hawaiiireef.noaa.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 4, 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, pursuant to language contained in the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000. The Reserve encompasses an area of the marine waters and submerged lands of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands, extending approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. The Reserve is adjacent to and seaward of the seaward boundary of Hawaii State waters and submerged lands and the Midway Atoll National Wildlife Refuge, and includes the Hawaiian Islands National Wildlife Refuge to the extent it extends beyond Hawaii State waters and submerged lands. The Reserve will be managed by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Act and the Executive Order. The Secretary has also initiated the process to designate the Reserve as a National Marine Sanctuary. The management principles and implementation strategy and requirements for the Reserve are found in the Executive Order, which is part of the application kit and can be found on the web site listed above.

In designating the Reserve, the Secretary of Commerce was directed to establish a Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve Council, pursuant to section 315 of the National Marine Sanctuaries Act, to provide advice and recommendations on the development of the Reserve Operations Plan and the designation and management of a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary by the

Secretary. The ONMS has established the Reserve Council and is now accepting applications from interested individuals to fill one vacant Native Hawaiian representative position on the Council. The Council is comprised of:

1. Three Native Hawaiian representatives, including one Native Hawaiian elder, with experience or knowledge regarding Native Hawaiian subsistence, cultural, religious, or other activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

2. Three representatives from the non-Federal science community with experience specific to the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands and with expertise in at least one of the following areas:

A. Marine mammal science.

B. Coral reef ecology.

C. Native marine flora and fauna of the Hawaiian Islands.

D. Oceanography.

E. Any other scientific discipline the Secretary determines to be appropriate.

3. Three representatives from non-governmental wildlife/marine life, environmental, and/or conservation organizations.

4. One representative from the commercial fishing industry that conducts activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

5. One representative from the recreational fishing industry that conducts activities in the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands.

6. One representative from the ocean-related tourism industry.

7. One representative from the non-Federal community with experience in education and outreach regarding marine conversation issues.

8. One citizen-at-large representative.

The Reserve Council also includes one representative from the State of Hawaii (and an alternate as appropriate) as appointed by the Governor; the manager of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary as a non-voting member; and one representative each, as non-voting members, from the Department of the Interior, Department of State, National Marine Fisheries Service, Marine Mammal Commission, U.S. Coast Guard, Department of Defense, National Science Foundation, National Ocean Service, and the Western Pacific Regional Fishery Management Council. The non-voting representatives and their alternates are chosen by the agencies and other entities which they represent on the Council. The charter for the Council can be found in the application kit, or on the web site listed above.

Selections to the Council will be made based upon candidates' particular

expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; and philosophy regarding the conservation and management of marine resources. Persons who are interested in applying for membership on the Council may obtain an application from either the person or website identified above. Completed applications must be sent to the address listed above and must be received by July 16, 2001.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 et seq.; Pub. L. 106-513.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: June 11, 2001.

Ted I. Lillestolen,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Oceans and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060601C]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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 Red Crab Oversight Committee in June, 2001. Recommendations from the committee will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will held on Friday, June 29, 2001, at 10 a.m.

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

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will hear and discuss a preliminary report on the social and economic aspects and available information for the red crab fishing industry. The Committee will hear and discuss a report from the Plan Development Team on progress on the development of the Red Crab Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The Committee will discuss and develop

specific management alternatives for the Red Crab FMP.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens 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: June 12, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO).

The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Title: Initial Patent Application (Elimination of Continued Prosecution Application Practice as to Utility and Plant Patent Applications).

Form Numbers: PTO/SB/01/01A/02A/02B/02C/03/03A/04/05/06/07/13PCT/17/18/19/29/29A/101/102/103/104/105/106/107/108/109/110.

Agency Approval Number: 0651-0032.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 2,984,360 hours per year.

Number of Respondents: 319,350 responses per year.

Avg. Hours Per Response: The USPTO estimates that it takes an average of 24 minutes to gather, prepare, and submit a Continued Prosecution Application. This is in contrast to the 12 minutes that