

longer is the average of the 20 year rates published in the Bond Buyer in the four weeks specified in § 1714.5(d). The rate for terms of less than 20 years is the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer for the same four weeks in the table of "Municipal Market Data—General Obligation Yields" or the successor to this table. No interest rate may exceed the interest rate for Water and Waste Disposal loans.

The table of Municipal Market Data includes only rates for securities maturing in 2001 and at 5 year intervals thereafter. The rates published by RUS reflect the average rates for the years shown in the Municipal Market Data table. Rates for interest rate terms ending in intervening years are a linear interpolation based on the average of the rates published in the Bond Buyer. All rates are adjusted to the nearest one eighth of one percent (0.125 percent) as required under § 1714.5(a). The market interest rate on Water and Waste Disposal loans for this quarter is 5.000 percent.

In accordance with § 1714.5, the interest rates are established as shown in the following table for all interest rate terms that begin at any time during the fourth calendar quarter of 2001.

Interest rate term ends in (year)	RUS rate (0.000 percent)
2022 or later .....	5.000
2021 .....	5.000
2020 .....	4.875
2019 .....	4.875
2018 .....	4.750
2017 .....	4.750
2016 .....	4.750
2015 .....	4.625
2014 .....	4.500
2013 .....	4.375
2012 .....	4.250
2011 .....	4.125
2010 .....	4.000
2009 .....	3.875
2008 .....	3.750
2007 .....	3.625
2006 .....	3.500
2005 .....	3.250
2004 .....	3.000
2003 .....	2.750
2002 .....	2.500

Dated: August 18, 2001.

**Blaine D. Stockton,**

Acting Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The 78th meeting of the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will convene October 9 through 11, 2001, in Honolulu, Hawaii.

**DATES:** The SSC meeting will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 9 and from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. on October 10-11, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** The 78th SSC meeting will be held at the Council office conference room, 1164 Bishop St., Suite 1400, Honolulu, Hawaii; telephone: 808-522-8220.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone 808-522-8220.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSC will discuss and may make recommendations to the Council on the agenda items below. The order in which agenda items will be addressed can change.

**Agenda A (1st hearing)**

*Tuesday, October 9, 2001, 9 a.m.*

A. Crustaceans fisheries - Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) lobsters

1. NMFS tagging research 2000 and 2001
2. 1999 Annual Report
3. Public comment (Hearing if Draft Environmental Impact Statement is out for comment)

B. Bottomfish fisheries

1. NWHI framework action: removal of NWHI landing requirements
2. Marine Protected Area (MPA) effects on calculating Spawning potential ratios (SPR), catch per unit effort (CPUE), etc.
3. Status of Hawaiian monk seal biological opinion and litigation
4. Status of bottomfish observer program and data collection
5. Status of Digital Video Observer Pilot project
6. Public comment (Hearing if Draft Environmental Impact Statement is out for comment)

C. Hawaiian monk seals

1. Quarterly report on activities of the Marine Mammal Research Program
2. Report on NWHI shark activities
  - a. Great white shark
  - b. Culling

*Wednesday, October 10, 2001, 8:30 a.m.*

D. Pelagic fisheries

1. 2nd quarter 2001 Hawaii and American Samoa longline reports
2. Annual Report
3. Distribution and abundance of billfish larvae off Kona
4. American Samoa
  - a. Longline fishery expansion in 2001 and management needs (limited entry program)
  - b. Pilot Observer program
  5. Turtle conservation and management
    - a. Litigation
    - b. Status of turtle recovery plans
    - c. Workshop
    - d. Turtle research (progress since May 2001)
    - e. Tagging
      1. Validating tag performance
      2. Other (modeling, population assessments, etc.)
      3. Status of Section 10 fishing experiment
      4. FMP regulatory amendment for turtle mitigation
      5. Seabird conservation and management
        - a. Litigation
        - b. U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service STAL Handling Guidelines
        - c. 2nd International Fishers Forum
        - d. Underwater setting chute deployment in Hawaii longline fishery
        - e. Exemption of basket gear from mitigation regulations
        - f. Marine Mammal Protection Act List Of Fisheries
        6. Impacts of closure of Suisan auction in Hilo
        7. Report on the 2001 Protected Species Workshops
        8. International meetings (14th Standing Committee on Tuna and Billfish, 3rd Billfish Symposium)

F. Precious Corals Fisheries

1. Precious coral framework action
  2. Public hearing on framework action
- The Council proposes to restructure the management regime for the exploratory area to be based on current knowledge of the resource and industry practices. This will permit increased landings as well as reduce pressure on the known beds. The proposed measure removes the 1,000 kg annual quota, and incorporates site-specific restrictions which will allow harvest of a sustainable percentage based on the size

of the resource in a given area. Compliance will be monitored through mandatory harvesting videotapes.

Thursday, October 11, 2001, 8:30 a.m.

#### G. Ecosystem and Habitat

1. NOAA habitat mapping initiatives
2. Proposed invasive species mitigation measures
3. Council MPAs policy development

#### H. Summary of recommendations to Council

#### I. Schedule for 2002 SSC meetings

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Kitty M. Simonds, 808-522-8220 (voice) or 808-522-8226 (fax), at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 17, 2001.

#### Bruce Morehead,

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

### Technology Administration

#### National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee; Notice of Determination for Closure of Meeting

The National Medal of Technology Nomination Evaluation Committee has scheduled a meeting for November 7, 2001.

The Committee was established to assist the Department in executing its responsibilities under 15 U.S.C. 3711. Under this provision, the Secretary is responsible for recommending to the President prospective recipients of the National Medal of Technology. The committee's recommendations are made after reviewing all nominations received in response to a public solicitation. The Committee is chartered to have twelve members.

*Time and Place:* The meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. on November 7, 2001. The meeting will be held in Room 4813 at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. For further information contact: Mildred S. Porter, Director National Medal of Technology, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 4226,

Washington, DC 20230, Phone: (202-482-1424).

If a member of the public would like to submit written comments concerning the committee's affairs at any time before and after the meeting, written comments should be addressed to the Director of the National Medal of Technology as indicated above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meeting will be closed to discuss the relative merits of persons and companies nominated for the Medal. Public disclosure of this information would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of the National Medal of Technology program because premature publicity about candidates under consideration for the Medal, who may or may not ultimately receive the award, would be likely to discourage nominations for the Medal.

Accordingly, I find and determine, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended, that the November 7, 2001, meeting may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b (c)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code because revealing information about Medal candidates would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action.

Due to closure of the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting will not be available, however a copy of the Notice of determination will be available for public inspection and copying in the office of Mildred Porter, Director, National Medal of Technology, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Herbert Hoover Building, Room 4226, Washington, DC 20230, (Phone: 202-482-1424).

Dated: August 10, 2001.

#### Bruce P. Mehlman,

Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy.  
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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Agency Information Collection Activities Under OMB Review

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and comment. The

ICR describes the nature of the information collection and its expected costs and burden; it includes the actual data collection instruments [if any].

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before October 24, 2001.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR A COPY CONTACT:** Barbara W. Black at CFTC, (202) 418-5130; FAX: (202) 418-5541; email: [bblack@cftc.gov](mailto:bblack@cftc.gov) and refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0022.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

*Title:* Rules Pertaining to Contract Markets and Their Members (OMB Control No. 3038-0022). This is a request for extension of a currently approved information collection.

*Abstract:* Section 5c(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act, 7 U.S.C. 7a-2(c), establishes procedures for registered entities (designated contract markets, registered derivatives transaction execution facilities and registered derivatives clearing organizations) to implement new rules and rule amendments by either seeking prior approval or (for most rules) certifying to the Commission that such rules or rule amendments do not violate the Act or Commission regulations. Rules 40.4, 40.5 and 40.6 implement these statutory provisions.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The OMB control numbers for the CFTC's regulations were published on December 30, 1981. See 46 FR 63035 (Dec. 30, 1981). The **Federal Register** notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on this collection of information was published on August 15, 2001 (66 FR 42846).

*Burden statement:* The respondent burden for this collection is estimated to average 2.52 hours per response. These estimates include the time needed to review instructions; develop, acquire, install, and utilize technology and systems for the purposes of collecting, validating, and verifying information, processing and maintaining information and disclosing and providing information; adjust the existing ways to comply with any previously applicable instructions and requirements; train personnel to be able to respond to a collection of information; and transmit or otherwise disclose the information.

*Respondents/Affected Entities:* 12,284.

*Estimated number of responses:* 305,371.

*Estimated total annual burden on respondents:* 770,506 hours.

*Frequency of collection:* On occasion.