

Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, DC.

*Docket Number:* 03-030.

*Applicant:* The Research Foundation of the State University of New York, Buffalo, NY 14260.

*Instrument:* Scanning Near-field Optical Microscope, Model AlphaSNOM.

*Manufacturer:* Wissenschaftliche Instrumente und Technologie GmbH, Germany.

*Intended Use:* See notice at 68 FR 42007, July 16, 2003.

*Comments:* None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

*Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) Easy switching between 3 types of microscopy (scanning near-field optical, confocal and atomic force) without moving the sample, (2) 50 nm resolution and (3) optimal flexibility for operation in a multi-user environment. The National Institutes of Health advised in its memorandum of July 21, 2003 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

**Gerald A. Zerdy,**

*Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, September 9, 2003, from 8:25 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. and Wednesday,

September 10, 2003, from 8:15 a.m. to Noon. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of thirteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a NIST Update, Remarks by the Acting Deputy Director and Acting Chief of Staff on Goals and Priorities, a Boulder Update, The New Office of the CIO, an Overview of NRC Board on Assessment FY 2002 Evaluation of NIST Labs, laboratory tours, Time and Frequency Measurements and Standards and Quantum Measurements and Standards. Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:25 a.m. and to end at 9 a.m., on September 9, and to begin at 8:15 a.m. and to end at 9 a.m. and to begin at 9:45 a.m. and to end at noon on September 10, 2003, on the NIST budget, planning information and feedback sessions will be closed. Agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. Final agenda will be posted on Web site. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, September 4, 2003, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Peter's e-mail address is [carolyn.peters@nist.gov](mailto:carolyn.peters@nist.gov) and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene September 9, 2003 at 8:25 a.m. and will adjourn at Noon on September 10, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Radio Building, Room 1107 (seating capacity 60, includes 35 participants), at NIST, Boulder, Colorado. Please note admittance instructions under **SUMMARY** paragraph.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Carolyn J. Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 25, 2003, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on

Advanced Technology which deal with discussion of sensitive budget and planning information that would cause harm to third parties if publicly shared be closed in accordance with Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

**Arden L. Bement, Jr.,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (Council) Gulf of Alaska (GOA) and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BS/AI) groundfish plan teams will meet in Seattle, WA.

**DATES:** The meetings will be held on September 8-11, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held at the Alaska Fisheries Science Center, 7600 Sand Point Way N.E., Bldg. 4, Room 2076 (BS/AI Plan Team) and Room 2039 (GOA Plan Team), Seattle, WA.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jane DiCosimo, North Pacific Fishery Management Council; telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The meetings will begin at 1 p.m. on Monday, September 8, and continue through Thursday September 11. The plan teams will review available stock assessments and catch statistics for Gulf of Alaska and Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands groundfish fisheries, review methodology for and adopt overfishing level and available biological catch projections for preliminary 2004 groundfish fisheries, review draft ecosystem chapter, review draft ecosystem assessment chapter, and review other potential Council actions on management on non-target groundfish and the total allowable catch setting process.

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 identified in this notice 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

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Benidxen, 907-271-2809, at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 8, 2003.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

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

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### Establishment of the Defense Advisory Board for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of establishment.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Advisory Board for Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) is being established in consonance with the public interest and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act," title 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2. The ESGR will provide advice to the Secretary of Defense about issues concerning Reservists and their civilian employers, to include recommending policies and priorities for employer support actions and programs.

The board will be composed of a national cross-section of industry, public and private sector leaders whose understanding of employer issues, as they are affected by employee membership in the guard and reserve, will serve as a foundation for providing input and recommendations to the Secretary of Defense on guard and reserve employment issues of public and private employers.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Contact Mr. Michael E. Naylon, 703-696-1386.

Dated: August 11, 2003.

**Patricia Toppings,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Manual for Courts-Martial; Proposed Amendments

**AGENCY:** Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

**ACTION:** Notice of Proposed Amendments to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (2002 ed.) and Notice of Public Meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Defense is considering recommending changes to the *Manual for Courts-Martial, United States* (2002 ed.) (MCM). The proposed changes constitute the 2003 annual review required by the MCM and DoD Directive 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee (JSC) on Military Justice," May 3, 2003. The proposed changes concern the rules of procedure and evidence and the punitive articles applicable in trials by courts-martial. These proposed changes have not been coordinated within the Department of Defense under DoD Directive 5500.1, "Preparation and Processing of Legislation, Executive Orders, Proclamations, and Reports and Comments Thereon," May 21, 1964, and do not constitute the official position of the Department of Defense, the Military Departments, or any other Government agency.

This notice also sets forth the date, time and location for the public meeting of the JSC to discuss the proposed changes.

This notice is provided in accordance with DoD Directive 5500.17, "Role and Responsibilities of the Joint Service Committee (JSC) on Military Justice," May 3, 2003. This notice is intended only to improve the internal management of the Federal Government. It is not intended to create any right or benefit, substantive or procedural, enforceable at law by any party against the United States, its agencies, its officers, or any person.

In accordance with paragraph III.B.4 of the Internal Organization and Operating Procedures of the JSC, the committee also invites members of the

public to suggest changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial in accordance with the described format.

**DATES:** Comments on the proposed changes must be received no later than October 31, 2003 to be assured consideration by the JSC. A public meeting will be held on October 1, 2003 at 11 a.m. in Room 808, 1501 Wilson Boulevard, Rosslyn, VA 22209-2403.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the proposed changes should be sent to Lieutenant Commander James Carsten, Office of the Judge Advocate General, 716 Sicard St. SE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5047.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lieutenant Commander James Carsten, Executive Secretary, Joint Service Committee on Military Justice, Office of the Judge Advocate General, 716 Sicard St. SE., Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20374-5047, (202) 685-7298, (202) 685-7687 fax.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The proposed amendments to the MCM are as follows:

Amend the Discussion section of Part I (Preamble) by twice replacing the word "Transportation" with the words "Homeland Security."

Amend Discussion section following R.C.M. 103(19), Definition for 10 U.S.C. 801(1) by replacing the phrase "the General Counsel of the Department of Transportation" with the phrase "an official designated to serve as Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard by the Secretary of Homeland Security."

[Note: The Secretary of Homeland Security has designated the Chief Counsel, U.S. Coast Guard, to serve as the Judge Advocate General of the Coast Guard.]

Amend R.C.M. 201(e)(2)(B) by adding the word "general" before "courts-martial" and inserting the following at the end thereof:

"assigned or attached to a combatant command or joint command."

Amend R.C.M. 201(e)(2)(C), inserting the phrase "assigned or attached to a joint command or joint task force," immediately before the words "under regulations which the superior command may prescribe."

Amend the Analysis accompanying R.C.M. 201(e)(2) by inserting the following paragraph:

"200 Amendment: Subsections (e)(2)(B) and (C) were revised to clarify that the reciprocal jurisdiction authority of joint commanders designated in either subsections (A), (B), or (C), is limited. This limitation is intended to preclude a joint commander from convening courts upon members who are not assigned or attached to a joint command."