

- What guidance should NIST give with respect to hash functions and their applications?

Conditions for an Early Transition

- How can hash functions be assessed for security properties such as collision resistance, preimage resistance, and pseudo-randomness?

- What conditions would warrant a transition away from one of the approved hash functions earlier than currently planned?

Potential Replacement Options

- Hash functions currently available for replacing one of the approved hash functions;

- What paradigms, other than the Merkle-Damgård construction, might be appropriate to consider?

- The need for an open competition, along the lines of the AES competition, for designing a new hash function.

Requirements for Unkeyed Cryptographic Hash Functions

- Desirable (or undesirable) general properties of hash functions for security, performance, and implementability;

- Desirable (or undesirable) properties of hash functions for particular applications, such as digital signatures, key derivation, message authentication, and random number generation;

- Identifying and encouraging the proper use of hash functions for particular applications.

Submissions for the workshop are requested by July 15, 2005. NIST will provide the accepted papers and presentations in a workshop handout, and post them on the workshop Web site after the workshop. However, no formal workshop proceedings will be published. NIST encourages presentations and reports on preliminary work that participants plan to publish elsewhere.

Because of NIST security regulations, advance registration is mandatory; there will be no on-site, same-day registration. To register, please register via the Web at <http://www.nist.gov/conferences> or fax the registration form with your name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address to (301) 948-2067 (Attn: Cryptographic Hash Workshop) by October 21, 2005. The registration fee will be \$125.00 (\$50.00 for students). Payment can be made by credit card, check, purchase order, or government training form. Registration questions should be addressed to Teresa Vicente on (301) 975-3883 or teresa.vicente@nist.gov.

Authority: This work is being initiated pursuant to NIST's responsibilities under the

Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002, Pub. L. 107-347.

Dated: June 7, 2005.

Hratch G. Semerjian,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries off West Coast States and in the Western Pacific; Bottomfish Fisheries; Overfishing Determination on Bottomfish Multi-Species Stock Complex; Hawaiian Archipelago

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

ACTION: Notice of overfishing determination.

SUMMARY: This action serves as a notice that NMFS, on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has determined that overfishing is occurring on the bottomfish multi-species stock complex (bottomfish complex) around the Hawaiian Archipelago and requests the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) to take appropriate action to end this overfishing. The Council is required to take action to end overfishing within 1 year following notification by NMFS that overfishing is occurring. The intent of this notice is to inform interested persons that Hawaii's bottomfish complex is undergoing overfishing.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 27, 2005, NMFS sent the following letter to the Council that (1) notifies the Council of the determination that overfishing is occurring in the bottomfish complex around Hawaii, (2) explains the Council's obligation to act in response to a determination that overfishing is occurring, and (3) requests the Council to take appropriate action to end overfishing.

Mr. Roy Morioka, Chairman

Western Pacific Fishery Management Council

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Dear Roy,

By this letter, I advise the Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) that NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), on behalf of the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary), has determined that overfishing is occurring on the bottomfish

multispecies stock complex (Complex) around the Hawaiian Archipelago, and to request the Council to take action to end that overfishing.

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) requires the Secretary to report annually on the status of fisheries within each regional fishery management council's geographical area of authority and identify those fisheries that are overfished or approaching a condition of being overfished (16 U.S.C. 1854(e)(1)). According to the guidelines for National Standard 1 of the Magnuson-Stevens Act (50 CFR 600.310), fishery stock status is assessed with respect to two status determination criteria, one of which is used to determine whether a stock is "overfished" and the second of which is used to determine whether the stock is subject to "overfishing." A stock is considered to be overfished if its biomass falls below the minimum stock size threshold (MSST). A stock is subject to overfishing if the fishing mortality rate exceeds the maximum fishing mortality threshold (MFMT) for one year. The MSST and MFMT for particular stocks are specified in fishery management plans.

According to Amendment 6 Supplement to the Fishery Management Plan for the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region (FMP), effective July 3, 2003 (68 FR 46112, August 5, 2003), the MFMT for bottomfish stock complexes managed under the FMP would be exceeded if the fishing mortality rate exceeded the rate associated with maximum sustainable yield (MSY). The most recent assessment of the Complex presented in Appendix 5 of the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region 2003 Annual Report indicated that, based on data through 2002, fishing effort (proxy for fishing mortality) exceeded the rate associated with MSY.

Based on these assessment results, NMFS, relying on the expertise and advice of its Pacific Islands Fisheries Science Center, has determined that overfishing of the Complex is occurring around the Hawaiian Archipelago.

Appendix 5 points out that the main Hawaiian islands (MHI) is where the overfishing problem primarily occurs - \geq The MHI is the zone that contributes most of the problems in terms of both reduced biomass and overfishing. \geq Therefore, it is likely that reducing fishing mortality here would be the most effective means to end overfishing in the Hawaiian Archipelago.

We look forward to working together with the Council to develop a plan to end overfishing of bottomfish.

Sincerely,

William L. Robinson
Regional Administrator

Appendix 5 of the Council's 2003 Annual Report on the Bottomfish and Seamount Groundfish Fisheries of the Western Pacific Region is available from <http://www.wpcouncil.org/bottomfish.htm> (See: Preliminary 2003 Annual Report, Status of Bottomfish Stocks).

Under section 304 (e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, the Council must take action within 1 year following notification by NMFS that overfishing is occurring. Hence, the Council is required to prepare and submit to the Secretary, by May 27, 2006, a fishery management plan amendment and proposed regulations to end overfishing in the bottomfish complex around the Hawaiian Archipelago.

Dated: June 8, 2005.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

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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Marine Mammals; File No. 984-1587

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Dr. Terrie Williams, Department of Biology, University of California at Santa Cruz, Long Marine Laboratory, Santa Cruz, CA 95064 has been issued an amendment to scientific research Permit No. 984-1587-03.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Skidmore or Amy Sloan, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 28, 2004 and February 10, 2005, notices were published in the *Federal Register* (69 FR 77732 and 70 FR 7082, respectively) that an amendment of Permit No. 984-1587-03 had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the

Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit amendment authorizes holding and research activities on two bottlenose dolphins (*Tursiops truncatus*) and two California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) currently maintained by Long Marine Laboratory. In addition, authorization has been granted for research activities on 30 male and 30 female juvenile California sea lions undergoing rehabilitation at The Marine Mammal Center; a non-profit hospital, rescue, and research facility. This permit has further been extended for three years.

Dated: June 8, 2005.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before July 14, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Carolyn Lovett, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503 or faxed to (202) 395-6974.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader,

Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, *e.g.* new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment.

Dated: June 8, 2005.

Angela C. Arrington,

Leader, Information Management Case Services Team, Regulatory Information Management Services, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Federal Student Aid

Type of Review: Revision.

Title: Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application and Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Forbearance Form.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Individuals or household; businesses or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; Federal Government; State, local, or tribal gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden: Responses—400. Burden Hours—90.

Abstract: The Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Application is used to determine whether borrowers who previously received loan forgiveness continue to meet the eligibility requirements for Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Program. Under this program, individuals who work full-time in certain child care facilities that serve low-income families and meet other qualifications may be eligible to have up to 100% of their Direct Loan and/or FFEL program loan forgiven. The Child Care Provider Loan Forgiveness Forbearance Form is required to fulfill program guidance that provides forbearance for child care providers and to determine the child care providers eligibility for forbearance.

Requests for copies of the information collection submission for OMB review may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 2732. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department