

and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part, 70 FR 30694 (May 27, 2005). The preliminary results of review are currently due no later than December 31, 2005.

Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue preliminary results within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time period to a maximum of 365 days. Completion of the preliminary results of this review within the 245-day period is not practicable because the Department needs additional time to analyze information pertaining to the respondent's sales practices, factors of production, and corporate relationships, to evaluate certain issues raised by the petitioners, and to issue and review responses to supplemental questionnaires.

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time specified under the Act, we are fully extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of review by 120 days until April 30, 2006, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. Further, because April 30, 2006, falls on a Sunday, the preliminary results will be due on May 1, 2006, the next business day. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results. This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 28, 2005.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Research Steering Committee in December, 2005 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Thursday, December 15, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 240 Mishawum Road, Woburn, MA 01801; telephone: (781) 932-3200; fax: (781) 935-6163.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee will meet to review final reports of cooperative research projects and discuss 2006 activities as well as long range planning.

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, Executive Director, at 978-465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 29, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Cooperative Institute (CI) Interim Handbook, Version 1.0, December 2005

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA publishes this notice to announce the implementation of the new NOAA Policy on Cooperative Institutes (NOAA Administrative Order Series, NAO 216-107, effective date September 2, 2005); and the availability of the NOAA CI Interim Handbook, Version 1.0, December 2005, for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this draft document must be submitted by January 18, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The NOAA CI Interim Handbook is available at <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci/docs/fedreg/ci-handbook120505.pdf>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments on the NOAA CI Interim Handbook (CI Handbook) electronically to coop.inst@noaa.gov. For commenters who do not have access to a computer, comments on the CI Handbook may be submitted in writing to Dr. John Cortinas, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes Office, 1315 East West Highway, R/LCx2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Cortinas, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, Laboratories and Cooperative Institutes Office, 1315 East West Highway, R/LCx2, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, Phone (301) 713-9121 ext. 206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CI Handbook is being issued pursuant to the authority of NAO 216-107, NOAA Policy on Cooperative Institutes (http://www.corporateservices.noaa.gov/~ames/NAOs/Chap_216/naos_216_107.html; hereafter, referred to as the NOAA CI Policy), Section 1.03 (2005), and applies to all NOAA Line Offices. The NOAA CI Policy originated from the January 2004 NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB) recommendation to develop a NOAA-wide process by which CIs are established and maintained. A copy of the SAB report is available at <http://www.sab.noaa.gov/>

Reports/RRT_Report-080604.pdf. The final NOAA CI Policy and the CI Handbook were developed after soliciting public comments on the document entitled, "Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes", (70 FR 11195, March 8, 2005). All comments received by NOAA during that period were considered when writing the NOAA CI Policy and the CI Handbook.

The CI Handbook outlines procedures for establishing, soliciting, awarding, maintaining, reviewing, renewing, and closing NOAA CIs. The CI Handbook references policies and procedures for use by NOAA Line Offices (LOs) for ensuring the consistent implementation of legislation, regulations, Office of Management and Budget (OMB) circulars, executive orders (EOs) and the Department of Commerce (DOC) Grants and Cooperative Agreements Interim Manual (http://oam.ocs.doc.gov/GMD_interimManual.html; hereafter referred to as the DOC Manual). The CI Handbook is being issued as supplemental operating unit-specific policies and procedures to cover items not covered by the DOC Manual to address programmatic requirements for the NOAA CIs, and does not conflict with the provisions of the DOC Manual.

The CI Handbook applies to all NOAA CIs established after the effective date of NAO 216-107 and to all competitive NOAA CIs established under the DOC Manual from February, 2002 through September 2, 2005. All other CIs established prior to the effective date of the NAO will continue to be maintained by the responsible NOAA LO under the terms of their existing agreement and extension, but will be subject to the guidelines of the CI Handbook to the maximum extent possible.

NOAA has elected to issue an interim Handbook and to make it immediately effective, to the extent practicable, since it is extremely important to provide NOAA LOs with interim direction to ensure consistent interpretation and implementation of the NAO. NOAA is also committed to provide adequate opportunities for the public to comment on the administrative policies of the NOAA CIs and is now requesting public comment on the CI Handbook. All comments will be considered in the development of the final version of the CI Handbook.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the CI Handbook, particularly those on any inconsistencies perceived within the CI Handbook and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the

CI Handbook, please propose specific remedies.

Please submit comments according to the instructions detailed herein for preparing and submitting your comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the consideration of all reviewer comments and ensure proper receipt. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: Your name(s), organization(s), and area(s) of expertise, mailing address(es), and telephone and fax number, e-mail address(es). Overview comments should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages and paragraphs should follow any overview comments and should identify the page and paragraph numbers to which they apply. Please number and print identifying information at the top of all pages.

The full text of the CI Interim Handbook is available on the World Wide Web at <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci/docs/fedreg/ci-handbook120505.pdf>. Paper copies are available upon request from the address and phone numbers listed earlier in this notice. All public comments will be accessible on <http://www.nrc.noaa.gov/ci>.

Dated: November 29, 2005.

John L. Hayes,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Distribution of NOAA Digital Navigation and Associated Data

AGENCY: Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: NOAA's National Ocean Service (NOS) is announcing the distribution of Raster Navigational Charts (RNCs) to the public via the Internet. These RNCs have primary application in navigation and geographic information systems. Providing mariners with more timely and accurate information via the Internet is expected to improve their decision-making capability in an often

rapidly changing marine environment, thus improving marine safety and reducing the risk of accidents, including injury to people, property, the environment, and local economies. Paper versions of the nautical charts will continue to be available from existing sources.

In addition, NOS is announcing the availability of a public service by which fully updated versions of NOAA nautical charts are posted on the Internet in a manner that they may be readily examined on-line. The intent of this service is to make the updated charts easily accessible anywhere for use as a planning and reference tool. Access to the on-line, nautical chart viewer can be had from <http://www.NauticalCharts.gov/viewer>.

DATES: Comments on this action should be submitted on or before 5 p.m., EST, January 3, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Comments in writing should be submitted to Director, Office of Coast Survey, National Ocean Service, NOAA (N/CS), 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD, 20910. Written comments may be faxed to (301) 713-4019. Comments by e-mail should be submitted to Jim.Gardner@noaa.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Captain James Gardner, Chief, Marine Chart Division, Office of Coast Survey, NOS/NOAA, 301-713-2724 x101, fax 301-713-4516, Jim.Gardner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOS is responsible for providing nautical charts and related information for safe navigation and other purposes under 33 U.S.C. 883a *et seq.* NOS developed Raster Navigational Charts under a cooperative research and development agreement (CRADA) with Maptech, Inc. as one means of fulfilling this responsibility. During the period the CRADA was in effect, the resulting RNCs were produced by Maptech, and were sold through commercial channels. At the conclusion of the CRADA, NOS determined that RNCs had proven to be a beneficial product that contributed to the safety of navigation, and were desired by the public. NOS therefore decided to continue the production of RNCs and to distribute them via the Internet.

NOS had previously announced its intention to begin using the Internet to distribute more of NOS' products when it was reasonable and feasible (see **Federal Register**, May 21, 2003, Volume 68, Number 98, page 27784-27785). NOAA consulted with the U.S. Coast Guard about this proposal. The Coast Guard concurred that such action would promote marine safety. The action is also designed to be consistent with