

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.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 16, 2005.

Emily Menashes,

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

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations in the Futures Industry

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission").

ACTION: Extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: The Commission is extending the time for interested parties to respond to the Commission's Request for Comments on Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations in the Futures Industry, published in the *Federal Register* on November 25, 2005.¹

DATES: Responses must be received by January 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written responses should be sent to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Responses may also be submitted via e-mail at secretary@cftc.gov. "Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations" must be in the subject field of responses submitted via e-mail, and clearly indicated in written submissions. This document is also available for comment at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Braverman, Deputy Director, (202) 418-5487; Rachel Berdansky, Special Counsel, (202) 418-5429; or Sebastian Pujol Schott, Attorney-Advisor, (202) 418-5641. Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 25, 2005, the Commission published in the *Federal Register* a Request for Comments on Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations ("SROs"). The Request for Comments advances the Commission's review of self-regulation in the U.S. futures industry ("SRO Study") by updating prior fact-finding, acknowledging recent industry developments, and offering interested parties an additional opportunity to comment as the SRO Study nears conclusion. Among other things, the Request for Comments addresses SRO governance; minimizing conflicts of interest within self-regulatory; the composition of SROs' boards of directors and disciplinary committees; the proper role and authority of independent, board-level regulatory oversight committees; and the impact of increasing competition, changing business models, and new ownership structures of SROs' self-regulatory responsibilities. Interested parties were invited to respond by January 9, 2006.

By letter dated December 7, 2005, the Futures Industry Association ("FIA") requested that the original comment period be extended by 14 days. To encourage the submission of meaningful comments, the Commission has decided to grant the FIA's request. The comment period on the Request for Comments on Self-Regulation and Self-Regulatory Organizations is hereby extended to January 23, 2006.

The Commission has previously indicated that the current Request for Comments, the 2004 Request for Comments on SRO Governance,² and industry developments since the start of the SRO Study, would form the basis of a public Commission meeting on self-regulation and self-regulatory organizations ("SRO Hearing"). The SRO Hearing has now been scheduled. Interested parties are directed to a Notice of Public Meeting ("Notice"), also published in today's *Federal Register*, for details on the date, time, and place of the SRO Hearing. Persons wishing to address the Commission must file a request to appear and supporting materials, as explained in the Notice.

Issued in Washington, DC on December 15, 2005, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction

AGENCY: Department of Defense, Defense Threat Reduction Agency.

ACTION: Notice of advisory board meeting.

SUMMARY: The Defense Threat Reduction Agency (DTRA) and the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) will hold the second public meeting of the Veterans' Advisory Board on Dose Reconstruction (VBDR). The VBDR was established at the recommendation of the National Research Council report, entitled "Review of the Dose Reconstruction Program of the Defense Threat Reduction Agency." The report recommended the need to establish an advisory board that will provide suggestions for improvements in dose reconstruction and claim adjudication procedures. The goal of VBDR is to provide guidance and oversight of the dose reconstruction and claims compensation programs for veterans of U.S.-sponsored atmospheric nuclear weapons tests from 1945-1962; veterans of the 1945-1946 occupation of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan; and veterans who were prisoners of war in those regions at the conclusion of World War II. In addition, the advisory board will assist VA and DTRA in communicating with the veterans.

Radiation dose reconstruction has been carried out by the Department of Defense under the Nuclear Test Personnel Review (NTPR) program since the 1970s. DTRA is the executive agent for the NTPR program which provides participation data and actual or estimated radiation dose information to veterans and the VA.

Board members were selected to fulfill the statutory requirements mandated by Congress in Section 601 of Public Law 108-183. The Board was appointed on June 3, 2005, and is comprised of 16 members. Board members were selected to provide expertise in historical dose reconstruction, radiation health matters, risk communications, radiation epidemiology, medicine, quality management, decision analysis and ethics in order to appropriately enable the VBDR to represent and address veterans' concerns.

The Board is governed by the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), Public Law 92-463, which sets forth standards for the formation and conduct of government advisory committees.

¹ 70 FR 71090 (November 25, 2005).

² 69 FR 32326 (June 9, 2004).