

of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: August 31, 2007.

**Gary Taverman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

Pursuant to section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, as amended by Public Law 106-36; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2104, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. in Room 2104, at the above address.

*Docket Number:* 07-056. *Applicant:* Illinois Institute of Technology, 3300 South Federal Street, Chicago, IL 60616. *Instrument:* Micro Test Pendulum with Hot-Stage Extension & Spherical Indenters. *Manufacturer:* Micro Materials Ltd., United Kingdom. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to investigate the micro-mechanical properties of metallic and inter-metallic material systems for structural applications. (2-3.5) Elevated temperature (>700 °C) micro-indentation tests will be performed on a range of experimental alloys and compounds to assist in an alloy development program. The System will be used to train graduate students and post-doctoral researchers as part of a research program on understanding the fundamental deformation mechanisms of high temperature structural materials.

The micro test pendulum with hot-stage extension and spherical indenters is capable of testing materials at temperatures in excess of 700 °C or at a load capacity of 10kN. Both of these features are critical in the assessment of mechanical properties of high strength materials at elevated temperature. Also, the horizontal design of the System

enables the insertion of a heat shield that prevents radiative heating of the sensitive electronics and allows for testing of specimens at temperatures in excess of 750 °C. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: August 12, 2007.

**Faye Robinson,**

*Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Marine Recreational Fisheries Statistics Survey

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at [dHynek@doc.gov](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Rob Andrews, NOAA, National Marine Fisheries Service, Fisheries Statistics Division, Phone: (301) 713-2328, ext. 148 or [Rob.Andrews@noaa.gov](mailto:Rob.Andrews@noaa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### I. Abstract

Marine recreational anglers are surveyed for catch and effort data, fish biology data, and angler socioeconomic characteristics. These data are required to carry out provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), as amended, regarding

conservation and management of fishery resources.

Marine recreational fishing catch and effort data are collected through a combination of telephone surveys and on-site intercept surveys with recreational anglers. The current telephone surveys rely on random contacts with residents of coastal county households (Random Digit Dialing, or RDD). This method is extremely inefficient as a relatively small percentage of contacted households reports fishing during any survey period.

The recent amendments to the MSA require that future surveys of fishing effort target anglers registered or licensed at the State or Federal level. Such licensed-based surveys will greatly increase the efficiency of data collection as a much larger percentage of contacted individuals are likely to report fishing activity. However, most current saltwater licensing programs exempt large sections of the population from licensing requirements (age, military and disability exemptions). To compensate for gaps in survey coverage created by these exemptions, a dual-frame methodology has been developed that integrates licensed-based sampling with RDD sampling. The resulting survey provides an efficient means of collecting fishing effort data while maintaining nearly complete coverage of the angling population.

##### II. Method of Collection

Information is collected by means of telephone interviews.

##### III. Data

*OMB Number:* 0648-0052.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 723,325.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 8 minutes for fishing households; 1 minute for non-fishing households.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 44,677.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0.

##### IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c)

ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 6, 2007.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

RIN 0648-XC45

**Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of availability and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application from the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW) for an incidental take permit pursuant to the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA). The duration of the proposed Permit is 5- years. This document serves to notify the public of the availability for comment of the permit application and of the associated draft environmental assessment (EA) before a final decision on whether to issue a Finding of No Significant Impact and the permit is made by NMFS. All comments received will become part of the public record and will be available for review pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA.

**DATES:** Written comments on the application and draft EA must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific time on October 12, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Kristine Petersen, Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 NE., Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to:

*UCRFisheries.nwr@noaa.gov*. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following identifier: Comments on UCR recreational fisheries. Comments may also be sent via facsimile (fax) to (503) 872-2737. Requests for copies of the permit application should be directed to the Salmon Recovery Division, 1201 NE., Lloyd Boulevard, Suite 1100, Portland, OR 97232. The documents are also available on the Internet at <http://www.nwr.noaa.gov>. Comments received will also be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours by calling (503) 230-5409.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristine Petersen at (503) 230-5409 or e-mail: *kristine.petersen@noaa.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This notice is relevant to the following species and evolutionarily significant units (ESUs) or distinct population segments (DPSs):

Steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*): endangered, naturally produced and artificially propagated Upper Columbia River (UCR) and threatened Middle Columbia River.

Chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*): endangered Upper Columbia River spring-run and threatened Snake River fall-run.

**Background**

Section 9 of the ESA and Federal regulations prohibit the "taking" of a species listed as endangered or threatened. The term "take" is defined under the ESA to mean harass, harm, pursue, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, capture, or collect, or to attempt to engage in any such conduct. NMFS may issue permits to non-Federal entities to take ESA-listed species if such taking is incidental to, and not the purpose of, carrying out an otherwise lawful activity, under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the ESA. NMFS regulations governing permits for threatened and endangered species are promulgated at 50 CFR 222.307.

The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requires Federal agencies to conduct an environmental analysis of their proposed actions to determine if the actions may affect the human environment. NMFS expects to take action on an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) submittal received from the applicant. Therefore, the Service is seeking public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis, including the range of reasonable alternatives and associated impacts of any alternatives.

On September 12, 2005, the WDFW submitted an application to NMFS for an ESA section 10(a)(1)(B) permit for

incidental take of ESA-listed anadromous fish species associated with recreational fishery programs in the upper Columbia River and its tributaries for a 5-year period. The receipt of the application was noticed in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 71087, November 11, 2005), and no comments were received. On February 2, 2007, the WDFW submitted a request to adjust the boundaries of one fishery previously proposed in the 2005 application. The application is being made available for comment a second time due to the addition of the fishery area adjustment. The proposed fisheries would target non-listed anadromous salmon and steelhead and resident game fish species. No fisheries that would target listed species are proposed in the application. Implementation of these fisheries would allow fishing for recreational purposes and would provide economic opportunities for local communities through the sale of licenses and equipment, and the conduct of other business and services related to recreational fisheries.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents, and comments submitted thereon to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. If it is determined that the requirements are met, a permit will be issued to the WDFW for the purpose of carrying out the fisheries management activities. NMFS will publish a record of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

The general effects on the environment considered include the impacts on the physical, biological, and socioeconomic environments of the Upper Columbia River Basin.

Dated: September 7, 2007.

**Angela Somma,**

*Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting**

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