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Marta Nammack,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Revised Draft Framework for Developing the National System of Marine Protected Areas and Response to Comments

AGENCY: NOAA, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Extension of public comment period; Notice on the Revised Draft Framework for Developing the National System of Marine Protected Areas.

SUMMARY: NOAA and the Department of the Interior published a notice in the *Federal Register* on March 17, 2008 (73 FR 14227) announcing a 30-day public comment period on the Revised Draft Framework for Developing the National System of Marine Protected Areas (Revised Draft Framework). Copies of the Revised Draft Framework can be requested via the contact information below or downloaded from <http://www.mpa.gov>. The deadline for public comment on the Revised Draft Framework is hereby extended.

DATES: The extended deadline for comments on the Revised Draft Framework is 11:59 EDT, May 16, 2008.

ADDRESSES: All comments regarding the Revised Draft Framework should be submitted to Joseph Uravitch, National MPA Center, N/ORM, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Comments sent via e-mail should be sent to mpa.comments@noaa.gov, and all comments sent by fax should be sent to 301-713-3110. E-mail and fax comments should state "Revised Draft Framework Comments" in the subject line.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Refer to the *Federal Register* notice of March 17, or contact Lauren Wenzel, NOAA, at 301-713-3100, or via e-mail at mpa.comments@noaa.gov.

Dated: April 16, 2008.

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Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposal To Exempt the Trading and Clearing of Certain Products Related to streetTRACKS® Gold Trust Shares

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed order and request for comment.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or the "Commission") is proposing to exempt the trading and clearing of products called options on streetTRACKS® Gold Trust Shares ("ST Gold Options"), proposed to be traded on a national securities exchange, and cleared through the Options Clearing Corporation ("OCC"), from the provisions of the Commodity Exchange Act ("CEA")¹ and the regulations thereunder to the extent necessary to permit them to be so traded and cleared. Authority for this exemption is found in Section 4(c) of the CEA.²

DATES: Comments must be received on or before April 30, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <http://www.regulations.gov/http://frwebgate.access.gpo/cgi-bin/leaving>. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

- *E-mail:* secretary@cftc.gov. Include "OCC ST Gold Options 4(c)" in the subject line of the message.

- *Fax:* 202/418-5521.

- *Mail:* Send to David A. Stawick, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581.

- *Courier:* Same as mail above.

All comments received will be posted without change to <http://www.CFTC.gov/>.

¹ 7 U.S.C. 1 *et seq.*

² 7 U.S.C. 6(c).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Introduction

The OCC is both a Derivatives Clearing Organization ("DCO") registered pursuant to Section 5b of the CEA, 7 U.S.C. 7a-1, and a securities clearing agency registered pursuant to Section 17A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("the '34 Act").³

OCC has filed with the CFTC, pursuant to Section 5c(c) of the CEA and Commission Regulations 39.4(a) and 40.5 thereunder,⁴ requests for approval of rules and rule amendments that would enable OCC to clear and settle ST Gold Options⁵ traded on a national securities exchange in its capacity as a registered securities clearing agency (and not in its capacity as a DCO).⁶ Section 5c(c)(3) provides that the CFTC must approve any such rules and rule amendments submitted for approval unless it finds that the rules or rule amendments would violate the CEA.

The request for approval concerning the ST Gold Options was filed effective February 4, 2008, and Amendment No. 1 thereto was filed effective March 7, 2008.

II. Section 4(c) of the Commodity Exchange Act

Section 4(c)(1) of the CEA empowers the CFTC to "promote responsible economic or financial innovation and fair competition" by exempting any transaction or class of transactions from any of the provisions of the CEA (subject to exceptions not relevant here) where the Commission determines that the exemption would be consistent with the public interest.⁷ The Commission

³ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1.

⁴ 7 U.S.C. 7a-2(c), 17 CFR 39.4(a), 40.5.

⁵ streetTRACKS® Gold Trust Shares, which underly ST Gold Options, are described in greater detail in the "Proposed Exemptive Order for ST Gold Futures Contracts," 73 FR 13,867 (March 14, 2008). The length of the comment period for this proposal is informed by the fact that the ST Gold Futures Contracts proposal is outstanding, and the goal of addressing both proposals simultaneously.

⁶ See SR-OCC-2008-04 and Amendment No. 1 thereto. OCC has also filed these proposed rule changes with the SEC.

⁷ Section 4(c)(1) of the CEA, 7 U.S.C. 6(c)(1), provides in full that:

In order to promote responsible economic or financial innovation and fair competition, the