DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Notice of Availability for Public Comment on the Interagency Ocean Observation; Committee Proposed Certification Design Process


ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS) Program publishes this notice on behalf of the Interagency Ocean Observation Committee (IOOC) to announce a 60-day public comment period for the proposed certification design process mandated by the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009 (ICOOS Act). The IOOC will use the proposed process to develop certification standards for non-federal assets, including regional information coordination entities, to establish eligibility for integration into the Integrated Ocean Observing System (System).

DATES: Written, faxed or e-mailed comments must be received no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on November 15, 2010.

ADDRESSES: The IOOC proposed certification design process and additional background material is available for review from the IOOC Web site URL: http://www.iooc.us or the IOOS Program Web site URL: http://www.ioos.gov. For the public unable to access the Internet, printed copies can be requested by contacting the IOOC Support Office at the address below. The public is encouraged to submit comments electronically to certification@iooc.us. If you are unable to access the Internet, comments may be submitted via fax or regular mail. Faxed comments should be sent to 202–332–8887 with Attn: IOOC Support Office. Comments may be submitted in writing to the Consortium for Ocean Leadership, Attention: IOOC Support Office, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information about this notice, please contact the IOOC Support Office, telephone: 202–332–4022; E-mail: certification@iooc.us or the IOOS Program Office, telephone 301–427–2442.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On 30 March 2009, President Barack Obama signed into law the Integrated Coastal and Ocean Observation System Act of 2009. Among the requirements in the Act is a directive to the IOOC to develop contract certification standards and compliance procedures for all non-Federal assets, including regional information coordination entities, to establish eligibility for integration into the System and to ensure compliance with all applicable standards and protocols established and to ensure that regional observations are integrated into the System on a sustained basis. The IOOC seeks public comment on both the proposed process to create these standards and on the scope and structure of the standards. The proposed certification design process and additional background information are available on the IOOC and IOOS Web sites or by contacting the IOOC Support Office or the IOOS Program Office. The IOOC is the Federal interagency group established in accordance with the ICOOS Act to lead the interagency planning and coordination of ocean observing activities including IOOS. The IOOC is comprised of representatives of eleven Federal agencies. The ICOOS Act identifies NOAA as the lead Federal agency. As defined in the IOOC charter, the purpose of the IOOC is to advise and assist national ocean governance bodies like the Ocean Science and Technology Interagency Policy Committee, called for in the National Ocean Policy, on matters relating to a national, end-to-end ocean observing system.


David M. Kennedy,
Acting Assistant Administrator for Ocean Service and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
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Pacific Fishery Management Council (Pacific Council): November 3–9, 2010, Pacific Council Meeting

AGENCY: NMFS, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will hold public meetings.

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DATES: The Pacific Council and its advisory entities will meet November 3–9, 2010. The Pacific Council meeting will begin on Thursday, November 4, 2010 at 9:30 a.m., reconvening each day through Tuesday, November 9, 2010. All meetings are open to the public, except a closed session will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, November 4 to address litigation and personnel matters. The Pacific Council will meet as late as necessary each day to complete its scheduled business.

ADDRESSES: Meetings of the Pacific Council and its advisory entities will be held at the Hilton Orange County Costa Mesa Hotel, 3050 Bristol Street, Costa Mesa, California 92626; telephone: 714–540–7000. The Pacific Council address is Pacifi Fishery Management Council, 7700 NE Ambassador Place, Suite 101, Portland, Oregon 97220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Donald O. McIsaac, Executive Director; telephone: 503–820–2280 or 866–806–7204 toll free; or access the Pacific Council Web site, http://www.pcouncil.org for the current meeting location, proposed agenda, and meeting briefing materials.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The following items are on the Pacific Council agenda, but not necessarily in this order:

A. Call to Order
   1. Opening Remarks and Introductions
   2. Roll Call
   3. Executive Director’s Report
   4. Approve Agenda
B. Open Comment Period
   1. Comments on Non-Agenda Items
C. Enforcement Issues
   1. Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife Enforcement Report
D. Ecosystem Based Management
   1. Ecosystem Science Information Session
E. Habitat
   1. Current Habitat Issues
   2. Deepwater Coral Information Report
F. Salmon Management
   1. Preseason Salmon Management Schedule for 2011
   2. Fishery Management Plan Amendment 16, Annual Catch Limits and Accountability Measures
   3. Progress Report on Sacramento River Fall Chinook Overfishing Assessment
   5. 2010 Salmon Methodology Review
G. Pacific Halibut Management
   1. 2011 Pacific Halibut Regulations
H. Groundfish Management
   1. Initial Consideration of Revisions to the Groundfish Biennial Management Process
   3. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments—Part I
   5. Implementation Update for Amendment 20 (Trawl Rationalization) and Amendment 21 (Interceptor Allocation) as well as Scoping of Prioritized Trailing Amendments
   6. Consideration of Inseason Adjustments—Part II, if Necessary
I. Coastal Pelagic Species Management
   2. Pacific Sardine Stock Assessment and Coastal Pelagic Species Management Measures for 2011
   3. Terms of Reference for Stock Assessment and Methodology Review Panels
   4. Coastal Pelagic Species Essential Fish Habitat Five Year Review
J. Highly Migratory Species Management
   3. Recommendations to International Fishery Management Organizations
K. Administrative Matters
   1. Approval of Council Meeting Minutes
   2. Fiscal Matters
   3. Membership Appointments, Council Operating Procedures, and Miscellaneous Administrative Matters
   4. Future Council Meeting Agenda and Workload Planning

Schedule of Ancillary Meetings

Day 1—Wednesday, November 3, 2010
Habitat Committee—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Amendment Committee Joint Session—8 a.m.
Scientific and Statistical Committee—8 a.m.
Ad Hoc Mitchell Act Committee—8:30 a.m.
Budget Committee—3:30 p.m.
Annual Awards Banquet—6 p.m.

Day 2—Thursday, November 4, 2010
California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Habitat Committee—8 a.m.
Salmon Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Salmon Technical Team and Salmon Amendment Committee Joint Session—8 a.m.

Day 3—Friday, November 5, 2010
California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 4—Saturday, November 6, 2010
California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Coastal Pelagic Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 5—Sunday, November 7, 2010
California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 6—Monday, November 8, 2010
California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Groundfish Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Groundfish Management Team—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Advisory Subpanel—8 a.m.
Highly Migratory Species Management Team—8 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Day 7—Tuesday, November 9, 2010
California State Delegation—7 a.m.
Oregon State Delegation—7 a.m.
Washington State Delegation—7 a.m.
Enforcement Consultants—As Necessary

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come
before this Council for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council 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 Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council’s intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations
These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Carolyn Porter at 503–820–2280 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

DATED: October 12, 2010.
Tracey L. Thompson, Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Ocean Service, NOAA, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of open meeting.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Marine Protected Areas Federal Advisory Committee (Committee) in Santa Barbara, California.

DATES: The meeting will be held Tuesday, November 2, 2010, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and Wednesday, November 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. These times and the agenda topics described below are subject to change. Refer to the Web page listed below for the most up-to-date meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at Fess Parker’s Doubletree Resort, 633 East Cabrillo Blvd., Santa Barbara, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kara Schwenke, Designated Federal Officer, MPA FAC, National Marine Protected Areas Center, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. (Phone: 301–713–3100 x162, Fax: 301–713–3110; e-mail: kara.schwenke@noaa.gov; or visit the National MPA Center Web site at http://www.mpa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee, composed of external, knowledgeable representatives of stakeholder groups, was established by the Department of Commerce (DOC) to provide advice to the Secretaries of Commerce and the Interior on implementation of Section 4 of Executive Order 13158, which calls for the development of a National System of MPAs. The National System aims to strengthen existing MPAs and MPA programs through national and regional coordination, capacity building, science and analysis. The meeting will be open to public participation from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 2, 2010. In general, each individual or group will be limited to a total time of five (5) minutes. If members of the public wish to submit written statements, they should be submitted to the Designated Federal Official by October 28, 2010.

Matters to be Considered: The focus of the Committee’s meeting will be the development of draft recommendations by the Subcommittees (Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning and Communities and Land/Sea Interactions) and the Cultural Heritage Workgroup for deliberation and action by the full MPA FAC. The Committee will hear from an expert speaker on the Integrated Ocean Observing System (IOOS), and how MPAs could be used as platforms for ocean monitoring. The Committee will hear from two panels of MPA experts: One on how MPAs can help support healthy and resilient coastal communities and one on how MPAs and the national system of MPAs relate to the National Ocean Policy and Coastal and Marine Spatial Planning Initiatives. The agenda is subject to change. The latest version will be posted at http://www.mpa.gov.

DATED: October 6, 2010.
Donna Wieting, Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology

Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of prospective grant of exclusive patent license.

SUMMARY: This is a notice in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"), U.S. Department of Commerce, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license in the United States of America, its territories, possessions and commonwealths, to NIST’s interest in the invention embodied in U.S. Patent Application No. 12/820,218, titled “Magnetic Connectors For Microfluidic Applications,” NIST Docket No. 09–020 to SFC Fluidics, LLC, having a place of business at 534 W. Research Center Blvd. Suite 260, Fayetteville, AR 72701. The grant of the license would be for the field of use: Magnetic Connectors For Microfluidic Applications.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Terry Lynch, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Technology Partnerships Office, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Phone 301–975–2691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royally bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty days from the date of this published Notice, NIST receives written evidence and argument which establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

U.S. Patent Application No. 12/820,218 is owned by the U.S. government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. The invention comprises a first magnetic connector with at least one orifice extending therethrough and a second magnetic connector. The first and second connectors are configured to magnetically attract each other. In one aspect, the first magnetic connector is configured to sealingly engage a surface of a microfluidic chip with the second magnetic connector disposed on an opposite side of the microfluidic chip. The first magnetic connector is configured to seal with the microfluidic chip about a channel opening in the microfluidic chip and provide flow communication between the channel opening and the orifice in the first magnetic connector. In at least one other aspect, the first magnetic connector and second magnetic connector each have at least one orifice and are configured to change a flow communication there between upon a rotation of the first or