

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061506B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee, Scup Monitoring Committee, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and Bluefish Monitoring Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2006, beginning at 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Renaissance Philadelphia Airport, 500 Stevens Drive, Philadelphia, PA 19113; telephone: (610) 521-5900.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: (302) 674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of these meetings is to recommend the 2007 commercial management measures, commercial quotas, and recreational harvest limits for the summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass fisheries. The Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet to recommend commercial management measures, recreational management measures, and a commercial quota for the bluefish fishery for 2007.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during the meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified 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

The meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language

interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jan Saunders, (302) 674-2331 ext: 18, at the Council office at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: June 16, 2006.

Tracey L. Thompson,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061306C]

U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product 2.1

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publishes this notice to announce the availability of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment draft Product 2.1 addressing the CCSP Topic: "Scenarios of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Atmospheric Concentrations and Review of Integrated Scenario Development and Application" for public comment. Following the public comment period, the lead authors will revise the Product, taking into consideration the submitted comments. The lead agency will then submit the revised Synthesis and Assessment Product to the CCSP Interagency Committee for approval and eventual release in accordance with the procedure described in the approved Prospectus for Synthesis and Assessment Product 2.1 that is posted on the CCSP Program Office web site: <http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap2-1/default.htm>

DATES: Comments must be received by August 7, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The Synthesis and Assessment draft Product and detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Product are posted, along with the Prospectus, on the CCSP Program Office Web site at <http://www.climatechange.gov/Library/sap/sap2-1/default.htm>.

Please make certain that submitted comments are prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vanessa Richardson, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419-3465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CCSP was established by the President in 2002 to coordinate and integrate scientific research on global and climate changes sponsored by 13 participating departments and agencies of the U.S. Government. The CCSP is charged with preparing information resources that support climate-related discussions and decisions, including scientific synthesis and assessment analyses that support evaluation of important policy issues. The Synthesis and Assessment draft Product addressing the CCSP Topic: "Scenarios of Greenhouse Gas Emissions and Atmospheric Concentrations and Review of Integrated Scenario Development and Application" is one of 21 such products that will be produced by the CCSP.

Dated: June 15, 2006.

Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.,

Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 061306D]

U.S. Climate Change Science Program Synthesis and Assessment Product Prospectus

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

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration publish this notice to announce the availability of the draft Prospectus for one of the U.S. Climate Change Science Program (CCSP) Synthesis and Assessment Products (Products) for public comment. This draft Prospectus addresses the following CCSP Topic: Product 4.3 The Effects of Climate Change on Agriculture, Biodiversity, Land, and Water Resources

After consideration of comments received on the draft Prospectus, the final Prospectus along with the comments received will be published on the CCSP web site.

DATES: Comments must be received by July 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: The draft Prospectus is posted on the CCSP Program Office web site. The web addresses to access the draft Prospectus is:
Product 4.3 (Resources):
<http://www.climatescience.gov/Library/sap/sap4-3/default.htm>

Detailed instructions for making comments on the draft Prospectus is provided with the Prospectus. Comments should be prepared in accordance with these instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa Richardson, Climate Change Science Program Office, 1717 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Suite 250, Washington, DC 20006, Telephone: (202) 419-3465.

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Dated: June 15, 2006.

Conrad C. Lautenbacher, Jr.,
Vice Admiral, U.S. Navy (Ret.), Under Secretary of Commerce for Oceans and Atmosphere.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. PTO-P-2006-0035]

Grant of Interim Extension of the Term of U.S. Patent No. 4,826,811; PolyHeme® (Acellular Red Blood Cell Substitute)

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of interim patent term extension.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office has issued a certificate under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for a fourth one-year interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,826,811.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mary C. Till by telephone at (571) 272-7755; by mail marked to her attention and addressed to the Commissioner for Patents, Mail Stop Patent Ext., P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450; by fax marked to her attention at (571) 273-7755, or by e-mail to Mary.Till@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 156 of Title 35, United States Code, generally provides that the term of a patent may be extended for a period of up to five years if the patent claims a product, or a method of making or using a product, that has been subject to certain defined regulatory review, and that the patent may be extended for interim periods of up to a year if the regulatory review is anticipated to extend beyond the expiration date of the patent.

On May 31, 2006, patent owner, Northfield Laboratories Inc., timely filed an application under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) for an interim extension of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,826,811. The patent claims the human biological product PolyHeme® (acellular red blood cell substitute), a method of use of the biological product, and a method of manufacturing the biological product. The application indicates, and the Food and Drug Administration has confirmed, that an investigational new drug application for the human biological product PolyHeme® has been filed and is currently undergoing regulatory review before the Food and Drug Administration for permission to market or use the product commercially.

Review of the application indicates that, except for permission to market or use the product commercially, the subject patent would be eligible for an extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156, and that the patent should be extended for an additional year as required by 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5)(B). Because it is apparent that the regulatory review period will continue beyond the extended expiration date of the patent (June 20, 2006), interim extension of the patent term under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) is appropriate.

An interim extension under 35 U.S.C. 156(d)(5) of the term of U.S. Patent No. 4,826,811 is granted for a period of one year from the extended expiration date of the patent, i.e., until June 20, 2007.

Dated: June 15, 2006.

Jon W. Dudas,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Comprehensive Review of the Commitments of Traders Reporting Program

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Commitments of Traders ("COT") reports are weekly reports, published by the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("CFTC" or "Commission"), showing aggregate trader positions in certain futures and options markets. Over time, both the trading activity that is the subject of the COT reports, and the reports themselves, have continued to change and evolve. As part of its ongoing efforts both to maintain an information system that reflects changing market conditions, and to provide the public with useful information regarding futures and options markets, the Commission is undertaking a comprehensive review of the COT reporting program. This release is intended to: (1) Provide useful background information regarding the COT reports; (2) lay out various issues and questions regarding the COT reports; and (3) solicit public comment regarding the reports, including suggestions as to possible changes in the COT reporting system.

DATES: Responses must be received by August 21, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Written responses should be sent to Eileen Donovan, Acting 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. "COT reports" 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: Donald H. Heitman, Senior Special Counsel, Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Center, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. Telephone: 202-418-5041. E-mail: dheitman@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: