

Public Law 108-7, Section 210, the Secretary of Commerce shall design, develop and implement an international advertising and promotional campaign, which seeks to encourage individuals to travel to the United States. The Board shall recommend to the Secretary of Commerce the appropriate coordinated activities for funding. This campaign shall be a multi-media effort that seeks to leverage the Federal dollars with contributions of cash and in-kind products unique to the travel and tourism industry. The Board was chartered in August of 2003 and will expire on August 8, 2005.

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Dated: December 21, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcement of Public Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology.

**ACTION:** Announcement of public meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Interim Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held January 23 through 26, 2004, at the Fairmont Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, CA. This meeting is open to the public. Meeting registration and hotel information can be found on the NCWM Web site (<http://www.ncwm.net>). The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the States, counties, and cities of the United States, and private sector representatives. The interim meeting of the Conference brings together enforcement officials, other government officials, and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations to discuss subjects related to the field of weights and measures technology and administration. Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 272(b)(6)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology supports the National

Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the States in the complexity of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the States of commercial weighing and measuring.

**DATES:** January 23-26, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The Fairmont Miramar Hotel, Santa Monica, CA.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The National Conference on Weights and Measures (NCWM) has the following topics scheduled for discussion and development at the Interim Meeting in January. This is a work session of the NCWM Committees to finalize recommendations for items that are considered sufficiently developed for a vote in July 2005 or to modify or withdraw from committee agendas those items that need additional development or are not considered adequately developed for vote in July. The NCWM will have a special joint session of the Laws and Regulations Committee and the Specifications and Tolerances Committee to receive input on the temperature compensation of refined petroleum products. The temperature compensation issues have been on the agenda for several years, but there hasn't been a clear majority position to resolve the specific items before the NCWM. Please see NCWM Publication 15, which is available on the NIST Web site (<http://www.nist.gov/owm>) and the NCWM Web site (<http://www.ncwm.net>) for additional information. Written comments may be submitted to the Chief, NIST Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600, or via e-mail at [owm@nist.gov](mailto:owm@nist.gov).

The following provides a brief description of the agenda items. At this stage, the items are proposals. The Committees will decide which items will move forward as recommendations for vote in July 2005, which ones will be withdrawn, and which ones will be information items for further development. The NCWM Specifications and Tolerances Committee addresses proposed changes or amendments to NIST Handbook 44, "Specifications, Tolerances, and other Technical Requirements for Weighing and Measuring Devices." The items address commercial weighing and measuring devices that may be used in commercial measurement applications, that is, devices that are normally used to buy from or sell to the general public or used for determining the quantity of product sold among businesses. Issues on the agenda of the NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee relate to NIST

Handbook 130, "Uniform Laws and Regulations in the area of legal metrology and engine fuel quality," and NIST Handbook 133, "Checking the Net Contents of Packaged Goods."

#### NCWM Specifications and Tolerances Committee

##### General Code

*Item 310-1:* The issue addresses an extensive series of marking requirements for commercial measurement systems. In particular, the topic examines which marking requirements should apply to electronic instruments that are not specifically designed for weighing or measuring systems, but which increasingly are being used in commercial weighing and measuring systems.

*Item 310-2:* Clarify the tolerances to be applied during the type evaluation of weighing and measuring instruments, that is, whether or not special test tolerances should apply to instruments undergoing type evaluation.

##### Scales Code

*Item 320-1:* Clarify the requirement's original intent for marking zero indications on scales and point-of-sale systems, where a zero-balance condition is represented by other than a digital zero indication.

*Item 320-2:* The proposal is to drop the "#" mark as a symbol for "pound" on a receipt printed by a point-of-sale system, *i.e.*, a cash register interfaced with a scale.

*Item 320-3:* Add new device-specific requirements to the Scales Code to address the proper interface of computing scales with electronic cash registers (ECR).

*Item 320-4:* Change the zero-tracking requirement (the amount of weight that can automatically be zeroed) for class III scales to be consistent with the international standard recommended by the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML).

*Item 320-5:* Provide guidelines on the placement of the required nominal capacity and scale division information on scales.

*Item 320-6:* Delete the definitions for bench and counter scales, because current scale designs no longer distinguish between these two types of scales. Additionally, the proposal is to change the test load and test positions for the shift test for scales, particularly for small capacity scales.

*Item 320-7:* The proposal is to drop the fourth tolerance step for Class III and Class IIII scales to align the tolerances with the OIML standard. This is a significant issue because there are

many scales to which these tolerances apply.

*Item 320-8:* Align the U.S. requirements for the time dependence (creep) test for scales and load cells with the OIML requirements.

*Item 320-9:* Include in NIST Handbook 44 the list of accepted international symbols for marking operational controls, indications and features on scales.

#### *Belt-Conveyor Scale Systems*

*Item 321-1:* Add a requirement for users of belt-conveyor scales to prevent the reweighing of material that has already been weighed, but which may have fallen off the belt-conveyor before delivery to the customer. Additionally, another user requirement would be changed to require that records be maintained for 3 years regarding the calibration and adjustment of belt-conveyor scales.

#### *Automatic Bulk Weighing Systems*

*Item 322-1:* The proposal is to specify the tolerance for automatic bulk weighing systems in terms of scale divisions rather than as a percentage of the test load. The concern is that, based upon the amount of test weights that are normally available to test these weighing systems, this may result an tolerance that is effectively larger than what is currently being applied to these scales.

#### *Liquid-Measuring Devices*

*Item 330-1:* This item is to address "computer jump" on gasoline and diesel fuel dispensers as the price of gasoline and diesel fuel continues to increase.

*Item 330-2:* Change the value of the rated flow rate for retail motor fuel (gasoline and diesel fuel) dispensers at which special tests are to be conducted at low flow rates to be consistent with other requirements in the code. The proposal also clarifies that dispensers are not to operate at flow rates below the rated minimum flow rate stated by the meter manufacturer.

#### *Vehicle-Tank Meters*

*Item 331-1:* Add a number of specifications, test notes, and tolerances to recognize automatic temperature compensation on vehicle-tank meters and specify the tests to be conducted on meters equipped with automatic temperature compensation. This subject is the focus of a special joint session of the Laws and Regulations Committee and the Specifications and Tolerances Committee to receive input on the temperature compensation of refined petroleum products

*Item 331-2:* Clarify that the unit price on a vehicle-tank meter does not have to be displayed continuously on a price-computing meter register. However, the unit price must be clearly displayed and understood by the operator and an observer of the delivery.

*Item 331-3:* The proposal is to require an automatic zero-set-back interlock on vehicle-tank meters to force meters to be set back to zero for each delivery. Complications that must be considered are multiple deliveries in one location to a single customer and deliveries for aircraft refueling.

*Item 331-4:* Modify the "split-compartment" test for vehicle-tank meters and rename the test as a "product depletion" test. A specific tolerance is specified for the performance of the vapor (air) eliminator system.

#### *Other Items*

*Item 360-1:* Add a tentative code for livestock, meat, and poultry evaluation systems used to measure the fat content on carcasses and other quality characteristics that affect the price paid for the commodities. The proposed tentative code is based upon four recently completed ASTM standards that have been developed over the past three years.

*Item 360-2:* Amend the Fundamental Considerations in Handbook 44 to recognize additional standards that are acceptable for field standards and update the terminology and references for field standards, reference and secondary standards, corrections, and uncertainties. These changes are related to items 221-1 and 234-1 on the agenda of the Laws and Regulations Committee.

*Item 360-3:* Contact information is provided for current OIML activities regarding the development of international legal metrology standards.

*Item 360-4:* The proposal is to add the OIML terminology to Handbook 44 for features and operational controls on commercial weighing and measuring devices.

*Item 360-5:* Two issues are identified for continued development. The first is General Code paragraph G-S.5.6.1. Recorded Representation of Metric Units on Equipment with Limited Character Sets. The second is Scales Code Table 4. Minimum Test Weights and Test Loads; Device Capacity 500,000 lb.

#### **NCWM Laws and Regulations Committee**

*Item 221-1:* Amend the Uniform Weights and Measures Law to modify definitions for different types of physical standards to be consistent with

current international terminology, add definitions regarding traceability, accreditation, calibration, uncertainty, and other technical terms to recognize current roles of accredited laboratories. Additionally, amendments to the Uniform Weights and Measures Law are proposed to allow the recognition of calibrations performed by accredited laboratories and to broaden references to documentary standards to allow the recognition and use of documentary standards developed by other national and international standards developing organizations.

*Item 232-1:* Amend the Uniform Method of Sale Regulation to address the temperature compensation of refined petroleum products to the volume at 15 °C (60 °F) for deliveries from wholesale through retail (service station) transactions. This subject is the focus of a special joint session of the Laws and Regulations Committee and the Specifications and Tolerances Committee to receive input on the temperature compensation of refined petroleum products.

*Item 234-1:* Amend the Uniform Regulation for the Voluntary Registration of Servicepersons and Service Agencies regarding the references to the physical standards that are used and to expand the reference to national and international documentary standards that may be acceptable for the physical standards used by these service agencies. The proposed changes would also broaden the range of laboratories that could verify compliance of the physical standards to these documentary standards.

*Item 237-1:* This item examines the identification and labeling of biodiesel fuels and blends at the service station for sale to the general public.

*Item 237-2:* This item is to modify the lubricity requirement for premium diesel fuel to be current with the evolving ASTM standard for this product.

*Item 260-1:* The item is to reexamine proposed changes to the maximum allowable variations for meat and poultry products subject to USDA regulations.

*Item 260-2:* This proposal seeks to have the maximum allowable variations apply to packages of wood shavings.

*Item 260-3:* This item proposes that a work group be established to examine all of the maximum allowable variations stated in NIST Handbook 133 to see if they should be modified based upon current packaging methods and international standards for these products.

*Item 270-1:* Since more meat and poultry products are being packaged in

centralized locations and then distributed to stores for sale, the proposal explores if tare weights should be required to be printed on the individual "case-ready" packages.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST, Weights and Measures Division, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2600, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2600. Telephone (301) 975-4004, or email: [owm@nist.gov](mailto:owm@nist.gov).

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**Hratch G. Semerjian,**

*Acting Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 120304A]

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

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

**ACTION:** Application for enhancement of survival permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for an enhancement of survival permit from the Lower Columbia Fisheries Enhancement Group (LCFEG). The proposed action is intended to enhance and restore salmonid habitat in southwest Washington.

**DATES:** Comments or requests for a public hearing on the application request must be received at the appropriate address or fax number (see **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Pacific daylight-saving time on January 27, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments on the application should be sent to Habitat Conservation Division, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, WA 98503. Comments may also be sent via fax to 360-753-9517 or by e-mail to [stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov](mailto:stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Stephanie Ehinger, Lacey, WA (phone: 360-534-9341, fax: 360-753-9517, e-mail: [stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov](mailto:stephanie.ehinger@noaa.gov)); or Dan Guy at the same office (phone: 360-534-9342, email: [dan.guy@noaa.gov](mailto:dan.guy@noaa.gov)).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Species Covered in this Notice

The following listed species are covered in this notice:

Chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*): Threatened Lower Columbia River (LCR).

Steelhead (*O. mykiss*): Threatened LCR.

Coho (*O. kisutch*): Proposed threatened LCR.

#### Authority

Scientific research and enhancement of survival permits are issued in accordance with section 10(a)(1)(A) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) (ESA) and regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFS 222-226). NMFS issues permits based on findings that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) if granted and exercised, would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. The authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits.

Anyone requesting a hearing on the application listed in this notice should set out the specific reason why a hearing would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA.

#### Application Received

The LCFEG is requesting a 5-year permit to annually take juvenile threatened LCR chinook salmon, threatened LCR steelhead, and proposed threatened LCR coho. They propose to undertake projects that will enhance and restore salmon habitat in southwest Washington. The primary tributaries they propose to work in are the Washougal, Lewis, Kalama, Cowlitz, Toutle, Elochman, Grays, and Chinook River watersheds. The LCFEG is one of 14 Regional Fisheries Enhancement Group's (RFEG's) created by the Washington State legislature in 1990. Each RFEG is an independent 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission to increase salmonid populations.

The proposed projects were developed using the Lead Entity's Interim Strategy for Habitat Restoration (<http://www.lcfrb.gen.wa.us.gtml>) and the Limiting Factors Analysis completed by the Washington State Conservation Commission (<http://salmon.scc.wa.gov/reports/index.html>).

The projects would be carefully monitored, and the LCFEG would provide annual reports to NMFS so that the actions can be evaluated and, if needed, modified. The LCFEG will also monitor take and provide NMFS with

annual reports stating the take types and amounts.

The proposed activities will be carried out solely for the benefit of listed salmon; that is, for the enhancement of survival of listed salmonids. The LCFEG will take specific measures such as designing, scheduling, and sequencing construction work to minimize any adverse impacts. Complete details of conservation measures are provided in the permit application.

This notice is provided pursuant to section 10 (c) of the ESA. NMFS will evaluate the application, associated documents and comments submitted to determine whether the application meets the requirements of section 10 (a) of the ESA and Federal regulations. The final permit decision will not be made until after the end of the 30-day comment period. NMFS will publish notice of its final action in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: December 21, 2004.

**Phil Williams,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 122104D]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Trawl Survey Advisory Panel, composed of representatives from the Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC), the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC), the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC), and several independent scientific researchers, will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on January 26, 2005, from noon to 5 p.m. and January 27, 2005, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Brookshire Suites (Inner Harbor), 711 Eastern Ave., Baltimore, MD; telephone: (410) 625-1300.

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