

will adjourn at approximately 3:00 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

All other information pertaining to this document remains the same.

Dated: November 8, 1999.

Richard H. Schaefer,

Chief, Staff Office for Intergovernmental and Recreational Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110599B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, November 22, 1999 to Tuesday, November 23, 1999. On Monday, November 22nd, Council will meet from 1:00-5:00 p.m. On Tuesday, November 23rd, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Crown Plaza Meadowlands, Two Harmon Plaza, Secaucus, NJ; telephone: 201-348-6900.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

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

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council will address and, if necessary, comment on NMFS' proposed rules regarding implementation of the Council's commercial fishing specification for 2000 regarding squid, mackerel, butterfish, surfclam, ocean quahogs, summer flounder, scup, black sea bass, and bluefish. Should proposed rules not be available, the Council will review and evaluate scup management measures and options previously proposed to the Agency. The Council will also review and, if appropriate, provide comments on the Agency's notice to finalize its interim final rule to implement Essential Fish Habitat

provisions of the Sustainable Fisheries Act. The Council will receive the Tilefish Committee Report and consider adoption of the Tilefish Fishery Management Plan for Secretarial submission. It is anticipated that this session will be the last session for the public to comment on the Council's Draft Tilefish FMP.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, these 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 Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: November 5, 1999.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 18 November 1999 at 10 a.m. in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Items of discussion will include designs for projects affecting the appearance of Washington, DC, including buildings and parks.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC, November 8, 1999.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade: Proposed Amendments to the Speculative Position Limit Provisions of the Municipal Bond Index Futures Contract

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments to the terms and conditions of commodity futures contract.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBOT or Exchange) has submitted a proposed amendment to the speculative position limit provision of its Municipal Bond Index futures and futures option contracts. Under the proposal, the subject futures and option contracts would be subject to a joint 4,000-contract spot month position limit, with no exemptions allowed, that would be in effect during the last three trading days prior to expiration.

The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division), acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposal for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to the proposed amendments to the CBOT Municipal Bond Index futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Please contact Michael Penick of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5279.

Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527.
Electronic mail: mpenick@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Municipal Bond Index futures contract is settled on the last day of trading based on the level of the Municipal Bond Index as calculated by Bond Buyer, an independent third party, on the last trading day. The contract is currently listed for trading in the March, June, September, and December quarterly cycle.

Under current rules, the subject contracts are subject to a joint all-months-combined speculative position limit of 5,000 futures-equivalent contracts. Bona fide hedgers and certain other qualified position holders are eligible for exemptions from this speculative position limit. The Exchange is proposing to adopt, in addition to the all-months-combined limit, a spot month position limit of 4,000 contracts applicable during the last three trading days. This limit would apply to all positions and no exemptions, for hedging or other enumerated positions, would be permitted. (See, Commission Rule 150.5(d).)

The CBOT proposes to implement the proposal for application to existing contract months, including the December 1999 contract month, shortly after receipt of Commission approval. The December 1999 contract month expires on Tuesday, December 21, 1999. Thus, the proposed spot month position limit would go into effect on Friday, December 17, 1999. The CBOT issued a notice of the proposed amendment and implementation plan on November 1, 1999.

The Division requests comment on the proposed amendment and implementation plan.

Copies of the proposal will be available for inspection at the Office of the Secretariat, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st St., NW, Washington, DC 20581. Copies of the proposal can be obtained through the Office of the Secretariat by mail at the above address or by phone at (202) 418-5100.

Other materials submitted by the CBOT may be available upon request pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and the Commission's regulations thereunder (17 CFR part 145 (1987)), except to the extent they are entitled to confidential treatment as set forth in 17 CFR 145.5 and 145.9. Requests for copies of such materials should be made to the FOI, Privacy and Sunshine Act Compliance Staff of the Office of the Secretariat at the Commission's headquarters in

accordance with 17 CFR 145.7 and 145.8.

Any person interested in submitting written data, views, or arguments on the proposal, or with respect to other materials submitted by the CBOT, should send such comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21 St., NW, Washington, DC 20581 by the specified date.

Issued in Washington, DC, on November 5, 1999.

John R. Mielke,

Acting Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposed Amendments to Chicago Board of Trade Rough Rice Futures Contract Regarding Quality Specifications for Deliverable Rough Rice

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed amendments.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Board of Trade (CBT or Exchange) has proposed amendments to the Chicago Board of Trade rough rice futures contract. The proposed amendments were submitted under the Commission's 45-day Fast Track procedures which provides that, absent any contrary action by the Commission, the proposed amendments may be deemed approved on December 16, 1999, 45 days after the Commission's receipt of the proposals. The Acting Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposals for comment is in the public interest, will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons, and is consistent with the purpose of the Commodity Exchange Act.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before November 29, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street, NW Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be

made to the proposed amendments to the CBT rough rice futures contract.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Bird of the Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 21st Street NW, Washington, DC 20581, telephone (202) 418-5274. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: jbird@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The existing terms of the rough rice futures contract provide for the delivery of rough rice meeting the official U.S. grade standards promulgated by the United States Department of Agriculture for U.S. No. 2, or better, long grain rice. The standards for U.S. No. 2 grade rice specify a maximum level for stained rice of 1.5 percent, which is equivalent to approximately 300 stained kernels in a 500 gram sample containing approximately 20,000 kernels. The standards for U.S. No. 2 grade rice also permit two heat-damaged kernels in a 500-gram sample.

The proposed amendments will reduce the quantity of stained rice permitted in rough rice deliverable on the futures contract and will prohibit delivery of rough rice which contains heat-damaged rice. The proposed amendments will specify that deliverable rough rice may contain no more than 10 stained and light stained kernels in a 500-gram sample and that no more than five kernels of these 10 kernels may be stained. No heat-damaged kernels will be permitted in deliverable rice.

The Exchange intends to apply the proposed amendments to all newly listed contract months following Commission approval.

The CBT indicates that the proposed amendments will improve the pricing accuracy and efficiency of the rough rice futures market. The Exchange notes, in this regard, that the futures contract's existing terms provide for the delivery of rough rice containing a maximum of about 300 kernels of stained rice and two heat damaged kernels in each 500 gram sample of rice. The CBT indicates, however, that the vast majority of rough rice traded in the domestic and export markets is free of stained and heat damaged kernels. The Exchange also notes that rice which contains any amount of stained beyond five lightly stained kernels is normally traded at prices significantly below that of rice that is free of stain. The Exchange indicates that futures prices currently may reflect the value of rough rice containing stained/heat damaged rice in excess of normal cash market standards, since deliverers have tended to deliver