

**ACTION:** Public hearings, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council and the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, will hold public hearings to allow input on Amendment 13 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fishery Management Plan (FMP). The purpose of the Amendment is to address problems associated with the commercial fishery for black sea bass and to implement management alternatives for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass to prevent, mitigate, or minimize adverse effects on essential fish habitat caused by fishing and enhance compliance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act.

**DATES:** Written comments will be accepted until April 15, 2002. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for dates and times of public hearings.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to Mr. Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Room 2115, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904. For specific locations, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

The hearings will be held in Massachusetts, Connecticut, Rhode Island, New York, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia, and North Carolina.

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

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

This amendment would (1) revise the quarterly commercial quota system for black sea bass implemented in Amendment 9 to the Summer Flounder, Scup, and Black Sea Bass Fisheries Management Plan; (2) address the problem related to permit requirements for fishermen that have both a Northeast Black Sea Bass Permit and a Southeast Snapper/Grouper Permit and fish for black sea bass north and south of Cape Hatteras, NC; (3) address the problems related to the wet storage of black sea bass pots/traps; (4) establish de minimus specifications for black sea bass under the Atlantic State Marine Fisheries Commission Interstate Fisheries Management Program Charter; (5) implement tag requirements for black sea bass pots/traps; (6) limit the number of black sea bass pots/traps fished by fishermen; and (7) assess the impact of fishing activities on essential fish habitat and implement management alternatives for summer flounder, scup

and black sea bass to prevent, mitigate, or minimize adverse effects on essential fish habitat caused by fishing.

In conjunction with development of Amendment 13, the Council prepared a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to assess the potential effects of the proposed actions, and the alternatives to those actions, on the human environment. This DEIS updates the information presented in Amendments 2, 8, and 9 for summer flounder, scup, and black sea bass, respectively.

A notice of availability for the DEIS for Amendment 13 was published in the **Federal Register** on March 1, 2002. The 45-day public comment period for the DEIS ends on April 15, 2002. Copies can be obtained from the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (see **ADDRESSES**)

##### **Dates, Times, and Locations of DEIS Hearings**

1. Monday, March 18, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Grand Hotel, 1045 Beach Ave., (corner of Philadelphia and Beach Ave.) Cape May, NJ (609–884–5611)

2. Monday, March 18, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Best Western (Canal Club), 100 Trowbridge Road, Bourne, MA (800–675–0008)

3. Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Comfort Inn, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI (877–805–8997)

4. Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Sheraton, 110 Vanderbilt Motor Pkwy, Smithtown, NY (631–231–1100)

5. Tuesday, March 19, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Ocean Pines Library, 11107 Cathell Road, Ocean Pines, MD (410–208–4014)

6. Wednesday, March 20, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Quality Inn Lake Wright, 6280 Northampton Blvd., Norfolk, VA (757–461–6251)

7. Thursday, March 21, 2002, 7–10 p.m.—Roanoke Island Festival Park, 1 Festival Park, Manteo, NC (252–475–1500)

The hearings will be tape recorded, with the tapes filed as the official transcript of the hearings.

##### **Special Accommodations**

The hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council Office at least 5 days prior to the hearing dates.

Dated: February 28, 2002.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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## **DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE**

### **Department of the Army**

#### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Department of the Army announces a proposed public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

**DATES:** Consideration will be given to all comments received by May 6, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and recommendations on the proposed information collection should be sent to the USACE, Directorate of Civil Works, Institute for Water Resources, 7701 Telegraph Road/Casey Building, Alexandria, Virginia 22315–3868. ATTN: CEIWR–MD (Stuart Davis). Consideration will be given to all comments received within 60 days of the date of publication of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** To request more information on this proposed information collection or to obtain a copy of the proposal and associated collection instruments, please write to the above address, or call Department of the Army Reports Clearance Officer at (703) 692–1451.

*Title, Associated Form, and OMB Number:* Corps of Engineers Civil Works Questionnaires—Generic Clearance, OMB Control 0710–0001.

*Needs and Uses:* Information from the questionnaire items for the collection of planning data is needed to formulate and evaluate alternative water resources development plans in accordance with the Principles and Guidelines for Water Resources Council, to determine the effectiveness and evaluate the impacts of Corps project, and in the case of flood damage mitigation, to obtain information on flood damages incurred,

whether or not a project is being considered or exists.

*Affected Public:* Individual or households.

*Annual Burden Hours:* 17,583.

*Number of Respondents:* 213,750.

*Responses Per Respondent:* 1.

*Average Burden Per Response:* 5 minutes.

*Frequency:* On occasion.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Executive Order 12862, dated September 11, 1993, "Setting Customer Service Standards," requires that Federal agencies monitor public satisfaction with the quality of services that they provide. All survey questionnaires are administered either by face-to-face, mail, or telephone methods. Public surveys are used to gather data for planning and operating Corps projects and facilities. Survey responses have been used to determine the economically efficient flood and navigation plans, public preferences for projects alternatives, and customer satisfaction with existing facilities and services.

**Luz D. Ortiz,**

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Scientific Advisory Board Meeting

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice of open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory committee Act, Public Law (92-463) announcement is made of the following open meeting:

*Name of Committee:* Scientific Advisory Board (SAB).

*Dates of Meeting:* May 23-24, 2002.

*Place:* The Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFP), Building 54, 14th St. & Alaska Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20306-6000.

*Time:* 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (May 23, 2002). 8:30 a.m.-12 p.m. (May 24, 2002).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ridgely Rabold, Center for Advanced Pathology (CAP), AFIP, Building 54, Washington, DC 20306-6000, phone (202) 782-2553.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

(1) *General function of the board:* The Scientific Advisory Board provides scientific and professional advice and guidance on programs, policies and procedures of the AFIP.

(2) *Agenda:* The Board will hear status reports from the AFIP Director,

the Director of the Center for Advanced Pathology, the Director of the National Museum of the Health and Medicine, and each of the pathology sub-specialty departments which the Board members will visit during the meeting.

(3) *Open board discussions:* Reports will be presented on all visited departments. The reports will consist of findings, recommended areas of further research, and suggested solutions. New trends and/or technologies will be discussed and goals established. The meeting is open to the public.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning Mutants of *Brucella Melitensis*

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 5,939,075 entitled "Mutants of *Brucella Melitensis*" issued August 17, 1999. The United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The vaccines are prepared by isolating the *Brucella* genes complementing mutations in the *purEK* genes of *Escherichia coli*, physically mapping, determining the DNA sequence, constructing a defined deletion mutation by polynucleotide chain reaction (PCR), introducing a selectable marker into the deletion, and then selecting a *purE* mutant in *Brucella* arising by allelic exchange. The resulting *Brucella* require purines for growth because they lack the pure gene product that is required for the

carboxylation of 5'-phosphoribosyl-5-aminoimidazole.

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Department of the Army

#### Availability for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially Exclusive Licensing of U.S. Patent Concerning a Simple PCR Technique for Detecting and Differentiating Bacterial Pathogens

**AGENCY:** Department of the Army, DOD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability for licensing of U.S. Patent No. 5,958,686 entitled "A Simple PCR Technique for Detecting and Differentiating Bacterial Pathogens" issued September 28, 1999. The United States Government as represented by the Secretary of the Army has rights in this invention.

**ADDRESSES:** Commander, U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command, ATTN: Command Judge Advocate, MCMR-JA, 504 Scott Street, Fort Detrick, Frederick, Maryland 21702-5012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For patent issues, Ms. Elizabeth Arwine, Patent Attorney, (301) 619-7808. For licensing issues, Dr. Paul Mele, Office of Research & Technology Assessment, (301) 619-6664, both at telefax (301) 619-5034.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** A simple polymerase chain reaction procedure is described for the detection and differentiation of *Shigella* from other pathogenic *Escherichia coli* isolates, such as EIEC and EPEC. Serotype specific primers derived from the *rfc* genes of different *Shigella* strains are used to identify the most prominent *Shigella* serotypes, such as *S. sonnei*, *S. flexneria* 1 through 5, and *S. dysenteriae* 1. More than 95% of Shigellosis cases reported could be identified by the serotype specific primers described.

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