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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scientific and Statistical Committee, on August 24-26, 2010, to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 24 at 10 a.m. and Wednesday and Thursday, August 25-26, 2010 at 8:30 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Langham Hotel, 250 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110; telephone: (617) 451-1900; fax: (617) 482-7949.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Tuesday, August 24, 2010

The Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) will discuss business concerning upcoming meetings, committee membership and tasks for the next meeting; develop an updated Acceptable Biological Catch (ABC) recommendation for the monkfish resource, based on the 2010 Stock Assessment Review Committee findings.

Wednesday, August 25, 2010

The SSC will develop an ABC recommendation for sea scallops for fishing years 2011-12 based on the previously approved ABC control rule; evaluate applications(s) of the Swept Area Seabed Impact (SASI) model for use in developing management alternatives for Phase 2 of the Council's Omnibus Habitat Amendment 2, including the appropriateness of Local Indicators of Spatial Association or LISA, spatial analysis methods for defining clusters of high Z, and the appropriateness of the Z Net Stock model for comparing practicability among management alternatives; develop recommendations for ABCs for several groundfish stocks including pollock, Gulf of Maine winter flounder, both northern and southern windowpane flounder, ocean pout and Georges Bank yellowtail flounder.

Thursday, August 26, 2010

The SSC will complete the development of ABCs for the groundfish stocks identified above.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. 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 Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT 7/17/2010 THROUGH 7/29/2010

Firm	Address	Date accepted for filing	Products
Timberline Tool, LLC	PO Box 1328, Whitefish MT 59937.	7/20/2010	Timberline produces squeeze-off tools used for polyethylene (PE) plastic pipe to stop the flow without damage to the pipe.
Master Automatic Machine Company, Inc.	40485 Schoolcraft Rd., Plymouth MI 48170.	7/26/2010	Firm manufactures transmission components, including bearing housings, specialty fasteners and other precision turned products.
Patriot Metal Products, Inc	1005 N. Vine Street, Berwick PA 18603.	7/26/2010	Patriot Metal provides custom coating and plating services to firms in the automotive, agricultural, appliance and entertainment industries.
Superior Tube Company, Inc ...	3900 Germantown Pike, Collegeville PA 19426.	7/26/2010	Superior produces small diameter precision metal tubing. We also provide full-service metallurgical testing.

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Firm	Address	Date accepted for filing	Products
Imperia Corp	343 Manley Street, West MA 02379.	7/27/2010	Imperial Corp. manufactures custom, cabinetry out of melamine and plywood.
W.H. Bagshaw Company, Inc ..	1 Pine Street Ext., Nashua NH 03060.	7/27/2010	WH Bagshaw manufacturers pins, pin assemblies and wire products for a wide range of industrial applications.
Cinram Manufacturing, LLC	1400 E. Lackawanna Street, Olyphant PA 18448.	7/28/2010	Cinram is one of the largest optical disc replicators in the world.
Fixture Hardware Manufacturing Corporation.	4116 First Avenue, Brooklyn NY 11232.	7/28/2010	Firm manufactures a full line of steel display hardware.
McTeigue & McClelland, Inc	597 Main Street, Great MA 01230.	7/28/2010	MC2 designs and manufactures, hand made, precious jewelry using gold, platinum, diamonds and precious stones.
MSW, Inc	7159 Country Road 200, Joplin MO 64801.	7/28/2010	MSW, Inc., designs and manufactures booths, counters, and table tops made of plastics, woods, and laminate materials.
Philip Machine Company, Inc ...	184 Woonasquatucket Ave, North RI 02911.	7/28/2010	Philip Machine Company, Inc. manufactures metal findings using steel, brass, and stainless steel.
Fulford Manufacturing Company, Inc.	65 Tripps Lane, East RI 02915	7/29/2010	Fulford Manufacturing Company, Inc. manufactures hardware, plumbing fixtures and fittings, metal stampings, and costume jewelry using materials that include stainless steel, brass and aluminum.
Gulf Crown Seafood Company, Inc.	306 Jon Floyd Rd, Delcambre LA 70528.	7/29/2010	Processes shrimp for human consumption.
Hatch & Kirk, Inc	5111 Leary Ave NW, Seattle WA 98107.	7/29/2010	Hatch & Kirk, Inc., is a supplier of heavy duty diesel engine parts.
Parlec, Inc	101 Perinton Parkway, Delcambre LA 70528.	7/29/2010	Parlec, Inc., manufactures machine tool accessories.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter.

A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms Division, Room D100, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice.

Please follow the procedures set forth in Section 315.9 of EDA's final rule (71 FR 56704) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: July 30, 2010.

Miriam J. Kearse,
Eligibility Certifier.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No.: PTO-P-2010-0056]

Pilot Program for Waiver of Patent Owner's Statement in Ex Parte Reexamination Proceedings

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO) recognizes the need to reduce the pendency of reexamination proceedings and improve the efficiency of the reexamination process. The USPTO is considering a number of short and long-range initiatives that can be implemented in three phases. In phase I, the USPTO will implement streamlined procedures, as well as optional programs in which patent owners and third party requesters may elect to participate in order to gain the benefit of shorter pendency. In phases II and III, the USPTO will consider the data gathered from phase I and the feedback from the patent owners and other stakeholders, and implement process changes that are likely to improve efficiency. Such changes may include internal procedural changes, rule making that includes opportunities for the public to comment, and/or administrative proposals for statutory changes to enhance the efficiency of the USPTO in conducting reexamination proceedings. As part of phase I to reduce pendency and improve efficiency in *ex parte* reexamination proceedings, the USPTO is implementing, in this notice, a pilot program in which patent owners may waive the right to file a patent owner's statement upon a request made by the USPTO. This will enable USPTO in suitable cases to issue the first Office

action on the merits together with or soon after the reexamination order, and thereby reduce the pendency of the proceeding by about three to five months.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The changes set forth in this notice will take effect on August 5, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert A. Clarke, Kenneth M. Schor or Joni Y. Chang, Office of Patent Legal Administration, Office of the Associate Commissioner for Patent Examination Policy, by telephone at 571-272-7735, 571-272-7710 or 571-272-7720, or by mail addressed to: Mail Stop Comments Patents, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Inquiries regarding the current reexamination practice may be directed to the Office of Patent Legal Administration, by telephone at (571) 272-7703, or by electronic mail at PatentPractice@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background: The USPTO recognizes the need to reduce the pendency of reexamination proceedings and improve the efficiency of the reexamination process. As of March 31, 2010, the average time to reach notice of intent to issue reexamination certificate (NIRC) for *ex parte* reexamination proceedings was about twenty-five months. Many of our stakeholders have expressed the desire to have a proceeding in which patent owners can resolve patent