

Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the invention for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

[NIST Docket Number: 06-011]

Title: Gradient Elution Moving Boundary Electrophoresis (GEMBE).

Abstract: GEMBE is a method for performing electrophoretic separation and/or purification of compounds in a mixture. The essence of the invention is the use of a variable bulk flow in electrophoresis. The method uses the electrophoretic migration of chemical species in solution in combination with variable hydrodynamic bulk flow of the solution through a separation capillary or microfluidic channel. GEMBE can be used with the bulk flow solution flow in either direction with respect to the electrophoretic driving force. Continuous sample introduction eliminates the need for a sample injection mechanism, allowing for significant miniaturization.

Dated: June 18, 2008.

Richard F. Kayser,
Chief Scientist.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Marine Debris Survey in the Coastal North Carolina Region

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 26, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection

instrument and instructions should be directed to Shay Viehman, 252-728-8744 or shay.viehman@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA National Ocean Service's (NOS) Center for Coastal Fisheries and Habitat Research (CCFHR) has received funding from the NOAA Marine Debris Program to assess perceptions of marine debris (including derelict fishing gear) occurrence and distribution, environmental impacts, potential causes, and suggestions for reduction. The statutory authorities supporting this research are the Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act of 2006 (33 U.S.C. 1951 *et seq.*), and the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (16 U.S.C. 1455).

NOS CCFHR requests information from fishermen holding either a commercial fishing license or a license for recreational fishermen to use commercial fishing gear issued by the State of North Carolina who fish in Core and Back Sounds. Upon receipt, this information will help determine the status of marine debris within Core and Back Sounds, North Carolina.

II. Method of Collection

Person-to-person survey technique.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time per Response: 25 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 83.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: June 24, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XI65

Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

ACTION: Receipt of application for research permit (1414) and request for comment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that NMFS has received an application for scientific research from East Bay Municipal Utility District (EBMUD) in Lodi, CA. The permit would affect the federally threatened Central Valley steelhead Distinct Population Segment (DPS), as identified in the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section.

This document serves to notify the public of the availability of the permit application for review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the permit application must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time on July 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on the permit application should be sent to the appropriate office. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review by appointment, for permit 1414: Protected Resources Division, NMFS, 650 Capitol Mall, Suite 8-300, Sacramento, CA 95814 (ph: 916-930-3600, fax: 916-930-3629). Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shirley Witalis at phone number 916-930-3606, or e-mail: Shirley.Witalis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Authority**

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531–1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222–226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such a hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

This notice is relevant to federally threatened Central Valley steelhead (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*).

Application Received

EBMUD requests a five-year permit (1414) to conduct monitoring and research of anadromous (Central Valley steelhead) and resident fishes in the Lower Mokelumne River. The goals of the project include measuring the success of the Lower Mokelumne River Restoration Program and determining if the modifications of the Lower Mokelumne River Project are appropriate for conserving fish and wildlife resources in the Lower Mokelumne River. Data will also be collected for developing a Hatchery and Genetics Management Plan for the Mokelumne River Fish Hatchery steelhead artificial propagation program. EBMUD's monitoring and research will consist of trapping, sampling, measuring, weighing and tagging fish, fish carcass surveying, and collecting *O. mykiss* tissue samples.

Dated: June 23, 2008.

Angela Somma,

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

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Amendment to the 2008 Tariff Preference Level (TPL) for Nicaragua under the Central America-Dominican Republic-United States Free Trade Agreement (CAFTA-DR)

June 23, 2008.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Amending the 2008 TPL for Nicaragua.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 27, 2008.

SUMMARY: This notice reduces the 2008 TPL for Nicaragua to 87,897,046 square meters equivalent to account for the shortfall in meeting the one-to-one commitment for cotton and man-made fiber woven trousers exported from Nicaragua to the United States.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Richard Stetson, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Annex 3.28 of the CAFTA-DR; Section 1634(a)(2) and (c)(2) of the Pension Protection Act of 2006 (P.L. 109-280); Presidential Proclamation 8111 of February 28, 2007.

BACKGROUND:

Annex 3.28 of the CAFTA-DR establishes a TPL for non-originating apparel goods of Nicaragua. Section 1634(a)(2) of the Pension Protection Act references the exchange of letters between the United States and Nicaragua, which establishes the one-to-one commitment for cotton and man-made fiber trousers. Section 1634(c)(2) of the Pension Protection Act authorizes the President to proclaim a reduction in the overall limit in the TPL if the President determines that Nicaragua has failed to comply with the one-to-one commitment. In Presidential Proclamation 8111, the President delegated to CITA the authority to determine whether Nicaragua had failed to comply with the one-to-one commitment and to reduce the overall limit in the TPL.

In an exchange of letters dated March 24 and 27, 2006, Nicaragua agreed that for each square meter equivalent of exports of cotton and man-made fiber woven trousers entered under the TPL, Nicaragua would export to the United States an equal amount of cotton and man-made fiber woven trousers made of U.S. formed fabric of U.S. formed yarn. This commitment for cotton woven trousers applies to the first 30 million square meters equivalent in 2007, the second year after the date of entry into force of the CAFTA-DR. Further, any shortfall in meeting this commitment that was not rectified by April 1 of the succeeding year would be applied against the TPL for the succeeding year. For 2007, the shortfall in meeting the one-to-one commitment is 12,102,954 square meters equivalent. This amount is being deducted from the 2008 TPL, resulting in a new TPL level for 2008 of 87,897,046 square meters equivalent.

R. Matthew Priest,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the “Corporation”), has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled the AmeriCorps*VISTA Project Progress Report (OMB Control Number 3045–0043) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104–13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Mr. Craig Kinnear at (202) 606–9708. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY–TDD) may call (202) 565–2799 between 8:30 a.m. and 5 p.m. eastern time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Katherine Astrich, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation