

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Forest Service****Lake County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC); Meeting****AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.**ACTION:** Change in meeting date.**SUMMARY:** The Lake County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will hold a meeting.**DATES:** Date of the announcement in the **Federal Register** of Tuesday March 19, 2002 on page 12513 is changed from March 25, 2002 to April 25, 2002. No other changes are made. The meeting will be from 3:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Lake County Board of Supervisor's Chambers at 255 North Forbes Street, Lakeport.**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**Debbie McIntosh, Committee Coordinator, USDA, Mendocino National Forest, Upper Lake Ranger District, 10025 Elk Mountain Road, Upper Lake, CA 95485. (707) 275-2361; email dmcintosh@fs.fed.us.**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Agenda items to be covered include: (1) Review and approval of the minutes of the February meeting; (2) apply Criteria to submitted Proposals; (3) Select Projects that best meet the Evaluation Criteria; (4) Recommend Projects; and (5) Public Comment Period. The meeting is open to the public. Public input opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: March 19, 2002.

Blaine P. Baker,*Designated Federal Officer.*

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BILLING CODE 3410-11-M**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology****Prospective Grant of Exclusive Patent License; Tiger Optics, Inc.****AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology/Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice of prospective grant of exclusive patent license.**SUMMARY:** This is a notice in accordance with 35 USC 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i) that the National Institute of Standards and Technology ("NIST"), U.S. Department of Commerce, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive

license in the United States of America, its territories, possessions and commonwealths, to NIST's interest in the invention embodied in U.S. Patent No. 5,835,231 (Application No. 08/962,171), titled "Broad Band Intra-Cavity Total Reflection Chemical Sensor," filed October 31, 1997; NIST Docket No. 96-025US, Patent No. 5,986,768 (Application No. 08/962,171), titled, "Intra-Cavity Total Reflection For High Sensitivity Measurement Of Optical Properties," filed October 31, 1997; NIST Docket No. 96-025CIP, and Patent No. 5,943,136 (Application No. 08/962,170), titled, "Intra-Cavity Total Reflection For High Sensitivity Measurement Of Optical Properties," filed October 31, 1997; NIST Docket No. 96-012US, to Tiger Optics, Inc., having a place of business at 250 Titus Avenue, Warrington, PA 18976-2426. The grant of the license would be in the following fields of use: (1) Semiconductor, Compound Semiconductor, and Specialty/Electronic Chemicals Manufacturing; (2) Chemical and Petrochemical Processing and Manufacturing; and (3) Environmental Monitoring and Control (including detection of chemical and biological warfare agents).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

J. Terry Lynch, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2200, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Phone 301-975-2691.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The prospective exclusive license will be royalty bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 USC 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be granted unless, within thirty days from the date of this published Notice, NIST receives written evidence and argument which establish that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 USC 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The availability of the inventions for licensing was published in the **Federal Register** as follows:

NIST Docket No. 96-025US, Vol. 63, No. 96 (page 27564, May 19, 1998).
 NIST Docket No. 96-025CIP, Vol. 64, No. 101 (page 28453, May 26, 1999).
 NIST Docket No. 96-012US, Vol. 64, No. 101 (page 28453, May 26, 1999).

U.S. Patent No. 5,835,231 is owned by the U.S. government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. The present invention permits broadband, ultra-sensitive measurement of optical absorption for any state of matter by the cavity ring-down technique using a small, monolithic, total internal reflection ring cavity. It significantly

advances the sensitivity, accuracy, and adaptability of optical absorption spectroscopy for decisive qualitative and quantitative chemical analysis, with greatly increased trace analysis capability.

U.S. Patent No. 5,986,768 is owned by the U.S. government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. An optical cavity resonator device is provided for conducting sensitive measurement of optical absorption by matter in any state with diffraction-limited spatial resolution through utilization of total internal reflection within a high-Q (high quality, low loss) optical cavity. Intracavity total reflection generates an evanescent wave that decays exponentially in space at a point external to the cavity, thereby providing a localized region where absorbing materials can be sensitively probed through alteration of the Q-factor of the otherwise isolated cavity. When a laser pulse is injected into the cavity and passes through the evanescent state, an amplitude loss resulting from absorption is incurred that reduces the lifetime of the pulse in the cavity. By monitoring the decay of the injected pulse, the absorption coefficient of matter within the evanescent wave region is accurately obtained from the decay time measurement.

U.S. Patent No. 5,943,136 is owned by the U.S. government, as represented by the Secretary of Commerce. The present invention relates to a device which permits the sensitive measurement of the optical absorption of matter in any state with diffraction-limited spatial resolution using total internal reflection within a high-Q (high-quality, low-loss) optical cavity. Its use provides qualitative and quantitative analysis of material composition and rates of chemical reactions. The device is especially well suited for thin film diagnostics.

Dated: March 18, 2002.

Karen H. Brown,*Deputy Director.*

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BILLING CODE 3510-13-P**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Announcement of the Dates and Locations of Public Scoping Meetings for the Proposed Designation of the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary****AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean

Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Scoping meetings.

SUMMARY: On December 4, 2000, Executive Order 13178 established the Northwestern Hawaiian Islands Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, pursuant to the National Marine Sanctuaries Amendments Act of 2000. The Reserve extends approximately 1200 nautical miles long and 100 nautical miles wide. Pursuant to this Act and the Executive Order, NOAA issued a notice of intent on January 19, 2001 (66 FR 5509) to designate the Reserve as a national marine sanctuary. A notice announcing the beginning of public scoping pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act was issued on March 18, 2002 (67 FR 11996). This notice announces the dates and locations of the public scoping meetings.

DATES AND ADDRESSES: The public scoping process started on March 18, 2002, and ends on Friday, May 3, 2002. Written comments may be sent to NWHI Coral Reef Ecosystem Reserve, 6700 Kalaniana'ole Highway, #215, Honolulu, Hawaii 96825; faxed to (808) 397-2662; or emailed to nwhi@noaa.gov. Comments will be available for public review at the office address above. Summaries of public comments from initial scoping meetings will be available at hawaiiireef.noaa.gov. Scoping meetings will be held as follows:

(1) Tuesday, April 9, 6:00 p.m., Waianae District Park, Multipurpose Building, 85-601 Farrington Highway, Waianae, Oahu, Hawaii.

(2) Wednesday, April 10, 6:00 p.m., Heeiea Kea State Park Visitors Center Hall, 46-465 Kamehameha Highway, Kaneohe, Oahu, Hawaii.

(3) Thursday, April 11, 6:00 p.m., Maui Arts and Cultural Center, McCoy Studio Theater, One Cameron Way, Kahului, Maui, Hawaii.

(4) Thursday, April 11, 1:00 p.m., Department of Commerce Building, Room 1414, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC.

(5) Friday, April 12, 6:00 p.m., Kulana Oihi Halau, Lot 24, Maunaloa Highway, Kaunakakai, Molokai, Hawaii.

(6) Monday, April 15, 6:00 p.m., Japanese Cultural Center, Manoa Room, 2454 South Beretania Street, Honolulu, Oahu, Hawaii.

(7) Tuesday, April 16, 6:00 p.m., Radisson Kauai Beach Resort, Jasmine Ballroom, 4331 Kauai Beach Drive, Lihue, Kauai, Hawaii.

(8) Wednesday, April 17, 6:00 p.m., University of Hawaii at Hilo, Marine

Science Building, 200 West Kawili Street, Hilo, Hawaii.

(9) Thursday, April 18, 6:00 p.m., King Kamehameha's Kona Beach Hotel, Kamakahonu Ballroom, 75-5660 Palani Road, Kailua-Kona, Hawaii.

(10) Friday, April 19, 6:00 p.m., Lanai Public Library, Frazier Avenue, Lanai City, Lanai, Hawaii.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Aulani Wilhelm, (808) 397-2657, nwhi@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Marine Sanctuaries Act (NMSA), 16 U.S.C. 1341 *et seq.*, authorizes the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to designate discrete areas of the marine environment as national marine sanctuaries to protect their special conservation, recreational, ecological, historical, cultural, archaeological, scientific, educational, or esthetic qualities. The NMSA is administered by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) through the National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSPP).

The public scoping process, including the public scoping meetings, is intended to solicit information and comments on the range and significance of issues related to the designation and management of a Northwestern Hawaiian Islands National Marine Sanctuary. The results of this scoping process will assist NOAA in formulating alternatives for a draft management plan and draft environmental impact statement for the proposed designation. NOAA encourages the public and interested parties to submit (via mail, e-mail, or fax) comments throughout the scoping period and to attend public scoping meetings at the locations listed above.

Each public scoping meeting will include a brief overview of the proposed Sanctuary region and its history, and an opportunity for members of the public to provide verbal comments through a round-table format. Each round table will accommodate 10-15 people and will have its own facilitator and notetaker who will work with the participants at that table to obtain their comments and ideas. All comments offered at the round-tables are considered part of the official record; however, participants are strongly encouraged to submit written comments to ensure that the full scope of their thoughts and ideas is considered by NOAA.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Section 1431 *et seq.*, Pub. L. 106-513.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

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Jamison S. Hawkins,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Notice of Renewal of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board

Pursuant to section 14 (a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and in accordance with title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65, and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat of the General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board (the Board) has been renewed for an additional two-year period, beginning in March 2002.

The Board will continue to provide independent, balanced, and authoritative advice to the Secretary of Energy on matters concerning the Department's management, basic science, research, development and technology activities; energy and national security responsibilities; environmental cleanup activities; energy-related economic activities; the operations of the Department; and on any other activities and operations of the Department of Energy as the Secretary may direct.

The Board members are selected to assure well-balanced representation and on the basis of their broad competence in areas relating to quality management, basic science, renewable energy, energy policy, environmental science, economics, business expertise and broad public policy interests. Membership of the Board will continue to be determined in accordance with the requirements of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463) and implementing regulations.

The renewal of the Board has been determined to be in the public interest, important and vital to the conduct of the Department's business in connection with the performance of duties established by statute for the Department of Energy. The Board will operate in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463), the General Services Administration Final Rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, and other directives and instructions issued in implementation of those acts.

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