

used for high resolution and high contrast imaging of thin-sectioned tissues of animals of major economic importance to U.S. agriculture. Basic and applied research on selected diseases of importance to the U.S. livestock and poultry industries will be conducted to:

1. Reduce economic losses from animal disease for the livestock and poultry industries and the associated rural agricultural communities.

2. Reduce or eliminate pre-harvest contamination/infection of animals with food-borne human pathogens.

3. Prevent suffering and death caused by diseases. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: July 6, 2005.

Docket Number: 05-031. Applicant: University of Illinois, Department of Crop Sciences, 384A Edward R. Madigan Lab, 1201 West Gregory Drive, Urbana, IL. Instrument: Qarray2 Microarraying System. Manufacturer: Genetix, Ltd., United Kingdom. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used in genomics research to "print" thousands of DNA specimens representing laboratory-produced soybean genes onto glass slides in a process known as microarray. The glass slide microarrays produced with the Qarray2 instrument will then be exposed to tissue extracts and used to determine how and when the genes are active or "expressed" in the plant, providing information on plant growth, disease resistance and production of nutritionally significant compounds. The instrument will also be used for instruction in several lab courses. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: July 8, 2005.

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Program Manager Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of California, San Diego, et al., Notice of Consolidated Decision on Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Electron Microscopes

This is a decision consolidated pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Suite 4100W, Franklin Court Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1099 14th Street, NW, Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 05-020. Applicant: University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0332. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Technai G₂ Sphera. Manufacturer: FEI Company, The Netherlands. Intended Use: See notice at 70 FR 36117, June 22, 2005. Order Date: December 9, 2004.

Docket Number: 05-021. Applicant: University of California, San Diego, La Jolla, CA 92093-0332. Instrument: Electron Microscope, Model Technai G₂ Polara. Manufacturer: FEI Company, The Netherlands. Intended Use: See notice at 70 FR 36117, June 22, 2005. Order Date: December 9, 2004.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as these instruments are intended to be used, was being manufactured in the United States at the time the instruments were ordered. Reasons: Each foreign instrument is a conventional transmission electron microscope (CTEM) and is intended for research or scientific educational uses requiring a CTEM. We know of no CTEM, or any other instrument suited to these purposes, which was being manufactured in the United States either at the time of order of each instrument OR at the time of receipt of application by U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; South Atlantic Snapper Grouper Regulatory Amendment

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

ACTION: Notice; intent to prepare a draft environmental impact statement (DEIS); supplement.

SUMMARY: NMFS and the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) are evaluating the environmental impacts of a range of management actions for red porgy, black sea bass, vermilion snapper, snowy grouper, and

golden tilefish in a DEIS. These management actions are being developed in a regulatory amendment to the Fishery Management Plan for the Snapper Grouper Fishery of the South Atlantic Region (FMP). This notice is intended to supplement notices published in January 2002 and in September 2003, announcing the preparation of DEISs for FMP Amendments 13 and 13B, respectively.

DATES: Written comments on the scope of the DEIS will be accepted through August 25, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be sent to Jack McGovern, NMFS Southeast Region, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701, phone: 727-824-5305; fax: 727-824-5308; e-mail: John.McGovern@noaa.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The snapper grouper fishery operating in the South Atlantic exclusive economic zone is managed under the FMP. Following Council preparation, this FMP was approved and implemented by NMFS in March 1983, under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act).

The Council began developing FMP Amendment 13 in 2001 to address multiple Magnuson-Stevens Act requirements, as well as the scheduled sunset of regulations protecting the Oculina Experimental Closed Area, and other administrative issues. The Notice of Intent (NOI) for the DEIS associated with FMP Amendment 13 was published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2002 (67 FR 4696). A subsequent notice announcing the division of actions in FMP Amendment 13 into FMP Amendments 13A and 13B was published on September 12, 2003 (68 FR 53706). FMP Amendment 13A contained a single action to extend the regulations in the Oculina Experimental Closed Area, and was supported by an Environmental Assessment. The remaining actions in FMP Amendment 13 were transferred to FMP Amendment 13B, for which the Council continued to prepare a DEIS.

Stock assessments have been completed for red porgy, black sea bass, vermilion snapper, golden tilefish, and snowy grouper through the Southeast Data, Assessment, and Review process. The assessments revealed that: all the stocks, except red porgy, are subjected to overfishing; all the stocks, except for golden tilefish and vermilion snapper, are overfished (the biomass level of