

Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS. Comments received, including names and addresses of those who comment, will be considered part of the public record on this proposed action and will be available for public inspection. Comments submitted anonymously will be accepted and considered; however, those who submit anonymous comments will not have standing to appeal the subsequent decision under 36 CFR parts 215 or 217. Additionally, pursuant to 7 CFR 1.27(d), any person may request the agency to withhold a submission from the public record by showing how the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) permits such confidentiality. Persons requesting such confidentiality should be aware that, under the FOIA, the confidentiality may be granted in only very limited circumstances, such as to protect trade secrets. The Forest Service will inform the requester of the Agency's decision regarding the request for confidentiality, and where the request is denied, the agency will return the submission and notify the requester that the comments may be resubmitted with or without name and address within five days.

After the comment period ends on the revised draft EIS, the comments will be analyzed and considered by the Forest Service in preparing the final EIS. The final EIS is scheduled to be completed in March 1998. The Forest Service is required to respond in the final EIS to the comments received (40 CFR 1503.4). The responsible official will consider the comments, responses, disclosure of environmental consequences, and applicable laws, regulations, and policies in making a decision regarding this proposal. The responsible official will document the decision and rationale in the Record of Decision. That decision will be subject to appeal.

Dated: November 3, 1997.

Raymond E. Laboa,

Acting Forest Supervisor, Eldorado National Forest.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Meeting To Discuss an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium on Brachytherapy Manufacturing Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on December 9, 1997 to discuss the possibility of setting up a cooperative research consortium on Brachytherapy Manufacturing Technology. The goal of the consortium is to identify critical industrial needs for NIST to be involved in source dosimetry modeling, developing necessary standards and standard reference materials, and developing and disseminating systems for performing automated high accuracy dosimetry measurements and calculations.

DATES: The meeting will take place on December 9, 1997 at 10:00 a.m. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place and inquiries should be sent to Room C301, Building 245, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Christopher Soares, 301-975-5589; FAX 301-869-7682

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Public Law 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may provide "personnel, service, facilities, equipment, or other resources with or without reimbursement (but not funds to non-federal parties)"—to the cooperative research program.

Members will be expected to make a contribution to the consortium's efforts in the form of personnel, data, and/or funds. This is not a grant program.

The R&D staff of each industrial partner in the Consortium will be able to interact with NIST researchers on generic measurement needs in the industry for specific brachytherapy

source designs. The industrial partners will also be able to schedule at NIST collaborative projects in which they could participate. All partners will receive a copy of all non-proprietary data on all materials measured. All partners will have a certain amount of NIST measurements made on materials they request. All partners have some influence as to the type and accuracy of the measurements and calculations pursued by the consortium. Development of standard reference materials suitable for use for the range of activities and radioisotopes and photon energies appropriate for use in brachytherapy in accordance with U.S. regulatory protocols and accepted standard protocols is an integral part of the mission of the NIST Brachytherapy Manufacturing Technology Consortium.

Dated: November 6, 1997.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 970828208-7262-02; I.D. 072997C]

Scup and Black Sea Bass; Interstate Fishery Management Plans; Cancellation of Moratorium

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

ACTION: Notice of determination of compliance; cancellation of moratorium.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Atlantic Coastal Fisheries Cooperative Management Act of 1993 (Act), the Federal moratorium on fishing for scup and black sea bass in the coastal waters of the State of Maryland and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts that would have been effective on November 15, 1997, is cancelled. The Secretary was notified by the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission (Commission) that because Maryland and Massachusetts are now in compliance with the provisions of the Commission's Interstate Fishery Management Plans (FMPs) for scup and black sea bass, that it was withdrawing its findings and determinations of noncompliance. The Secretary concurs. Accordingly, the moratorium is cancelled.

DATES: Effective November 14, 1997.