

Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 98-042. *Applicant:* Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70806. *Instrument:* Scanning Tunneling Microscope. *Manufacturer:* Scideco I/S, Denmark. *Intended Use:* See notice at 63 FR 44841, August 21, 1998. *Advice received from:* National Institute of Standards and Technology, October 2, 1998.

Comments: None received. *Decision:* Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. *Reasons:* The foreign instrument provides: (1) resolution of 0.01 nm in the vertical and 0.1 nm lateral at all temperatures, (2) operation from 120 °K to 400 °K and (3) internal spring suspension. The National Institute of Standards and Technology advises that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 98-050. *Applicant:* University of Maryland, Baltimore, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, 685 W. Baltimore Street, Room 222, Baltimore, MD 21201. *Instrument:* Visual Stimulator, Model Leonardo. *Manufacturer:* Lohmann Research Equipment, Germany. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to provide visual stimulation during experiments on the processing of visual information in ferrets. In addition, the instrument will be used in rotation courses for graduate students preparing for thesis work. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* October 9, 1998.

Docket Number: 98-051. *Applicant:* University of Maryland, Baltimore, Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology, 685 W. Baltimore Street, Room 222, Baltimore, MD 21201. *Instrument:* Data Acquisition and Analysis Workstation, Model ORA 2001. *Manufacturer:* Optical Imaging Europe GmbH. *Intended Use:* The instrument will be used to provide visual stimulation during experiments on the processing of visual information in ferrets. In addition, the instrument will be used in rotation courses for graduate students preparing for thesis work. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* October 15, 1998.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Mississippi/Louisiana Habitat Protection Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 1998 and conclude by 3:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at the Crowne Plaza New Orleans, 333 Poydras Street, New Orleans, LA 70130; telephone: 504-525-9444.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeff Rester, Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission; telephone: 228-875-5912.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Louisiana/Mississippi group is part of a three unit Habitat Protection AP of the Council. The principal role of the APs is to assist the Council in attempting to maintain optimum conditions within the habitat and ecosystems supporting the marine resources of the Gulf of Mexico. APs serve as a first alert system to call to the Council's attention proposed projects being developed and other activities which may adversely impact the Gulf marine fisheries and their supporting ecosystems. The APs may also provide advice to the Council on its policies and procedures for addressing environmental affairs.

At this meeting, the AP will tentatively discuss updates on the Caminada Cove project, the navigation canal between the Gulf Intercoastal Waterway and the Barataria Bay Waterway, port activity around Port Fourchon, LA, the Eden Isles project, the Big Island Restoration Project, and a presentation on the Destination Broadwater Casino project.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. The AP's actions will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed as available by this notice.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by November 10, 1998.

Dated: October 28, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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