

*Carbide from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 22585, 22587 (May 2, 1994).

Accordingly, we will issue questionnaires to Altin, Peak Honey, QMD, and Eulia, including a separate rates section. The review will proceed if the responses provide sufficient indication that Altin, Peak Honey, QMD, and Eulia are not subject to either de jure or de facto government control with respect to their exports of honey. However, if any company does not demonstrate its eligibility for a separate rate, then that company will be deemed not separate from other companies that exported during the POI and the new shipper review will be rescinded for that company.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importers, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a single entry bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for certain entries of the merchandise exported by Altin, Peak Honey, QMD, and Eulia. Specifically, since Altin, Peak Honey, QMD, and Eulia have stated that they are both the producers and exporters of the subject merchandise for the sales under review, we will instruct CBP to limit the bonding option only to entries of merchandise that were both exported and produced by Altin, Peak Honey, QMD, and Eulia, respectively.

Interested parties that need access to proprietary information in these new shipper reviews should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.214(d), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: January 25, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Announcement of a Meeting to Explore Feasibility of Establishing a NIST/ Industry Consortium on the Constituent Contribution to the Service Life of a Coating System

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a pre-consortium meeting to be held on May 16 and 17, 2006 at the NIST main campus in Gaithersburg, MD. The objective of this two-day meeting is to evaluate industry interest in the fourth phase of the Coatings Service Life Prediction Consortium. The goals of this consortium include the development of measurement methods and mathematical models for ascertaining the service life response of filled coatings containing pigments having a range of photoreactivities exposed in both the laboratory and the field. For this particular phase of research, the filler of interest will be titanium dioxide nanoparticles and pigments dispersed in both a thermoplastic and a thermoset matrix. NIST staff members along with at least one technical representative from each participating member company will conduct consortium research and development. Membership in the Consortium is open to the coatings community, particularly coating manufacturers, raw material suppliers, and equipment manufacturers. The term of the consortium is intended to be four years.

**DATES:** The meeting will take place on Tuesday, May 16, 2006 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on Wednesday, May 17, 2006 from 9 a.m. to noon. Interested parties should contact NIST at the address, telephone number or fax number shown below to confirm their interest and to gain entry into the NIST facility.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will take place at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Building 224, Room B245.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan W. Martin or Joannie Chin, Polymeric Materials Group, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive MS 8615, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Telephone: (301) 975-6707; fax: 301 990-6891; e-mail: [jonathan.martin@nist.gov](mailto:jonathan.martin@nist.gov) or [joannie.chin@nist.gov](mailto:joannie.chin@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 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 contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

Dated: January 26, 2006.

**William Jeffrey,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Federal Consistency Appeal by Edwin Irizarry Garcia From an Objection by the Puerto Rico Planning Board

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).

**ACTION:** Notice of closure—administrative appeal decision record.

**SUMMARY:** This announcement provides notice that the decision record has been closed for an administrative appeal filed with the Department of Commerce by Edwin Irizarry Garcia.

**DATES:** The decision record for the Irizarry administrative appeal closed on January 23, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Materials from the appeal record are available at the Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Ocean Services, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1305 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Brett Grosko, Attorney-Adviser, NOAA Office of the General Counsel, 301-713-7384.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Edwin Irizarry Garcia (Appellant) has filed a notice of appeal with the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) pursuant to section 307(c)(3)(A) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, 16 U.S.C. "1456(c)(3)(A), and implementing regulations found at 15 CFR part 930, Subpart H. Mr. Irizarry appeals an objection raised by the Puerto Rico Planning Board (Puerto Rico) to a consistency certification contained within his application to the

Army Corps of Engineers for a permit to reconstruct a private pier.

Applicable provisions of the CZMA require that a notice be published in the **Federal Register**, indicating the date on which the decision record closed. Accordingly, notice is hereby provided that the decision record for this appeal closed on January 23, 2006.

For additional information about this appeal contact Brett Grosko, 301-713-7384.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog No. 11.419 Coastal Zone Management Program Assistance.)

Dated: January 24, 2006.

**James R. Walpole,**

*General Counsel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; Permit Nos. 1209, 1261, and 1351

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit modifications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the following scientific research permits have been modified: Cypress Gardens (Dwight Williams, Principal Investigator), 3030 Cypress Gardens Road, Moncks Corner, SC 29461 (Permit No. 1209); U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Warm Springs Regional Fisheries Center (Vincent Mudrak, Principal Investigator), 5308 Spring Street, Warm Springs, GA 31830 (Permit No. 1261); Dr. Frank Chapman (Principal Investigator), Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, University of Florida, 7922 NW 71<sup>st</sup> Street, Gainesville, FL 32653 (Permit No. 1351).

**ADDRESSES:** The modifications and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289, fax (301)427-2521; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shane Guan and Jennifer Skidmore (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The requested modifications have been granted under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the provisions of § 222.306 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222-226).

*File No. 1209:* Cypress Gardens is authorized to maintain no more than eight (8) juvenile shortnose sturgeon in captivity for education purposes within its facility. This modification will extend the permit through January 31, 2007.

*File No. 1261:* The Warm Springs Regional Fisheries Center of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is authorized to maintain captive bred shortnose sturgeon for scientific research at the Warm Springs, Bears Bluff and Orangeburg Hatcheries. Research Activities include feeding studies, propagation studies and evaluation studies as identified in the recovery plan for shortnose sturgeon. This modification will extend the permit through January 31, 2007.

*File No. 1351:* Dr. Frank Chapman of the Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, University of Florida, is authorized to conduct laboratory investigations and experimental culture to identify the physical, chemical, and biological parameters necessary for optimal survival and growth of shortnose sturgeon. The research is believe to complement the knowledge base of sturgeon species and assist the National Fish Hatcheries to optimally maintain and reproduce shortnose sturgeon stocks. This modification will extend the permit through January 31, 2007.

Issuance of these modification, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permits: (1) Were applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of any endangered or threatened species; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

**Carrie W. Hubard,**

*Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary of Defense

#### Public Meeting of the Defense Advisory Committee on Military Compensation

**AGENCY:** DoD.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On December 29, 2005, the Department of Defense published a notice of meeting (70 FR 77150) scheduled for January 24, 2006, 10 a.m. Due to last minute cancellations of committee members, attendance would be insufficient to conduct public deliberations, therefore the meeting is canceled. This announces the cancellation. This meeting will be rescheduled and announced at a later date.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** LTC Janet Fenton, Designated Federal Official, Defense Advisory Committee on Military Compensation, 2521 S. Clark Street, Arlington, VA 22202. Telephone: 703-699-2718.

Dated: January 25, 2006.

**L.M. Bynum,**

*Alternate OSD Federal Register, Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Defense Science Board

**AGENCY:** Department of Defense.

**ACTION:** Notice of Advisory Committee meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The Defense Science Board Task Force on VTOL/STOL will meet in closed session on January 30 and 31, 2006; at Strategic Analysis Inc., 3601 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, VA. This meeting will be an Executive Session for Task Force management as well as classified and FOUO briefings on current technologies and programs.

The mission of the Defense Science Board is to advise the Secretary of Defense and the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology & Logistics on scientific and technical matters as they affect the perceived needs of the Department of Defense. At these meetings, the Defense Science Board Task Force will: Assess the features and capabilities VTOL/STOL aircraft should have in order to support the nation's defense needs through at least the first half of the 21st century.