

Comment 3. Whether To Collapse IHSW and Thyssen and Assign Them a Single Margin Rate

IHSW argues that the Department should not consider collapsing IHSW with Thyssen, as alleged in petitioners' October 14, 1997, submission. IHSW asserts that petitioners' contention is unfounded because: (1) IHSW and Thyssen were completely unrelated during the POI and this issue would be more appropriately considered, if at all, in an administrative review; (2) the acquisition occurred after the POI and therefore, neither company could have exercised control over the other during the POI; and (3) there is no verified information on the record to determine whether the potential for shifting of production between IHSW and Thyssen exists.

Petitioners rebut IHSW's argument, stating that, for the reasons detailed in their October 14, 1997, submission, the Department should collapse IHSW and Thyssen and calculate a single margin rate for the two companies. Petitioners contend that the relationship between IHSW and Thyssen is such that it meets the criteria for collapsing the companies (i.e., the producers are affiliated; the producers have similar manufacturing facilities such that production can be shifted between the two; and "there is significant potential for manipulation of price or production").

DOC Position. We disagree with petitioners. IHSW purchased Thyssen's steel wire rod-producing subsidiary six months or more after the POI. There is no evidence of any affiliation between these companies during the POI. Further, the limited evidence concerning this transaction is insufficient to determine that it established any affiliation between IHSW or Thyssen or, if they are affiliated, to determine that collapsing is warranted. Therefore, we have assigned the companies separate cash deposit rates in this final determination. The merits of petitioners' collapsing argument may be explored in the context of an administrative review, if an antidumping order is issued and a review requested, for the period during which the acquisition of Thyssen's rod-producing subsidiary took place.

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(4)(A) of the Act, we are directing the Customs Service to continue to suspend liquidation of all entries of steel wire rod from Germany, as defined in the "Scope of Investigation" section of this notice, that are entered, or

withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after October 1, 1997, the date of publication of our preliminary determination in the **Federal Register**. For these entries, the Customs Service will require a cash deposit or posting of a bond equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the export price as shown below. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

MFR/producer/exporter	Margin percentage
Brandenburg Elektrostahlwerk GmbH	153.10
Ispat Hamburger Stahlwerke GmbH	72.51
Saarstahl AG	153.10
Thyssen Stahl AG	153.10
All-Others	72.51

The all-others rate applies to all entries of subject merchandise except for the entries of merchandise produced by the exporters/manufacturers listed above.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine whether these imports are causing material injury, or threat of material injury, to the industry within 45 days of its receipt of this notification.

If the ITC determines that material injury, or threat of material injury, does not exist, the proceeding will be terminated and all securities posted will be refunded or canceled. If the ITC determines that such injury does exist, the Department will issue an antidumping duty order directing Customs officials to assess antidumping duties on all imports of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the effective date of the suspension of liquidation.

This determination is published pursuant to section 735(d) of the Act.

Dated: February 13, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Princeton University; Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made 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 Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 97-096. **Applicant:** Princeton University, Princeton, NJ 08544-0033. **Instrument:** Crystal Growth Furnace, Model FZ-T-10000-HVP-II-P. **Manufacturer:** Crystal Systems Inc., Japan. **Intended Use:** See notice at 63 FR 809, January 7, 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 optical melting of a polycrystalline rod to produce a single uncontaminated crystal along a moving float zone on the rod. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration advised on February 3, 1998 that (1) this capability is 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

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021798B]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held March 9–13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Hawk's Cay Resort & Marina, Mile Marker 61, Duck Key, FL; telephone: 305–743–7000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: (813) 228–2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Council
March 11*

8:30 a.m.—Convene.

*8:45 a.m. - 5:30 p.m.—*Receive public testimony on: (1) Reef Fish Amendment 16; (2) Draft Mackerel Amendment 9; and, (3) Control Date for Limited Access for Recreational For-Hire Vessels. Draft Reef Fish Amendment 16 contains the following alternatives: (1) Possible phase-out of the use of fish traps in 2 years or status quo - a 10-year phase out; (2) Possible restrictions on the commercial harvest from reef fish vessels tending spiny lobster and stone crab traps; (3) Possible implementation of a vessel monitoring system for fish trap vessels; (4) Possible additional reporting requirements for fish trap vessels; (5) Possible establishment of a slot limit, of 14 inches and 20 (or 22) inches fork length, for banded rudderfish and lesser amberjack; and possible prohibition on the sale of minor amberjack species that are smaller than 36 inches fork length; (6) Possible 5-fish bag limit for lesser amberjack and banded rudderfish; (7) Possible removal from the fishery management plan or management of sand perch, dwarf sand perch, Queen triggerfish, and hogfish; (8) Possible minimum size limits of 20 inches for scamp and yellowmouth grouper; 16 inches for mutton snapper; and 12 inches for blackfin snapper, cubera snapper, dog snapper, mahogany snapper, schoolmaster, silk snapper, mutton snapper, queen snapper, scamp, yellowmouth grouper, gray triggerfish, and hogfish; (9) Possible inclusion of the 5-fish red snapper bag limit as part of the 10-snapper aggregate snapper limit, and a 5-fish bag limit for hogfish, and 2 fish per vessel of cubera snapper over 30 inches total length; (10) Possible establishment of a 1-fish bag limit and commercial quotas for speckled hind and warsaw grouper, or a prohibition on harvest of these species.

Draft Mackerel Amendment 9 contains the following alternatives: (1) Possible changes to the fishing year for Gulf group king mackerel; (2) Possible prohibitions of sale of Gulf mackerel caught under the recreational allocation; (3) Possible reallocations of total allowable catch (TAC) for the commercial fishery for Gulf group king mackerel in the Eastern Zone; (4) Possible reallocations of TAC for Gulf group king mackerel between the recreational and commercial sectors to 70 percent recreational and 30 percent commercial; (5) Possible establishment of two (2) subdivisions of TAC for the commercial, hook-and-line allocation of Gulf group king mackerel by area for the Florida west coast; (6) Possible subdivisions of TAC for commercial Gulf group king mackerel in the Western Zone (Alabama through Texas) by area, season, or a combination of area and season; (7) Possible trip limits for vessels fishing for Gulf group king mackerel in the Western Zone; (8) Possible additional restrictions on the use of net gear to harvest Gulf group king mackerel off the Florida west coast; including a phase-out, a moratorium on additional net endorsements with requirements for continuing existing net endorsements, restrictions on the transferability of net endorsements, and restriction of the use of nets to primarily the waters off Monroe and Collier Counties; (9) Possible increase in the minimum size limit for Gulf group king mackerel to 24 or 26 inches fork length; (10) Possible re-establishment of an annual allocation or a TAC percentage of Gulf group Spanish mackerel for the purse seine fishery with consideration of trip limits and area restrictions; (11) Possible retention and sale of cut-off (damaged) legal-sized king and Spanish mackerel within established trip limits.

The control date for recreational-for-hire vessels (charter and head boats) would serve as notice that such vessels entering the reef fish and mackerel fisheries after that date (fall of 1998) may not be able to participate in the fisheries if the Council were to develop a limited entry system for such vessels.

March 12

*8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.—*Receive a report of the Reef Fish Management Committee.

*1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.—*Receive a report of the Mackerel Management Committee

*4:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.—*Receive a report of the Law Enforcement Committee.

*4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—*Receive reports of the Marine Reserves Committee and AP Selection Committee.

March 13

*8:30 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.—*Receive a report of the Vessel Monitoring Committee.

*8:45 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.—*Receive a report of the Personnel Committee.

*9:00 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.—*Receive a report of the Habitat Protection Committee.

*9:15 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.—*Receive a report from the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council Liaison.

*9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.—*Receive a report on the Ecosystem Advisory Panel (AP).

*9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—*Receive Enforcement Reports.

*10:00 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.—*Receive a report on the Red Snapper Appeals Board.

*10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.—*Receive Directors' Reports.

*10:45 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.—*Other business to be discussed. Under Other Business the Council will consider a provision regulating Ecological Reserves (ER) and Sanctuary Preservation Areas (SPA) by allowing vessels legally harvesting fish to transit the Gulf EEZ portion of SPAs and ERs in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary.

Committees

March 9

*9:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.—*Convene the Personnel Committee to consider health insurance.

*10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.—*Convene the Ad Hoc Marine Reserve Monitoring Committee to select Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) members.

*12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.—*Convene the AP Selection Committee to consider the user group and geographic representation of the Red Snapper and Reef Fish APs.

*2:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—*Convene the Law Enforcement Committee.

March 10

*8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.—*Convene the Mackerel Management Committee to review summaries of comments from public hearings, the recommendations of its APs and SSCs and develop recommendations to the Council on the alternatives of Draft Mackerel Amendment 9.

*11:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon—*Convene the Ad Hoc Vessel Monitoring Management Committee to who will develop a policy on the use of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) on vessels and will hear a report on the use of VMS on vessels off Florida.

*1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.—*Convene the Reef Fish Management Committee to review summaries of public comment from public hearings, the recommendations of the APs and SSCs, and develop recommendations to the Council on the alternatives of Draft Reef Fish Amendment 16. They will also

consider the need for a control date for recreational-for-hire vessels; and consider federal actions in approving the TAC for red snapper and need for further Council action.

5:00 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.—Convene the Habitat Protection Committee to consider a Corps of Engineers permit application for enlargement of the Gulfport, Mississippi harbor facility.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are 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 March 2, 1998.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Richard W. Surdi,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021398E]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee (with Economists); Dogfish Committee; Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee; Habitat Committee; Large Pelagics Committee; Committee Chairmen; Executive Committee; Comprehensive Management Committee; and the Information & Education (I & E) Committee will hold public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Monday, March 9, 1998 to Thursday, March 12, 1998. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel-Annapolis, 173 Jennifer Road, Annapolis, MD; telephone: 410-266-3131.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

On Monday, March 9, the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee (with Economists) will meet from 10:00 a.m. until noon. The Dogfish Committee will meet from 1:00-5:00 p.m. On Tuesday, March 10, the Atlantic Mackerel, Squid, and Butterfish Committee will meet from 8:00 until noon. The Habitat Committee (with Advisors and the Science & Statistical Committee) will meet from 1:00-3:30 p.m. The Large Pelagics Committee will meet from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The Committee Chairmen will meet from 4:30-6:00 p.m. On Wednesday, March 11, the Executive Committee will meet from 8:00-9:00 a.m. The Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Council will meet from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. On Thursday, March 12, Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. The I & E Committee will meet from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

Agenda items include surfclam and Ocean Quahog demand forecasting; review of potential surfclam and ocean quahog committee advisors; possible adoption to the Council's surfclam and ocean quahog quota setting policy; review results from the March 5 Dogfish Technical Committee meeting; discuss and possibly adopt goals and objectives for the Dogfish Fishery Management Plan (FMP); possible discussion of the dogfish definition of overfishing, possible discussion of qualifying criteria for limited entry for dogfish; possible adoption of dogfish control date; discuss alternative mackerel entry limitation programs; review progress of Atlantic Herring FMP development and limited entry programs being considered for the Herring FMP; possible review of fleet analysis and economic analyses of commercial Atlantic mackerel fishery; possible adoption of essential habitat criteria; possible delineation and specification of bluefish essential fish habitat; review possible management changes for large pelagics and comment on proposed rules; review of 1998 work schedule by committee chairs; vessel replacement criteria; comprehensive management matrix; possible adoption

of the Monkfish FMP; view demonstration of the Council's web site; and amendment of Statement of Organization, Practices, and Procedures concerning the replacement of chairman and other matters.

The agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary; other items may be added. This meeting may also be briefly closed at any time to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before these groups for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Navy

Notice of Proposed Information Collection; Commander, Navy Recruiting Command

AGENCY: Department of the Navy, DoD.
ACTION: Notice of proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The Navy Recruiting Command announces the proposed extension of a previously approved public information collection and seeks public comment on the provisions thereof. Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the