

SUMMARY: The invention listed below is owned in whole or in part by the U.S. Government, as represented by the Department of Commerce. The Department of Commerce's ownership interest in the invention is available for licensing in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 207 and 37 CFR Part 404 to achieve expeditious commercialization of results of Federally funded research and development.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical and licensing information on this invention may be obtained by writing to: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Building 820, Room 213, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; Fax 301-869-2751. Any request for information should include the NIST Docket No. and Title for the relevant invention as indicated below.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NIST may enter into a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement ("CRADA") with the licensee to perform further research on the inventions for purposes of commercialization. The invention available for licensing is:

NIST Docket Number: 99-016/025US.

Title: Device for Stable Speed Determination in Machining.

Abstract: The device utilizes a non-contact force actuator to drive a machine-tool with a train of impulsive forces having a known, time-varying frequency to identify the speeds least likely to produce chatter (regenerative vibrations). This can be done in real time without the need for exhaustive cutting tests. The machine-tool spindle and a non-contact magnetic force actuator are used to produce the time-varying impulse train. This impulse train has significant energy at the spindle speed and its harmonics. As the spindle speed is ramped up from zero to the maximum speed, those speeds that maximize the dynamic response of the tool are the speeds that minimize regenerative chatter. The device is suitable for integration with the machine-tool controller, and could potentially allow the optimal speeds for each tool to be downloaded and stored for later use in NC programming.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institution of Standards and Technology

Announcing a Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Meeting.

SUMMARY: The 85th Annual Meeting of the National Conference on Weights and Measures will be held July 16 through July 20, 2000, at the Omni Richmond Hotel, 100 South Street, Richmond, VA. The meeting is open to the public. The National Conference on Weights and Measures is an organization of weights and measures enforcement officials of the states, counties, and cities of the United States, other government officials and representatives of business, industry, trade associations, and consumer organizations. Conference members meet twice a year to develop weights and measures laws and to discuss subjects that relate to the field of weights and measures technology and administration. Pursuant to (15 U.S.C. 272(B)(6)), the National Institute of Standards and Technology acts as a sponsor of the National Conference on Weights and Measures in order to promote uniformity among the states in the complex of laws, regulations, methods, and testing equipment that comprises regulatory control by the states of commercial weighing and measuring devices and practices.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 16-July 20, 2000, 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: Omni Richmond Hotel located at 100 South Street, Richmond, VA 23219.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Henry V. Oppermann, Chief, NIST, Office of Weights and Measures, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2350, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2350. Telephone (301) 975-4005, or E-mail owm@nist.gov.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Bluefin Tuna Statistical Documents

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 20, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-2347).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*) to implement recommendations by the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT). In order to monitor landings and trade in bluefin tuna, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) collects information through the bluefin tuna statistical document (BSD) program recommended by ICCAT. BSDs are required for lawful import of bluefin tuna products into countries that are contracting parties to ICCAT. By exchanging information collected through the BSD program, ICCAT members can monitor catch of