

analysis, the economics of health care, medical ethics, and other related professions. Each panel is composed of a chairperson, voting members, a nonvoting consumer representative, and a nonvoting industry representative.

Current Members of the Panel

Thomas V. Holohan, MA, MD, FACP (Chairperson); Leslie P. Francis, JD, Ph.D.; Judith A. Cahill, MA; Michael L. Friedland, MD; Kathy J. Helzlsouer, MD, MHS; Robert C. Johnson, MS; Ronald P. Jordan, R.Ph.; Mitchell Sugarman, MBA, MS; Cathleen M. Dooley, MPA; and Christine M. Grant, JD.

Topic of the Meeting

The Panel will discuss presentations from interested persons regarding the combination of high dose chemotherapy and stem cell transplantation for the treatment of multiple myeloma.

Procedure and Agenda

The Panel will hear oral presentations from the public for approximately 90 minutes on each day of the meeting. The Panel may limit the number and duration of oral presentations to the time available. If you wish to make a presentation during one of these sessions, you must submit the following to the Executive Secretary before the Deadline for Presentation Submissions date listed in the Dates section of this notice: a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments you wish to present, the names and addresses of proposed participants, and an estimate of the time required to make the presentation. We will request that you declare at the meeting whether or not you have any financial involvement with manufacturers of any items or services being discussed (or with their competitors).

After the 90-minute public presentation on Day 2 of the meeting, we will make a presentation to the Panel. After our presentation, the Panel will deliberate openly on the topic. Interested persons may observe the deliberations, but the Panel will not hear further comments during this time except at the request of the chairperson. At the end of the Panel deliberations, the Panel will allow a 30-minute open public session for any attendee to address issues specific to the topic.

Submission of Final Comments

Interested persons not scheduled to make an oral presentation, unable to attend the meeting, or wishing to make further remarks, may submit written comments to the Executive Secretary by the Deadline for Submission of Final

Comments in the Dates section of this notice.

HCFA Home Page

You may access detailed information regarding the agenda and schedule of presentations on our home page (www.hcfa.gov/quality/8b.htm) the day after the Deadline for Presentation Submissions in the Dates section of this notice.

Authority: 5 U.S.C. App. 2, section 10(a)(1) and (a)(2).

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 93.774, Medicare—Supplementary Medical Insurance Program)

Dated: August 9, 1999.

Michael M. Hash,

Deputy Administrator, Health Care Financing Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

National Institutes of Health

Prospective Grant of Exclusive License: A Basal Cell Carcinoma Tumor Suppressor Gene

AGENCY: National Institutes of Health, Public Health Service, DHHS.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is notice, in accordance with 35 U.S.C. 209(c)(1) and 37 CFR 404.7(a)(1)(i), that the National Institutes of Health (NIH), Department of Health and Human Services, is contemplating the grant of an exclusive license worldwide to practice the invention embodied in: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 08/857,636 filed May 16, 1997 entitled "A Basal Cell Carcinoma Tumor Suppressor Gene", PCT application US97/08433 filed May 16, 1997 designating all countries, except the U.S., entitled, "A Basal Cell Carcinoma Tumor Suppressor Gene" to Ontogeny, Inc., having a place of business in Cambridge, MA. The United States of America is the assignee or the exclusive licensee of the patent rights in this invention.

DATES: Only written comments and/or application for a license which are received by the NIH Office of Technology Transfer on or before October 12, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for a copy of the patent applications, inquiries, comments and other materials relating to the contemplated license should be directed to Richard U. Rodriguez, M.B.A., at the Office of Technology Transfer, National Institutes of Health,

6011 Executive Boulevard, Suite 325, Rockville, MD 20852-3804; Telephone: (301) 496-7056, ext. 287; Facsimile: (301) 402-0220; E-mail: rr154z@nih.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In an effort to develop a method of detection and an efficacious treatment for basal cell carcinoma, nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome, and medulloblastoma, the inventors posit that the Basal Cell Carcinoma Tumor Suppressor Gene and the disclosed mutations thereof may play a key physiological role.

The prospective exclusive license will be royalty-bearing and will comply with the terms and conditions of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7. The prospective exclusive license may be limited to the fields of human diagnostics and therapeutics for indications consisting of nevoid basal cell carcinoma syndrome, basal cell carcinoma, and medulloblastoma and may be granted unless, within 60 days from the date of this published Notice, NIH receives written evidence and argument that establishes that the grant of the license would not be consistent with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 209 and 37 CFR 404.7.

Properly filed competing applications for a license filed in response to this notice will be treated as objections to the contemplated license. Comments and objections submitted in response to this notice will not be made available for public inspection, and, to the extent permitted by law, will not be released under the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. 552.

Dated: August 6, 1999.

Jack Spiegel,

Director, Division of Technology Development and Transfer, Office of Technology Transfer.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Information Collections Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Approval Under the Paperwork Reduction Act

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of information collection; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) has sent the collection of information described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for approval under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction

Act of 1995. The public may obtain copies of the specific information collection requirements, related guidelines and explanatory material by contacting the Service Information Collection Clearance Officer at the address provided below.

DATES: We will consider all comments received on or before September 13, 1999. OMB has up to 60 days to approve or disapprove the information collection but may respond after 30 days. Therefore, to ensure maximum consideration, you must send your comments to OMB by the above referenced date.

ADDRESSES: Send your comments and suggestions on the requirement to Rebecca A. Mullin, Service Information Collection Clearance Officer, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, MS 222—ARLSQ, 1849 C Street, NW, Washington, DC 20240.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To receive a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact Rebecca A. Mullin at 703/358-2287, or electronically to rmullin@fws.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB regulations at 5 CFR part 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). We are seeking clearance from the OMB to collect information in conjunction with a new Evaluation Grants Pilot Program to be conducted under the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) (Pub. L. 101-233, as amended; December 13, 1989). The Act, Section 19 (Assessment of Progress in Wetlands Conservation), requires the Secretary of the Interior, in cooperation with the North American Wetlands Conservation Council, to: “* * * 1) develop and implement a strategy to assist in the implementation of this Act in conserving the full complement of North American wetlands systems and species dependent on those systems, that incorporates information existing on the date of the issuance of the strategy in final form on types of wetlands habitats and species dependent on the habitats; and (2) develop and implement procedures to monitor and evaluate the effectiveness of wetlands conservation projects completed under this Act.” To meet this requirement, we are embarking upon an Evaluation Grants Pilot Program initiative that requires selected prospective grantees to submit pre-

proposals and proposals that are geared specifically to project approaches that will readily provide data for monitoring and evaluation purposes. Current NAWCA projects do not, and cannot, provide the data and information necessary to meet the monitoring and evaluation requirements of Section 19. We are developing a unique set of evaluation grants guidelines, or instructions, that will provide the basis for information collection and this request. We do have available for review and comment the “Strategy For Implementing and Evaluating the Effectiveness of Wetland Conservation Projects Completed Under the NAWCA” (Sect. 19, part 1) and the “NAWCA Evaluation Grant Proposal Development and Review” outline (Sect. 19, part 2). Both of these documents are approved by the NAWCA Council and will be used to develop the guidelines. The Service is requesting a 3-year term of approval for this information collection activity. An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

The Service previously published a 60-day notice on the information collections associated with this evaluation grants program (64 FR 6908) on Thursday, February 11, 1999. The comment period expired April 12, 1999. The Service, in this notice, is requesting comment for the 30-day period following its date of publication in the **Federal Register**. No comments were provided to the Service Information Collection Officer as a result of the February 11 notice.

We invite your comments on: (1) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (2) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and, (4) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents.

Title: Information Collection In Support of Grant Programs Authorized by the North American Wetlands Conservation Act of 1989 (NAWCA).

Approval Number: 1018-0104. OMB emergency approval granted June 4, 1999.

Service Form Number(s): N/A.

Description and Use: The North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP), first signed in 1986, is a tripartite agreement among Canada, Mexico and the United States to

enhance, restore and otherwise protect continental wetlands to benefit waterfowl and other wetland associated wildlife through partnerships between and among the private and public sectors. Because the 1986 NAWMP did not carry with it a mechanism to provide for broadly-based and sustained financial support for wetland conservation activities, Congress passed and the President signed into law the NAWCA to partially fill that funding need. The purpose of NAWCA is to use partnerships to promote long-term conservation of North American wetland ecosystems and the waterfowl and other migratory birds, fish and wildlife that depend upon such habitat. Principal conservation actions supported by NAWCA are acquisition, enhancement and restoration of wetlands and wetlands-associated habitat.

As well as providing for a continuing and stable funding base, NAWCA establishes an administrative body made up of a State representative from each of the four Flyways, three representatives from wetlands conservation organizations, the Secretary of the Board of the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and the Director of the Service. This administrative body is chartered, under the Federal Advisory Committee Act, by the U.S. Department of the Interior as the North American Wetlands Conservation Council (Council). As such, the purpose of the Council is to periodically recommend wetlands conservation project proposals to the Migratory Bird Conservation Commission (MBCC) for funding.

Subsection (c) of Section 5 (Council Procedures) provides that the “* * * Council shall establish practices and procedures for the carrying out of its functions under subsections (a) and (b) of this section * * *” which are consideration of projects and recommendations to the MBCC, respectively. The means by which the Council decides which project proposals are important to recommend to the MBCC is through grants programs that are coordinated through the Council Coordinator's office (NAWCO) within the Service.

Applications from partnerships competing for grant funds must describe in substantial detail project locations and other characteristics that will meet standards established by the Council and requirements of NAWCA. The Evaluation Grants Pilot Program will differ in that it will be a two-stage process wherein successful applicants will have submitted both a pre-proposal and a proposal. Pre-proposals are intended to allow screening such that

only the projects that have the greatest potential for contributing to the evaluation program will be continued into the proposal stage. The Council Coordinator's office currently publishes and distributes Standard and Small Grants instructional booklets that assist applicants in formulating project proposals for Council consideration. The guidelines for this new grants evaluation initiative, to be contained in the request for proposal, is an additional information collection instrument. The guidelines and instructions and other instruments, e.g., **Federal Register** notices on request for proposals, are the basis for this information collection request for OMB clearance. Information collected under this program is used to respond to such needs as: audits, program planning and management, program evaluation, Government Performance and Results Act reporting, Standard Form 424 (Application For Federal Assistance), grant agreements, budget reports and justifications, public and private requests for information, data provided to other programs for databases on similar programs, Congressional inquiries and reports required by NAWCA, etc. In the case of the additional Evaluation Grants Pilot Program guidelines, the request responds also to the statutory requirements of the Act.

In summary, information collection under this program is required to obtain a benefit, i.e., a cash reimbursable grant that will be given competitively to selected applicants based on eligibility and the relative value of their projects to contribute to meaningful technical evaluation of the success of the grants programs. The information collection is subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act requirements for such activity, which includes soliciting comments from the general public regarding the nature and burden imposed by the collection.

Frequency of Collection: Occasional. We intend the Evaluation Grant Pilot Program to have one project proposal submissions window per year.

Description of Respondents: Households and/or individuals; business and/or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; farms; Federal Government; and State, local and/or Tribal governments.

Estimated Completion Time: We estimate the reporting burden, or time involved in writing project submissions, to be 8 hours for a pre-proposal and 40 hours for a proposal.

Number of Respondents: We estimate that 30 pre-proposals and 10 proposals will be submitted each year for the grants evaluation pilot program.

Dated: May 25, 1999.

Jamie Rappaport Clark,

Director, Fish and Wildlife Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Fish and Wildlife Service

Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Eleventh Regular Meeting; Proposed Resolutions and Agenda Items Being Considered; Species Being Considered for Amendments to the CITES Appendices; Public Meeting; Observer Information

AGENCY: Fish and Wildlife Service, Interior.

ACTION: Notice, correction.

In our July 8, 1999, **Federal Register** notice entitled "Conference of the Parties to the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES); Eleventh Regular Meeting; Proposed Resolutions and Agenda Items Being Considered; Species Being Considered for Amendments to the CITES Appendices; Public Meeting; Observer Information" (64 FR 36893), we make the following correction:

On page 36909, in the fourth paragraph under item number 6 entitled "Atlantic swordfish (*Xiphias gladius*)," which appears in the second column on the page, the last sentence reading "The plan also includes limited entry for the commercial fishery and a time/area closure to reduce juvenile swordfish mortality" is corrected to read follows: "The plan also includes limited entry for the commercial fishery. Additionally, the National Marine Fisheries Service is working on analyses to implement a time/area closure that would protect small swordfish. The National Marine Fisheries Service proposed a time/area closure to protect small swordfish in the draft FMP. However, in response to comments indicating the ineffectiveness of the proposed Florida Straits closure, as well as updated analyses, the National Marine Fisheries Service deferred the implementation of a time/area closure for protection of small swordfish until a later date, pending further analyses and review of more effective, and probably larger, time/area closures."

Dated: August 2, 1999.

John G. Rogers,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of amendment to approved Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved the First Amendment to the Tribal/State Compact for Class III Gaming between the Nisqually Tribe and the State of Washington, which was executed on March 4, 1999.

DATES: This action is effective August 13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: George T. Skibine, Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4066.

Dated: August 5, 1999.

Kevin Gover,

Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

AGENCY: Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Tribal-State Gaming Compact taking effect.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 (IGRA), Public Law 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his