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Stanley T. Pankowski
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July 31, 2006

Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary
Commodity Trading Futures Commission
Three Lafayette Center
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

Subject: COT reports

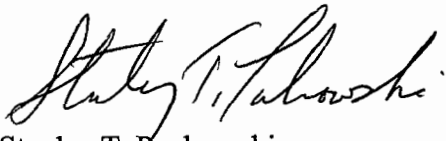
Dear Sir:

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such an essential report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying, the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Absent historical reference, the report becomes nearly unintelligible. My specific responses to your numbered inquiries are as follows:

1. As an individual trader, I use the COT report to alert me to sudden position changes that would indicate a reversal in sentiment by a particular trader group. I also look at total positions against their historical ranges to identify sentiment extremes among the various trader groups.
 - a. The size of the commercial long and short totals, as well as the ratio of these, is useful in discovering extremes or significant changes in sentiment within the "trade." Historically, large one-sided positions among commercial traders has indicated a potential price trend change in the direction of the commercial position. Likewise, resurrections in major trends often follow a large change in commercial buying or selling patterns.
 - b. Non-commercial large traders have historically shown a preference for momentum trading strategies and, thus, provided the buying power in bull trends and the selling power in bear trends. I look for a trend to accelerate in the direction of predominant one-sided large speculator trading. I anticipate declining large speculator participation and am alert for potential trend reversals when their positions approach historical long or short extremes.
 - c. In uptrends, the extent that large non-commercial traders are willing to bid forward futures prices to a premium over normal carrying charges gives me an indication of the potential strength and longevity of bullish conditions. In downtrends, momentum selling usually results large speculators holding shorts and net short positions near their historical extremes at price bottoms in both futures and cash prices.

2. The Haig working paper on the CFTC website lists 41 related scholarly works, many apparently using COT data, and this is probably not a comprehensive list.
3. Market transparency is the antithesis of manipulative advantage, and the COT report makes US futures the most transparent of any exchange in the world. Do traders change their tactics based on data in the COT report? If they do, those reactions are promptly reported in next week's issue. This self correcting feature is unusual in a potentially market-moving report.
4. **The Commission must continue publishing the CoT report.**
5. Since the large traders are not identified, only the Commission can judge the need for additional trader categories. It is difficult to understand the distinction the Commission draws between non-commercials and non-traditional commercials. Under the Commission's rules a hedge fund buying futures contracts is listed as a speculator and is subject position limits. However, if the same hedge fund acts through an intermediary swap dealer, it can apparently operate without limits and the futures position is categorized as a Commercial under the guise that the swap dealer is now a "bona fide hedger." If the Commission does not view these as equivalent speculative (non-commercial) positions, than I would prefer to see it listed under a separate category and reserve the commercial category for traditional hedgers.
6. The COT report is not the only source of information regarding the potential size and timing of investment fund rolls. Even if it were, the market would soon arbitrage out any unfair advantage. Transparency is the antithesis of manipulative advantage.
7.
 - a. The COT report is not the sole source of trader information. In fact many of these entities report their positions on SEC reports. For the CFTC to quit disclosing aggregate homogeneous positions would actually tilt the playing field in favor of large players who have the resources to aggregate this information from other sources.
 - b. Insiders don't need to "guess" the identity or position totals. They can get actual names from SEC and other (less public) sources and deduce futures position sizes from equity reports and broker contacts. By publishing factual aggregate totals, the Commission only levels the playing field to the disadvantage of potential manipulators who access inside or non-public sources.
 - c. The Commission has already increased the threshold number of reportable traders needed to publish Commitments data from 4 to 20. The Commission has to balance this perceived need for privacy of individual trading concerns against the benefits of transparency. It seems to me that a market's susceptibility to manipulation is inversely related to the number of large trader participants. Publishing the aggregate totals in the COT report is the antidote, not the poison.
8. & 9. For simplicity, categories should be consistent for all markets. If the total for a particular category in a particular market is zero, it doesn't take much effort to place it there. This provides flexibility to the Commission in future trader classification. As the Commission points out, the derivatives landscape is constantly changing and new products and non-traditional participants may be just around the corner for any market. And it is conceivable that a future Commission might use a different categorization protocol and categorize positions based on the source of the funds rather than the current practice, which apparently ignores the original source and purpose of the position.
10. Users of the COT report have benefited with each and every increase in reporting frequency. Less frequent partial reports create doubt, cloud transparency, and can't help anyone besides inside players.
11. Reportable traders are already required to report speculative positions separate from "bona fide hedges." This is not a hardship, particularly in the case of these large traders, whose reporting is automated.

Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Stanley T. Pankowski".

Stanley T. Pankowski

7/28/2006

Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary
Commodity Trading Futures Commission
Three Lafayette Center
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

RE: COT

Dear Ms. Donovan,

Please do NOT discontinue the COT. As an individual trader, I am beginning to rely heavily on the COT report for family investing to assist me in making market decisions in both stocks and soon possibly commodities.

Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. In general, any changes should not result in discontinuing, suspending or delaying, the Commitments' report, and the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Absent historical reference, the report becomes nearly unintelligible.

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Sincerely,

Sophia Watkins
4843 Bundy Rd.
Melrose, Massachusetts 02120

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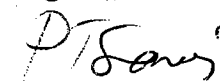
The COT report information cut-off is a Tuesday, but is released on Friday. It would be more useful if the data were released on the same day as the cut-off.

A problem that needs clarification is with the hedge fund: it can be categorized as a Commercial trader without position limits by using an intermediary swap dealer.

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Regards,



Pete Tsonis

To: secretary@cftc.gov

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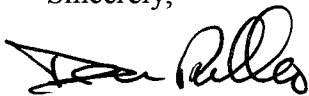
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Dennis Pullaro
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Scottsdale, AZ 85260

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Sincerely,

Katrina Stewart
5645 Carmody rd.
Coloma, MI 49038

secretary

From: JIM DAHIR [jimdahir@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 1:29 PM
To: secretary
Subject: CFTC REPORT

CFTC REPORT.....I FIND THIS REPORT EXTREMELY HELPFUL & WOULD NOT WANT TO SEE IT DISCONTINUED.

secretary

From: Enrico Tomat [enricotomat@virgilio.it]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 3:28 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Dear Mrs. Donovan,

regarding the feedback proposal about the COT report published weekly by CFTC, i would like to express my most deeper appreciation regarding the report.

It is the MOST useful tool around to help a trader and investor in understanding market dynamics. I'm over it every day analyzing positions taken by traders.

For my trading it is an invaluable way to keep in rhythm with markets. I can assure that a diligent COT report observer can obtain informations that are simply unreplaceable.

But i think non only a trader could find interesting informations on reports, but also universities or other structures which operate in the most wide "economic" world.

I know many traders and investors around world who use your weekly report, so i am inviting you to non stop your publishing but to continue with your weekly reports.

my only advice is to pay the best attention in classifying trader in commercial/non-commercial fields.

But i'm seeing these days that you have reclassified many of them so, please go with your reports!

Regards

Enrico Tomat
Italy

secretary

From: Rey MD [reymd@lorma.edu.ph]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 12:00 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

secretary

From: Randal Templin [cr_temp@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 8:27 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

As a small trader, it is my belief that transparency and a level playing field are priority components of a free and open marketplace.

The notion that the largest participants should be able to conduct their business "in private" naturally contradicts optimal openness.

If there are to be changes to the Reports, I would suggest reducing the time lag in delivery.

Loss of the Reports would be a big disservice to the small trader.

Respectfully,
Randal Templin

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secretary

From: Patrick Hamilton [indigo1@peganet.com]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 8:30 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

August 7, 2006

The commitment of Traders reports are vital to all participants in the futures markets.

If the markets are to perform as designed it is imperative that information be available to ALL the participants and not just those with large organizations that can gather and use information before it is available to the majority of traders.

The COT would be most useful if it were available daily. A weekly report is the absolute minimum that can be tolerated if the futures markets are to remain healthy.

Please do not restrict our access to information.

Patrick Hamilton

secretary

From: חיים וסיבל [hcohen@bezeqint.net]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 8:50 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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secretary

From: Yngvi Hardarson [hardy@consulting.is]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 9:19 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

As consultant on risk management and an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in evaluating market risks and in making market decisions. I regard the COT report as one of the treasures of market data.

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Sincerely Yours,
Yngvi Hardarson

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secretary

From: BAXTERD709@aol.com
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 9:24 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

As an individual trader I rely tremendously on the COT report in making market decisions.

In response to your request for comments on this I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would actually think of discontinuing the popular and insightful service that shows nearly 500.000 users last year. This report is shown to be used at over 40 university studies and two best selling books.

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Sincerely Dennis Baxter

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Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 9:44 AM
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From: L.C. Gass [lcgass@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 10:10 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Please continue to publish the COT report. Thanks LC Gass

secretary

From: Cae Gass [caegass@yahoo.com]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 10:14 AM
To: secretary
Subject: Please continue to publish the COT report. Charles Gass

Talk is cheap. Use Yahoo! Messenger to make PC-to-Phone calls. Great rates starting at 1¢/min.

secretary

From: Holger Offhaus und Anja Trinks [bull.bear@online.de]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 11:41 AM
To: secretary
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From: B Bacheller [bacheller@earthlink.net]
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secretary

From: MICHAEL MORERA [mmorera1@verizon.net]

Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 12:46 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT Report keep publishing

To those of concern,

I believe continuing to publish the commitment of traders report helps to maintain transparency in the financial markets. This is something that should not be discontinued.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Michael R. Morera

secretary

From: Kelly Rankin [kelly.rankin@shaw.ca]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 5:51 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Dear Sirs,

In response to your request for comments, I am deeply concerned that the CFTC would consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful report. While the report may need modification, the number and size of exemptions granted by the Commission would seem to demand more transparency, not less. Certainly true hedgers should have their own category. In general, any modification must avoid discontinuing, suspending, or delaying the Commitments reporting. And the Commission should take precautions to implement report changes in such a way as to maintain continuity with historical data. Finally, I would request that if the Commission should decide to make changes that could negatively affect the continuation, continuity, or promptness of the COT report, that it submit such proposed changes for further specific public comment.

Yours very truly,
Kelly M Rankin

secretary

From: Paul Pisari [billy07sarah@hotmail.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 7:03 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Dear Sir,

Please continue to publish the COT Reports because they are necessary for all investors to monitor any market manipulation. Not publishing them would place investors money at risk and place the CFTC's reputation in further jeopardy in light of the fact it has done nothing to stop the silver manipulation.

Thank You,

Paul Pisari

Don't just search. Find. Check out the new MSN Search!
<http://search.msn.click-url.com/go/onm00200636ave/direct/01/>

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From: Richard M. Lembo [rlembo2@rochester.rr.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 8:27 PM
To: secretary
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Please continue to produce the COT report as I use this tool to potentially spot market manipulations as soon as possible.

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Richard M. Lembo
Certified Residential Appraiser
#45-4724
585.377.1324 Phone
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From: Jeffrey Chang [jccylmp@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 1:33 AM
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I would like to continue using the COT report to potentially spot market manipulation as soon as possible. Please continue publishing this information

thank you.

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From: Christina Roach [chrisroach@verizon.net]
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Regards,
John Johannessen

8/7/2006

secretary

From: robinson-thomas@att.net
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 6:15 PM
To: secretary
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secretary

From: Christopher Benedict [csbenedict@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 8:53 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Greetings,
Please KEEP the FREE COT Report available to all traders like me who depend on it in order to trade futures. Without it, I would not trade. I appreciate all of your past COT reports and look forward to them in the future. Keep up the good work.

Thank You,
Chris Benedict

secretary

From: Liviu Craciun [lcraciun01@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 12:11 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

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I join the mass of people who don't want COT discontinued!

Thank you,

Liviu Craciun

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secretary

From: Scott [scottstheone@comcast.net]
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--Scott Avery

secretary

From: Michael Edmonson [mnedmonson@gmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 1:28 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

If anything you should be increasing reporting of COT data, not elimating it!

Michael

secretary

From: nisaf [nisaf@rogers.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 10:08 PM
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secretary

From: mmeess@netzero.net
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 7:12 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT

Please do not do away with the COT report.

I would like to continue using the COT report to spot potential market manipulation on a timely basis.

Thank you.

8/7/2006

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secretary

From: Knutsen, Jeff [jmk@eclipseacademic.com]
Sent: Friday, August 04, 2006 10:43 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Request for Comments on COT Reports

I am opposed to the idea of stopping the publication of the COT reports. I believe the transparency offered by the reports helps provide a sense of fair play in the commodity markets, especially for smaller investors.

Jeff Knutsen

secretary

From: David Funchess [dfunchess@mac.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 4:15 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: David E Funchess
Subj: COT Report

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David E Funchess
August 5, 2006
Boulder, CO. USA

secretary

From: Paul J. Weber [business@drweber.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 5:45 PM
To: secretary
Subject: save the COT report

Dear Secretary of the CFTC:

Please save the COT report for the sake of the individual investor to help reduce market manipulation. Please have some concern for the small investor in this world of big, big money.

Sincerely, Paul Weber

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secretary

From: M. Wakefield [wakefieldm_2000@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 12:51 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Please continue publication of the Commitment of Traders. We can use this tool to potentially spot market manipulation as soon as possible.

Thank you,

MARIE WAKEFIELD

wakefieldm_2000@yahoo.com

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Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 7:33 AM
To: secretary
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From: Bill Kaplan [billkaplan@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 12:39 PM
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Sincerely,

David Israel

secretary

From: harry denapoli [harry.denap@verizon.net]

Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 1:15 PM

To: secretary

Subject: data

Please continue the information you currently provide for us individual investors/traders who are vulnerable to manipulation by large and commercial traders. Thank-you very much. HDeNapoli

secretary

From: B. Meeker [bmeeker51@buckeye-express.com]
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Brian Meeker

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From: Ken Van Gheem [kvangheem@vgoptions.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 12:58 AM
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jerryholt@earthlink.net
EarthLink Revolves Around You.

8/7/2006

secretary

From: jon [jonmac@bigpond.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 3:16 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Hello,

I am an individual trader and rely on the COT report to test for my trading decisions. In fact, so much so that I would have to stop trading if the COT report was stopped. My years of following the COT report has become the basic filter for my futures trades, without which I would just continue with my stock trading.

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Jon Macmichael
27 Haddon Court
Carrara 4211
Queensland
Australia
ph 61755941555

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Regards,
jon

<mailto:jonmac@bigpond.com>

secretary

From: REX BARNES [rex.barnes@comcast.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 2:07 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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MARK WIDUCH

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secretary

From: Rumpleyfogart@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 5:29 PM
To: secretary
Subject: cot reports

Please continue the weekly COT reports. Thank you--E Barston

8/7/2006

secretary

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secretary

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Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 5:45 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Dear CFTC!

Hereby I would like to petition along with others to you to keep the COT report published as it is proven useful for each party (small ,large and commercial investors)and provides equal chances to everyone regarding to access of market information and spotting the trends.Any attempt to change its current availability for any entity would create an unbalance;possible manipulation of market trends including taking advantages of information known by just certain parties would ultimately question the legacy of such practices.

Thank you in advance for understanding.Looking forward to read the report in the coming years.
Best regards,Gabriel Henyel

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secretary

From: James Conner [jdconner@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 7:23 PM
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Thanks
James Conner

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Ellis Wyatt [EllisWyatt@hotmail.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 7:49 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report
Sensitivity: Confidential

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secretary

From: Frank Newsom [franknewsom@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 8:06 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report changes

To: secretary@cftc.gov
From: Frank Newsom
Subj: COT Report

To Whom It May Concern:

I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in my individual investing. I trade futures and use the COT report before I make any trade.

In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am therefore concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your staff is also very helpful. I have spoken with a couple of people at CTFC and they have always been courteous and insightful.

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Frank Newsom

secretary

From: Don Roberts [roberts.don@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 8:53 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

To Whom it may concern,

After reading the June 21 2006 release regarding the COT report, I would like to submit my input. There is talk on some websites of the CFTC having it deleted, which I think would be a huge mistake. I use it every week for my trading decisions (and thousands of other traders do as well), and would like to see it remain, and actually improve. The only improvements that I can see would be to speed up the release date, instead of waiting 3 days to post the data ... I'm sure this can be accomplished in this day and age of computers. If the CFTC wanted to profit from it, they can charge a premium to the public to have the data released earlier.

I hope that the COT data does not disappear from your web site ... it has been VERY useful to me in determining my trading decisions.

Sincerely,
Don Roberts

secretary

From: Wanda [warfrg@aracnet.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 6:49 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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8/7/2006

secretary

From: Michael Christensen [mistch@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 11:30 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

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Michael Christensen

secretary

From: Cathie Hutchins [cath9977@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 8:40 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Dear Ms. Donovan

I'm writing to let you know that I am a commodities trader and the COT report is very important to me. It is continually used to create indicators that show where markets are headed.

I'm very concerned that there would be a possibility of this report being discontinued.

It creates a more fair playing field which is in keeping with the ideals of the citizens of the United States of America.

Please continue to publish these reports!

Sincerely,

Cathie Hutchins

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secretary

From: pha1st@bellsouth.net
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 9:23 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

I understand that you are considering ending this public report. I implore you not to do this. This report is very important to my trading as it give me insite as to how imbalances in the market are being played out. These are very important insights for us 'small fry' so that we do not get eaten by the 'bigger fish'. Thank you for considering my words. This is serious stuff, and I need your help in keeping this 'public indicator' alive. Chester Gunter II 722 Carriage Hills Ct. Martinez, GA. 30907

secretary

From: Pildolla@aol.com
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 12:25 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

Please continue to produce COT reports! as you have been. A one day lag time would make these reports even more useful.

secretary

From: Engelman [dkengelman@cebridge.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 3:21 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT reports

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Please do not discontinue this report.

Sincerely,
David Engelman

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Greg Bredlow [gbredlow@skypoint.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 4:14 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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secretary

From: Robert Gallmann [rggallmann@comcast.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 4:09 PM
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secretary

From: Gary [dearme@ncf.ca]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 3:53 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Please do continue publishing this report.

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Darren Poyner [darrenpoyner@bigpond.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 4:48 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

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Regards,
Darren Poyner.

secretary

From: Jack Butler [butler-jack@sbcglobal.net]

Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 5:08 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT reports

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I am ddply disturbed that the CFTC would ever vote to INFORMATION. How in the world can you think that the markets would better serve the public by LIMITING THE INFORMATION?

There is much suspicion among the public of all formal markets and your removing a source of factual information would only confirm for many that the markets are manipulated.

Yours truly

Jack Butler

8/7/2006

secretary

From: John Kelly [johnrkelly@optonline.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 8:33 PM
To: secretary
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secretary

From: Scott Hawk [hawks@huntel.net]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 5:32 PM
To: secretary
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secretary

From: David Convery [dave@soilandrock.co.nz]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 10:07 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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secretary

From: Deb Schreck [schreck@eaglecom.net]

Sent: Friday, July 21, 2006 11:06 PM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

Please DO NOT discontinue the weekly Commitment of Traders report. I have used this data for the past 25 years and it is crucial to those of us who are small traders! Thank you! Debra Schreck

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Eileen Eng [eileen.eng@telus.net]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 1:53 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

Dear Ms. Donovan:

In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am concerned that the CFTC is considering discontinuing such a valuable and insightful tool. As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report, in addition to a number of public and private reports, to assist me in making market decisions.

While visiting China last summer, I could not help but notice that the Chinese have adopted many US standards and conventions in a big way. I urge the CFTC to continue to publish the COT reports to set a good example for the emerging markets and promote transparency throughout the world.

Please continue to publish the COT reports.

Thank you.

Eileen Eng

secretary

From: FX Veronica [Veronica@FXFriends.com]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:04 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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Sincerely,

Veronica

8/7/2006

secretary

From: dme [dkengelman@yahoo.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 10:58 PM
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secretary

From: Tom Compeau [tcompeau@eaglecom.net]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2006 8:35 AM

To: secretary

Subject: COT report

As an investor we need information to make desisions,we ask to keep the cot reports ,that is why this is America!!
thank you

secretary

From: Jay Sauls [jaysauls@gmail.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 11:23 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Please save the COT Report

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Sincerely,

Larry Sauls
19833 NE 148th St
Woodinville, WA 98077

secretary

From: Stephen Harvey [stephenharvey@ozemail.com.au]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 4:11 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

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secretary

From: Drew Keenan [totalcalibration@yahoo.com.au]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 7:19 AM
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Subject: COT Report

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Kind regards,

Andrew Keenan

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Jeff Gladney [jeffgladney@bayou.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 06, 2006 11:51 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

To the Secretary of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission:

As an individual trader, I do use the COT report to assist me in making market decisions. Although it is NOT the sole basis for my trading decisions - there's even been times I've even purposely disregarded it and used other information to make some good trades, I do find it a very interesting resource which shows quite some insight into the futures markets.

Therefore, I was concerned when I visited Larry Williams's website and read his comments about your possibly discontinuing the COT reports. I agree with a lot of his opinions, though. The following is an excerpt from his "form letter":

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Thank you,

Frank J. Gladney

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Craig and Drew [craig.drew@iinet.net.au]
Sent: Monday, August 07, 2006 7:21 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT Report

As an individual trader, I rely heavily on the COT report to assist me in making market decisions.

I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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Sincerely,

Craig Hale

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Kevin Kerns [kpkerns@yahoo.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 8:48 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

Kevin Kerns
1201 S. Scott St.-414
Arlington, VA 22204

Eileen Donovan, Acting Secretary
Commodity Trading Futures Commission
Three Lafayette Center
1155 21st Street, NW
Washington, DC 20581

Dear Ms. Donovan,

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In response to your request for comments about the COT report, I am therefore deeply concerned that the CFTC would even consider discontinuing such a popular and insightful service. Your own site shows close to 500,000 users last year. The report has been the subject of over 40 University studies and two best selling books.

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Thank you very much for your kind consideration, Kevin Kerns

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secretary

From: Don Huneycutt [drhuneycutt@mchsi.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 10:12 AM
To: secretary
Cc: Don Huneycutt; donald huneycutt
Subject: COT Report in Danger of Removal from Public Eyes

Hello,

I am a stock broker and financial advisor with the largest firm in the US. I am also a private investor. I use options as a protective hedge, speculative instrument and income for my clients.

For quite some time, I have accessed and have directed my clients to access the COT report to supplement the decisions that I am helping them make on their investments.

I am very alarmed at the thought of removing the COT report access from the eyes of the public.

Why, in this day and time of allegations by the public that those in government and the private sector abuse their trust would you want to eliminate this window of truth into the markets?

I want to continue to be able to use this tool to potentially spot market manipulation as soon as possible. My clients feel the same.

Would it help if I request all of my friends, family, associates, and clients send a similar email to you?

Please give me your position on this all-important decision about to be made. Also, please tell me if more emails from persons of interest would help clarify our concern on this position. I could easily send you approximately 500.

Regards,

Donald R. Huneycutt

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secretary

From: MarcD77@aol.com
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 10:15 AM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

I want to be able to use this tool to potentially spot market manipulation as soon as possible.
Please keep publishing this report to the public.

8/7/2006

secretary

From: Pat & Pam [sunrise3@coinet.com]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 12:56 PM
To: secretary
Subject: COT report

The opacity of this government is a direct result of Straussian concepts of governance. You have indeed a difficult time pulling scams and shady deals when the information is freely available.

John succo. You have missed the boat by a long shot. Using Ayan Rand as a pointer is absurd. Her hidden agenda was a disguised Fascism. Upon examination, I think you will find that we have gotten exactly what she wanted.: A top down hierarchy controlled by the corporations. I also was involved in her concepts for several years until I figured out she was insane, really nuts. The historical problem with top down hierachy has always been an elitists group that wants it all, feels compelled to obtain and use indiscriminate power and feels it has the moral imperative to establish a one size fits all morality and standard on every one else, that they don't have to live by. This will always be the the greatest flaw in large complex societies. Defending it is morally bankrupt.

Murph

secretary

From: Donald A. Hackbarth [dahackbarth@sbcglobal.net]
Sent: Saturday, August 05, 2006 1:31 PM
To: secretary
Subject: Cot Reports

I am retired after 37 years in the investment business guiding my investors and attempting to safeguard the savings of my clients who for the most part were hardworking middle America citizens who love there country and saved for their retirement so as not to be a burden on their children or the government. I used all the information I could get to make my judgments to safeguard their money. I KEPT THEM OUT OF THE DOT-COM BUST SIMPLY BECAUSE THE NUMBERS DID NOT JUSTIFY THE PRICES THAT WERE BEING PAID ...THE PRUDENT MAN RULE SAID THAT THOSE THAT WER RETIRED OR ABOUT TO RETIRE DID NOT BELONG IN SPECS....WHICH IS WHAT THOSE BUBBLE INVESTMENTS WERE AT THE TIME...IT WAS THE FAULT OF GREENSPAN WHO KNUCKLED UNDER TO THE DEMOCRATS WHEN HE WARNED ABOUT EXCESSIVE EXHUBERATION AS IT PERTAINED TO THOSE STOCKS.....THE HOWL OF THE DEMOCRATS AT THAT TIME WAS THAT HE WAS INTERFERING IN THE FREE MARKET SYSTEM.....HE SHOULD HAVE CLAMPED DOWN ON THE MONEY SUPPLY, RAISED RATES AND THE MARGIN REQUIREMENTS..HE DID NOTHING...THE RESULT ...A LOT OF SPECULATORS WHO COULD NOT AFFORD TO LOSE, DID LOSE AND THE RESULT WAS ONE OF THE GREATEST ACROSS THE BOARD WIPEOUTS OF SAVINGS AND RETIRMENT FUNDS. TOTALLY A RESULT OF POLITICS. THE INVESTORS AND THEIR ADVISORS NEED TO KNOW , NEED TO KNOW, NEED TO KNOW!!!!

WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF ELIMINATING INFORMATION THAT PEOPLE USE TO MAKE INVESTMENTS DECISIONS...DO YOU WANT TO COLLAPSE THE FREE MARKET AND FORCE A COLLAPSE? THE RESULTING WIPEOUT WILL RESULT IN A MANDATORY SOCIALIST GOVERNMENT ISSUED LIFESTYLE FOR THE PEOPLE OF AMERICA THAT HAVE SACRIFICED THEIR SONS TO SAVE NATIONS FROM TYRANICAL DESPOTS ONLY TO HAVE OUR OWN GOVERNMENT NOW MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR FINANCIAL SOUND JUDGMENT TO TAKE PLACE IN THIS LAND OTHER THAN FOR THOSE FEW THAT ARE THE EXTREMELY WELL CONNECTED. SO LONG FREE ENTERPRISE...SO LONG AMERICA. ARE THERE TRAITORS IN THIS COUNTRY?

DON HACKBARTH SR. BROOKFIELD WISCONSIN