

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; User Engagement Survey for Water Resources Forecasts and Climate Information**

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

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Edward Clark: (301) 427-9350 or edward.clark@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

As part of the NOAA mission: "To understand and predict changes in Earth's environment and conserve and manage coastal and marine resources to meet our Nation's economic, social, and environmental needs", the proposed survey will be part of a stakeholder engagement effort to more clearly define what those needs are. The proposed survey will be used to engage with and assess the science and forecasting needs of stakeholders in the water resources sector. The water resources sector includes agencies and companies operating reservoirs, and private and public interests in regulating rivers. The survey is designed to (1) assess the accessibility and utility of water and climate information and data, (2) assess participants' perceptions and knowledge about water and climate, and (3) evaluate user needs and the gaps in existing water and climate information. Participation in the survey will be

entirely voluntary and will usually be in conjunction with workshops related to water resources and/or climate.

II. Method of Collection

Web-based, or paper if there is no Internet access.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0645.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Not for profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations; federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 90.

Estimated Time per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 45.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$100 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 16, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument and University of Hawaii Research Internship Program**

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

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before March 24, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Daniel Wagner, 808-725-5836, Daniel.Wagner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

This request is for a new collection of information. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's (NOAA's) Papahānaumokuākea Marine National Monument (PMNM) would like to collect student data and information for the purposes of selecting candidates for its research internship program in partnership with the University of Hawaii. The application package would contain: (1) A form requesting information on academic background and professional experiences, (2) reference forms in support of the internship application by two educational or professional references, and (3) a support letter from one academic professor or advisor.

II. Method of Collection

Electronic applications and electronic forms submitted via email.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-xxxx.

Form Number(s): None.
Type of Review: Regular submission (new information collection).
Affected Public: Individuals or households; business or other for-profit organizations; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal government.
Estimated Number of Annual Respondents: 20.
Estimated Time per Response: Internship application form, reference forms and support letter, 1 hour each.
Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 80.
Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$20 for copies.

IV. Request for Comments

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 (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: January 16, 2015.

Glenna Mickelson,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Availability of the Draft NOAA Fisheries Climate Science Strategy for Public Comment

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS is releasing the draft NMFS Climate Science Strategy (NCSS) for public review and comment.

Additional information, including the Strategy for download may be found at: <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/ecosystems/climate/>.

DATES: Written comments must be received from January 21, 2015 through March 31, 2015.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments on this document, identified NOAA-NMFS-2015-0010, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal. Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2015-0010.
- click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

- **Mail:** Valerie Termini, NMFS, Office of Science and Technology, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Include on the envelope the following identifier "NCSS Public Comment."

Instructions: Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted for public viewing on www.regulations.gov without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender will be publicly accessible. NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous). Attachments to electronic comments will be accepted in Microsoft Word, Excel, or Adobe PDF file formats only. Please include page number and line number in your comments. Comments sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the end of the comment period, may not be considered by NMFS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Additional information, including the Strategy for download may be found at <http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/ecosystems/climate/national-call-for-comments>, or by contacting Roger Griffis, Climate Change Coordinator, NMFS, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-427-8134 or email: roger.b.griffis@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Summary of Report

Warming oceans, rising seas and ocean acidification are impacting the marine life off of our coasts, disrupting

fisheries and local economies. These impacts are expected to increase with continued changes in the planet's climate and ocean systems. There is much at risk. For example, ocean-related fisheries generate \$200 billion in sales and support 1.7 million jobs nationally each year.¹

These current and possible future climate-related changes also affect NOAA's ability to fulfill its stewardship mandates for marine resources and the communities that depend on them. The goal of the draft Climate Science Strategy is to increase the production, delivery, and use of climate-related information to apprise and fulfill NMFS LMR stewardship mandates in a changing climate, including the Magnuson-Stevens Act, Endangered Species Act, Marine Mammal Protection Act, National Environmental Policy Act and others.

The draft Climate Science Strategy identifies seven key steps to improve the production and use of climate-related information to fulfill agency mandates and increase the resilience of marine resources and resource-dependent sectors and communities. The Strategy is designed to provide a nationally consistent framework to guide development and implementation of regional actions. The Strategy proposes specific near and medium-term recommendations, and identifies priority recommendations that are common across mandates, regions, objectives and living marine resources.

Implementation of the Strategy over the next five years is crucial for effective fulfillment of NMFS mission and mandates with changing climate and ocean conditions. Implementation of the Strategy will increase the production and delivery of climate-related information needed by NMFS and partners to reduce impacts and increase resilience of marine resources and the communities that depend on them.

NMFS works with and depends on many partners to fulfill its science and information needs from other federal agencies to academia, fisheries and other organizations. As such, we are providing this opportunity for broad public review and comment on the draft Strategy.

¹ "Fisheries Economics of the U.S.," NOAA Office of Science and Technology, http://www.st.nmfs.noaa.gov/economics/publications/feus/fisheries_economics_2012.