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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; NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program Progress Reports

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 February 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Robin Bruckner, 301-713-0174 or via the Internet at Robin.Bruckner@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The NOAA Community-based Restoration Program (CRP) provides financial assistance on a competitive basis to implement grass-roots, community-based habitat restoration, debris prevention and removal, and barrier removal activities through individual projects or restoration partnerships. The NOAA Restoration Center (RC) within the NOAA Fisheries

Service Office of Habitat Conservation, intends to continue requiring specific information on projects funded under various grants initiatives managed by the RC as part of routine progress reporting. Recipients of NOAA funds under these initiatives will be required to submit information including project location, restoration techniques used, species benefitted, acres restored, stream miles opened to access for diadromous fish, volunteer participation, and other parameters. This information collection is necessary to track and report on the large number of community-based projects being implemented with RC support around the country. This information will be used to continue populating a database of NOAA-funded habitat restoration, debris prevention and removal, and barrier removal projects. The database, with its robust querying capabilities, is instrumental to accurate and timely responses to NOAA, Department of Commerce, Congressional and Constituent inquiries. It also ensures accountability for federal funds expended for community-based activities, reported by NOAA through the Government Performance and Reporting Act acres restored performance measure. Grant recipients are required by the NOAA Grants Management Division to submit periodic performance reports and a final report for each award; this collection will stipulate the information to be provided in these reports.

II. Method of Collection

The reporting form and format outline will be provided to funding recipients and will also be available on the Restoration Center's home page. Electronic submission of forms and progress report narratives will be encouraged but not required.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0472.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for profit institutions; State, Local and Tribal Governments, business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 200.

Estimated Time Per Response: Interim reports, 9 hours and 45 minutes; and final reports, 11 hours and 45 minutes. Three semi-annual reports and one final report over a 24-month period are required for each award; however, information collected and submitted for any single report need not be collected again for subsequent reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 8,240.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$2,940.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Information Requirements for the Marine Animal Health and Stranding Response Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 February 6, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patricia Lawson, (301) 713-2322 or Patricia.Lawson@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this proposed collection of information is to enable the Marine Animal Health and Stranding Response Program (Program) of NOAA to assemble information on all tissue samples submitted to the National Biomonitoring Specimen Bank (Bank), including the National Marine Mammal Tissue Bank. These samples will be collected from marine mammals, sea turtles, sea birds, and other marine animals as needed by volunteers and researchers participating in the Program. The specimen banking information sheets will ask for basic data such as species, date collected, condition of tissue, and biology of animal sampled. This information is essential for the analysis, comparison, and interpretation of submitted specimens.

The Bank provides researchers samples that have been collected in a systematic and well-documented manner for comparing results over time to identify whether environmental and health trends exist. Without background information on all samples submitted to the Bank, scientists cannot conduct comparative and retrospective analyses and interpretation on archived marine animal tissues.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents must send the completed data sheet along with the sample to the Bank. Online submission program should be available in early 2006.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; individuals or households; State, Local or Tribal Governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 50.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$112.

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Spatial Assessment and Analysis of Non-Consumptive Uses in California's National Marine Sanctuaries

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

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 February 6, 2006.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Dr. Vernon R. Leeworthy, NOS/Special Projects, 1305 East West Highway, SSMC 4, 9th Floor, Silver

Spring, Maryland 20910 (or via Internet at Bob.Leeworthy@noaa.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The purpose of this data collection is to provide information needed to inform National Marine Sanctuary management and the greater California Marine Life Protection Act process, an assessment of the economic magnitude of private non-consumptive activities within marine sanctuaries and the ways in which marine protection affects these values. Non-consumptive recreation includes any recreation activity that does not involve removing Sanctuary resources (e.g.) scuba diving, snorkeling, whale watching, bird watching, viewing other wildlife, viewing/photographing scenery, surfing, kayaking, and sailing). The outcomes of the proposed research will include the first geographically organized inventory of private non-consumptive users and values, insight into how biological and physical attributes influence user behavior and values, and the economic impacts associated with these users, in terms of local expenditures and social welfare. All stages of the study will involve a formal peer review process.

Three core tasks will be completed for Channel Islands and Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuaries:

1. Establish baseline data: (i) Total amount and spatial distribution of non-consumptive use; (ii) Socioeconomic and expenditure profiles of non-consumptive users; and (iii) Knowledge, attitudes, and perceptions of sanctuary management strategies and regulations.

2. Analyze the market and non-market economic impact of non-consumptive use.

3. Analyze how non-market use varies with respect to attributes of marine and coastal environments.

II. Method of Collection

Information will be collected via telephone and face-to-face interviews, and aboard a NOAA vessel using computer aided technology.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 3,400.

Estimated Time Per Response: 52 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,945.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.