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District Forest Ranger/Big Piney Ranger District.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: U.S.-Canada Albacore Treaty Reporting System.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0492.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 158.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Average Hours Per Response: 5 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), Southwest Region (SWR) manages the U.S.-Canada Albacore Tuna Treaty of 1981 (Treaty). Owners of vessels that fish from U.S. West Coast ports for albacore tuna will be required to notify NMFS, SWR of their desire to be on the list of vessels provided to Canada each year indicating vessels eligible to fish for albacore tuna in waters under the jurisdiction of Canada. Additionally, vessel operators are required to report in advance their intention to fish in Canadian waters prior to crossing the maritime border as well as to mark their fishing vessels to facilitate enforcement of the effort limits under the Treaty. Vessel operators are also required to maintain and submit a logbook of all catch and fishing effort. The regulations implementing the reporting and vessel marking requirements under the Treaty are at 50 CFR 300.172-300.176.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Annually and on occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: December 4, 2007.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Gear-Marking Requirements for the Harbor Porpoise Take Reduction Plan.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0357.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 41.

Number of Respondents: 50.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 minute.

Needs and Uses: The federal regulations at 50 CFR 229.34 limit the number of nets that can be used in certain fisheries in the mid-Atlantic that appear to be most closely linked with accidental catch of harbor porpoises. Fishermen in these fisheries must obtain and attach numbered tags for their nets. Because the number of tags per vessel is capped, the tagging program helps to limit the number of nets in use and helps NOAA identify the number in use.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Every three years.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Reporting of Sea Turtle Entanglements in Pot Gear Fisheries.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0496.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 45.

Number of Respondents: 15.

Average Hours Per Response: 1 hour.

Needs and Uses: Sea turtles can become accidentally entangled in active or discarded fixed fishing gear. These entanglements may prevent the recovery of endangered and threatened sea turtle populations. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) established the Sea Turtle Disentanglement Network to promote reporting and increase successful disentanglement of sea turtles. As there is limited to no observer coverage of pot gear fisheries, NMFS relies on the U.S. Coast Guard, fishing industry, stranding network, federal, state, and local authorities, and the public for this information. The information provided will help NMFS better assess pot gear fisheries (lobster, whelk/conch, crab, fish trap) and their impacts on sea turtle populations in the northeast region (Maine to Virginia).

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

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: U.S. Census Bureau.

Title: Government Employment Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0607-0452.

Form Number(s): E-1, E-2, E-3, E-4, E-5, E-6, E-7, E-9.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden Hours: 14,733.

Number of Respondents: 18,160.

Average Hours Per Response: 49 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This information collection request covers the questionnaires needed to conduct the public employment program for the 2008 and 2009 Annual Survey of Government Employment.

The questionnaires for collecting the data are described below. There are eight survey forms used to collect data on government employment, pay, and hours. Since there are many different types and sizes of governments, each form is tailored to the unique characteristics of the type and size of government or government agency to be surveyed.

- E-1 State agencies, excluding state colleges and universities
- E-2 State colleges and universities
- E-3 Dependent agencies of local governments, Single function special district governments
- E-4 County governments, Municipal and township governments with populations of 1,000 or more
- E-5 Municipalities and Townships (A shortened version of the E-4 form

to be completed by Municipalities and Townships with a population of < 1,000)

- E-6 Elementary and secondary school systems, Local government operated institutions of higher education
- E-7 Multifunction dependent agencies and fire protection agencies, Multifunction special district governments
- E-9 State police, County Sheriff departments

The type of employment and pay data collected by the public employment program in the 2008 and 2009 Annual Survey of Government Employment is identical to data collected in recent annual surveys of government employment. By state, the 2008 and 2009 Employment sample supports estimates of total local government employment and payrolls by type of government and government function.

Statistics compiled from data gathered using these forms are used in several important Federal government programs. Economists at the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) use the statistics in two ways for developing the National Income and Product Accounts. First, the employment data are used in developing price deflators for the government sector components of the gross domestic product accounts. Secondly, the employment and payroll data are used in developing the government sector components for the national and sub-national personal income accounts and tables.

The regional BEA program uses the Census of governments and the Annual Survey of Government Employment to derive state-level estimates of the employment and wages and salaries of students and their spouses who are employed by public institutions of higher education in which the students are enrolled. There is no other national or state source for information on student workers at state institutions of higher education.

The Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) determines the allocation of operating subsidies to local housing authorities based on these survey data. The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) used these data in its benchmarking procedures for state and local government components of the BLS monthly employment and earnings statistics.

The employment data are used for two other data collection efforts currently conducted by the Census Bureau. The Medical Expenditures Panel Survey (MEPS) collects data for the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) on health plans offered

to state and local government employees. The MEPS sample of public employees is drawn from the Census of Governments Employment file. The Criminal Justice Employment and Expenditure Survey (CJEE) uses employment data to provide employee and payroll statistics on police protection and correctional activities.

State and local government officials use these data to analyze and assess individual government labor force and wage levels. Both management and labor consult these data during wage and salary negotiations.

Public interest groups of many types produce analyses of public sector activities using these data. User organizations representing state and local government include the Council of State Governments, National Conference of State Legislatures, Government Research Association, Conference of Mayors, National Association of Counties, National League of Cities, and the International City/County Management Association. A third category, having a more specific focus on government activities, includes organizations such as the Tax Foundation, Michigan Taxpayers Association, National Sheriffs Association, and the Government Research Association.

A variety of other organizations and individuals make use of these data. Notable research organizations include the American Enterprise Institute, The Brookings Institution, the Rand Corporation, the Cato Institute, the Hudson Institute, and the Rockefeller Institute of Government. The instructors, researchers, and students in schools of public administration, political science, management, and industrial relations as well as other members of the public also use these data.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal government.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 U.S.C., Sections 161 and 182.

OMB Desk Officer: Brian Harris-Kojetin, (202) 395-7314.

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