

1. Report:
  - (a) Executive Director's Report
  - (b) NMFS Management Report
  - (c) Alaska Department of Fish & Game (ADF&G) Management Report
  - (d) Coast Guard Report
  - (e) Report from independent legal review team
  - (f) Report from Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Committee
2. Crab Rationalization: Provide clarification on aspects of June 2002 motion. Receive three Committee reports. Initial review of trailing amendments. Receive update on Crab Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) progress and Congressional actions. Review and provide information on new proposals. Crab Plan Team and Pacific Northwest Crab Industry Advisory Committee reports.
3. Steller Sea Lion (SSL) management measures: Receive update on litigation, final action on two trailing amendments. Final action on Cape Sarichef closure.
4. Draft Programmatic Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DPSEIS): Receive status report.
5. Improved Retention and Improved Utilization (IR/IU): Receive report from IR/IU Technical Committee. Final action on amendment package for flatfish requirements. Provide direction on trailing amendments.
6. Essential Fish Habitat (EFH): Receive Committee report, identify final alternatives for analysis.
7. Gulf of Alaska (GOA) Groundfish Rationalization: Review scoping paper and receive update on scoping meetings. Receive Committee report and provide direction as necessary.
8. Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program: Review and comment on the State's proposed CDQ allocations.
9. Observer Program: Review Committee report and provide direction as necessary.
10. American Fisheries Act (AFA): Initial review of Pacific cod sideboard package. Final action on single geographic location amendment.
11. Halibut Management: Review implementation issues and data issues related to Charterboat Guideline Harvest Levels (GHL) and Individual Fishing Quotas (IFQ) programs and proceed as appropriate. Review discussion paper on implementation issues RE: April 2002 proposed subsistence amendments (including community harvest permits). Request from Akutan for inclusion in GOA IFQ community purchase program.
12. Groundfish Issues: Report from F40 independent review team. Final action on total allowable catch (TAC) setting process (Amendment 48/48).

Review 2002 draft GOA and Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands (BSAI) Stock Assessment Fishery Evaluation (SAFE) report and recommend proposed and interim groundfish specifications. Review 'other species' breakout and associated issues. Set Vessel Incentive Program (VIP) rates for first half of 2003.

13. Other Business: Approve Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) replacement for Dr. Al Tyler. Approve appointment to GOA Groundfish Plan Team. Discuss joint meeting with Board of Fish in 2003. Clarification of Council intent on Amendment 67. North Pacific Research Board update on research priorities.

14. Staff Tasking: Review tasking and provide direction as appropriate (includes discussion of fixed gear cod allocations, and review information and determine workplan for differential gear impact analysis)

*Scientific and Statistical Committee:*  
The SSC agenda will include the following issues:

- (a) Groundfish Issues
- (b) Initial review of Crab trailing Amendments, Crab Plan Team report (C-1(c & f)) on Council agenda)
- (c) Charterboat GHL/IFQ program (C-10(a) on Council agenda)
- (d) EFH
- (e) DPSEIS
- (f) Observer Program
- (g) American Fisheries Act
- (h) IR/IU
- (i) SSL interaction measures (C-2(c) on Council Agenda)
- (j) Approve appointment to Groundfish Plan Team and North Pacific Research Board update on Research Priorities (D-2 b & e) on Council Agenda)

*Advisory Panel:* The Advisory Panel will address the same agenda issues as the Council, with the exception of the Reports under Item #1 of the Council agenda.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this Council for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during the meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Gail Bendixen at 907-271-2809 at least 7 working days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: September 10, 2002.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*  
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## CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

### Proposed Collection of Information; Comment Request—Procurement of Goods and Services

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed extension of approval for a period of three years from the date of approval of a collection of information associated with the procurement of goods and services. Forms used by the Commission for procurement of goods and services request persons who quote, propose, or bid on contracts to provide information needed to evaluate quotes, proposals, and bids in accordance with applicable laws and regulations.

The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting extension of approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive comments not later than November 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be captioned "Procurement of Goods and Services; Paperwork Reduction Act," and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814. Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the proposed collection of information call or write Linda L. Glatz, Management and Program Analyst, Office of Planning and Evaluation, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, D.C. 20207; (301) 504-0416, Ext. 2226.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Commission's procurement of goods and services is governed by the Federal Property and Administrative Services Act of 1949, as amended (41 U.S.C. 253 *et seq.*). That law requires the Commission to procure goods and services under conditions most advantageous to the government, considering cost and other factors.

#### **A. Information Required by Procurement Forms**

The Commission requires persons and firms to submit quotations, proposals, and bids for contracts to provide goods and services on standardized forms. These forms request information from offerors about costs or prices of goods and services to be supplied; specifications of goods and descriptions of services to be delivered; competence of the offeror to provide the goods or services; and other information about the offeror such as the size of the firm and whether it is minority owned. The Commission uses the information provided by offerors to determine the reasonableness of prices and costs and the responsiveness of potential contractors to undertake the work involved so that all bids may be awarded in accordance with Federal procurement laws.

OMB approved the collection of information requirements in the procurement forms used by the Commission under control number 3041-0059. OMB's most recent extension of approval will expire on November 30, 2002. The CPSC now proposes to request extension of approval for the information collection requirements in the forms used for procurement of goods and services. The Commission plans to use the Internet and the General Services Administration's (GSA) GSA Advantage! System for delivery order purchasing. The Internet provides small businesses access to information about the Commission's current needs for goods and services.

#### **B. Information Collection Burden**

During fiscal year 2001, approximately 2,539 firms spent about 14,174 hours responding to all Requests for Quotations (RFQs), and Requests for Proposals (RFPs) issued by the Commission. The time required by vendors to respond ranged from as little as 10 to 15 minutes per firm for a simple telephone, e-mail, fax, or Internet response concerning the purchase of a standard item or service, to as much as 100-200 hours per firm for a complex written offer prepared in response to technically complex RFQs and RFPs.

Based on the number of procurements, details of actions reported by the Federal Procurement Data System, and the procurement staff's experience with the sales and technical functions of various vendors, we believe firms spent an estimated 11,624 hours responding to oral, electronic, and written RFQs and RFPs and approximately 2,550 hours preparing quotes and proposals in response to more complex RFQs and RFPs. The cost of preparing a response to an oral, electronic, or written RFQ or RFP is estimated to be approximately \$36 per hour for regular sales staff and \$55 per hour for high level sales staff with advanced technical expertise for more complex procurements (based on Web search at the Career Journal from the Wall Street Journal and Salary.com and research of salary tables from "Sales and Marketing Management" magazine dated May 2001). The annualized cost to all firms for responding to all RFQs and RFPs issued by the Commission is estimated to be \$558,714 (11,624 hours  $\times$  \$36/hr + 2,550 hours  $\times$  \$55/hr = \$558,714).

The total cost to the government for all collections of information by the Commission related to procurement of goods and services is estimated to be about \$972,187 a year. This estimate was made by reviewing the Commission's procurement activities in fiscal year 2001.

#### **C. Request for Comments**

The Commission solicits written comments from all interested persons about the proposed collection of information. The Commission specifically solicits information relevant to the following topics:

- Whether the collection of information described above is necessary for the proper performance of the Commission's functions, including whether the information would have practical utility;
- Whether the estimated burden of the proposed collection of information is accurate;
- Whether the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected could be enhanced; and
- Whether the burden imposed by the collection of information could be minimized by use of automated, electronic or other technological collection techniques, or other forms of information technology.

Dated: September 10, 2002.

**Todd Stevenson,**  
*Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission.*

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## **CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION**

### **Proposed Collection; Comment Request—Testing and Recordkeeping Requirements for Carpets and Rugs**

**AGENCY:** Consumer Product Safety Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** As required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35), the Consumer Product Safety Commission requests comments on a proposed extension of approval, through November 30, 2005, of information collection requirements for manufacturers and importers of carpets and rugs. The collection of information is in regulations implementing the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Carpets and Rugs (16 CFR part 1630) and the Standard for the Surface Flammability of Small Carpets and Rugs (16 CFR part 1631). These regulations establish requirements for testing and recordkeeping for manufacturers and importers who furnish guaranties for products subject to the carpet flammability standards. The Commission will consider all comments received in response to this notice before requesting an extension of approval of this collection of information from the Office of Management and Budget.

**DATES:** The Office of the Secretary must receive comments not later than November 15, 2002.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments should be captioned "Carpets and Rugs; Paperwork Reduction Act," and mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Consumer Product Safety Commission, Washington, DC 20207, or delivered to that office, room 502, 4330 East-West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland 20814.

Written comments may also be sent to the Office of the Secretary by facsimile at (301) 504-0127 or by e-mail at [cpsc-os@cpsc.gov](mailto:cpsc-os@cpsc.gov).

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#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **A. The Standards**

Carpets and rugs that have one dimension greater than six feet, a surface area greater than 24 square feet, and are manufactured for sale in or imported into the United States are subject to the Standard for the Surface