

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Deep Seabed Mining Regulations for Exploration Licenses**

**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 *May 9, 2008*.

**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](mailto:dHynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Helen Farr, 301-713-3155, ext. 175 or [Helen.Farr@noaa.gov](mailto:Helen.Farr@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

NOAA's regulations at 15 CFR 970 govern the issuing and monitoring of exploration licenses under the Deep Seabed Hard Mineral Resources Act. Any persons seeking a license must submit certain information that allows NOAA to ensure the applicant meets the standards of the Act. Persons with licenses are required to conduct monitoring and make reports, and they may request revisions, transfers, or extensions of licenses.

**II. Method of Collection**

Paper submissions are used; however, applicants are encouraged to submit supporting documentation electronically when feasible.

**III. Data**

*OMB Control Number:* 0648-0145.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 2.

*Estimated Time per Response:* 2,000-4,000 hours per application (no

applications are expected); 250 hours per renewal of application (1 application is expected to be renewed); and 20 hours per report (2 reports are expected).

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 290.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$700.

**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: March 5, 2008.

**Gwellnar Banks,**

*Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Notice of Availability of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), Notice of Public Comment Period for the DEIS and Schedule of Public Hearings for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management's Review of Amendments to the Washington Coastal Management Program**

**AGENCY:** Department of Commerce (DOC), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM).

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of DEIS, Notice of Public Comment Period for the DEIS and Schedule of Public Hearings.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA's Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management is issuing this notice to advise the public that a DEIS for OCRM's review of amendments to the Washington Coastal Management Program has been prepared and is available for public review and comment. Written requests for the DEIS and written comments on the DEIS can be submitted to the individual listed in the section **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Public Hearings will be held on April 10, 2008 and April 11, 2008. The public comment period commenced on February 29, 2008 as noticed in the **Federal Register** at <http://frwebgate4.access.gpo.gov/cgi-bin/waisgate.cgi?WAIISdocID=5668694961+0+0+0&WAIISaction=retrieve> and will close on April 14, 2008.

**Public Comment Hearings:** The start of the public comment period on the DEIS commenced February 29, 2008 and will close on April 14, 2008. Two public hearings will be held; one on April 10, 2008 and one on April 11, 2008 in Lacey, Washington and Seattle, Washington, respectively. The public hearing on April 10th will be held in Lacey, Washington at the Washington State Department of Ecology Headquarters, (300 Desmond Drive) and will begin at 3:30 p.m. and last until 6:30 p.m. The public hearing on April 11th will be held in Seattle Washington at the Mountaineers Building, Tacoma 2 Room (300 Third Avenue West) and will begin at 3:30 p.m. and last until 6:30 p.m.

**DEIS Availability and Review**

Copies of the DEIS are available either on CD or hard copy by contacting Helen Farr at the **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT** section below. In addition, the DEIS has been posted on OCRM's Web site at <http://coastalmanagement.noaa.gov/assessments/welcome.html> and the Washington State Department of Ecology's Web site at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/sea/czm>.

Comments from interested parties on the DEIS are encouraged and may be presented orally at the public hearings. Written comments may be submitted to OCRM during the public hearings and at the address (including e-mail address) in the section entitled **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

OCRM encourages all interested parties to provide comments concerning the scope and content of the DEIS. Comments should be as specific as possible and address the analysis of potential alternatives. This commenting procedure is intended to ensure that substantive comments and concerns are made available to OCRM in a timely