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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

April 23, 2013.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments regarding this information collection received by May 29, 2013 will be considered. Written comments should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), New Executive Office Building, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20502. Commenters are encouraged to submit their comments to OMB via email to: OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8958.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs

potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

Title: National Management Information System (Wildlife Service).

OMB Control Number: 0579-0335.

Summary of Collection: The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), Wildlife Services (WS), is a service program that responds to requests by persons and agencies needing help with wildlife damage. Assistance is available to all citizens upon request. The primary statutory authority for the APHIS/WS program is the Act of March 1931 (7 U.S.C. 426-426c; 46 Stat. 1468) as amended. Section 426 of the Act authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to conduct a program of wildlife services with respect to injurious animal species and take any action the Secretary considers necessary in conducting the program. Information provided by customers in the WS programs is voluntary so that WS can prepare to help them. APHIS/WS will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: Information collected in most situations is used in routine business communication activities by WS as part of its cooperative programs initiated by request from the public and government entities. The collected information from the forms will help WS modify and improve its programs to better fulfill mission objectives, suit the needs of Cooperators, and provide increasingly superior service.

Description of Respondents: Farms; individuals or households; business or other for-profit; not-for-profit institutions; State, Local, or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 117,772.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: On occasion; biennially; annually.

Total Burden Hours: 5,448.

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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: Northeast Region Permit Family of Forms.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0202.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (revision and extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 14,852.

Average Hours per Response: Vessel permits, 45 minutes for initial and 30 for renewal; dealer permits, 15 minutes for initial and 5 minutes for renewal; operator permits, 1 hour; request for vessel replacement or upgrade, 3 hours; permit history retention, 30 minutes; vessel monitoring system (VMS) installation, 1 hour; activation notification and certification form, 5 minutes; non-automated reports through VMS, 5 minutes; Good Samaritan Days at Sea (DAS) credits, 1 hour; standing by entangled whale notification, 2 hours and request for DAS credit, 30 minutes; DAS credit for canceled trip: Email to coordinate monitored landing, 5 minutes and request for credit, 10 minutes; VMS power down exemption requests, 30 minutes; requests for regulated exemptions for specific fisheries, gear and areas, 5 minutes; gillnet designation and requests for tags: designation 10 minutes, requests for tags, 2 minutes; lobster area waiver, 20 minutes and request for tags, 2 minutes; state quota transfers, 1 hour; vessel owner single letter request, 5 minutes.

Burden Hours: 16,421.

Needs and Uses: This request is for revision and extension of a current information collection.

Under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) has the responsibility for the conservation and management of marine fishery resources. Much of this responsibility has been delegated to the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)/National