

Aleutian Islands (BSAI) king and Tanner crab fisheries through June 3, 2005, consistent with the regulations implementing the program. Any applications received by NMFS after this date will be considered untimely and will be denied.

DATES: Applications to receive QS and PQS under the Crab Rationalization Program will be accepted by NMFS from April 4, 2005, through 5 p.m. Alaska local time (A.l.t) on June 3, 2005.

ADDRESSES: An application to receive crab QS or PQS may be submitted by mail to NMFS, Alaska Region, Restricted Access Management, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, by facsimile (907-586-7354), or by hand delivery to the NMFS, 709 West 9th Street, room 713, Juneau, AK.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS published a final rule implementing the Crab Rationalization Program (Program) as authorized under Amendments 18 and 19 to the Fishery Management Plan for Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs March 2, 2005 (70 FR 10173).

Section 680.20(f)(1)(iii) of the final rule notes that NMFS will specify the application period for crab QS and PQS in the **Federal Register** and any applications received after this date will be considered untimely and denied. This notice specifies A 60-day application period. This 60-day application period was referenced in the proposed rule published on October 29, 2004, to implement the Program (69 FR 63223). This 60-day application period is consistent with the intent of the final rule to provide adequate time for participants in the crab fisheries to review the final rule and prepare materials necessary for the application process specified in § 680.40(f)(2). This application period will provide NMFS with sufficient time to process applications and issue QS and PQS for crab fisheries occurring later in 2005.

Applications to receive QS or PQS may be received by contacting NMFS (see **ADDRESSES**) or by downloading at <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov>.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes

AGENCY: Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for public comments.

SUMMARY: NOAA publishes this notice to announce the availability of a Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes for public comment.

DATES: Comments on this draft document must be submitted by April 4, 2005.

ADDRESSES: The Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes is available at <ftp://www.oarhq.noaa.gov/coopinst.pdf>.

The public is encouraged to submit comments on the Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes Draft electronically to coop.inst@noaa.gov. For commenters who do not have access to a computer, comments on documents may be submitted in writing to Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, c/o Dr. John Cortinas, Office of Scientific Support, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OSSX5, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. John Cortinas, Office of Scientific Support, OAR, 1315 East West Highway, R/OSSX5, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, Phone (301) 713-2465, ext. 206.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes is being developed in response to a January 2004 recommendation from the NOAA Science Advisory Board (SAB). The SAB recommended that NOAA develop a NOAA-wide process by which cooperative institutes and other cooperative arrangements with extramural partners are established and maintained. A copy of the SAB report is available at http://www.sab.noaa.gov/Reports/RRT_Report_080604.pdf.

The Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes defines the policy and process for establishing and managing all new NOAA cooperative institutes. This proposed policy

includes guidelines for the review process, renewal process, and sunset clauses. Upon adoption of a final policy document, NOAA will evaluate all current cooperative institutes and create a plan to transition them to the new cooperative institute policy and process.

The Proposed NOAA Policy and Process for Creating and Managing Cooperative Institutes is being issued for comment only and is not intended for interim use. Suggested changes will be incorporated, where appropriate, in the final version. Upon adoption of the final policy and process, NOAA will issue a NOAA Administrative Order to institute the policy.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the document. We also request comments on any inconsistencies perceived within the document, and possible omissions of important topics or issues. For any shortcoming noted within the draft document, please propose specific remedies.

Please adhere to the instructions detailed herein for preparing and submitting your comments. Using the format guidance described below will facilitate the consideration of all reviewer comments. Please provide background information about yourself on the first page of your comments: Your name(s), organization(s), and area of expertise, mailing address(es), and telephone and fax number, e-mail address(es). Overview comments should follow your background information and should be numbered. Comments that are specific to particular pages and paragraphs should follow any overview comments and should identify the page numbers to which they apply. Please number and print identifying information at the top of all pages.

Dated: March 2, 2005.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public comment period for the Revised Management Plan for the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), U.S. Department of Commerce is announcing a thirty day public comment period on the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve Management Plan Revision which will begin on the day this announcement is published. Comments should be sent within the comment period in hard copy or e-mail to Cory Riley at Cory.Riley@noaa.gov or NOAA's Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

The Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve was designated in 1993 pursuant to section 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended, 16 U.S.C. 1461. The reserve has been operating under a management plan approved in 1993. Pursuant to 15 CFR 921.33(c), a state must revise its management plan every five years. The submission of this plan fulfills this requirement and sets a course for successful implementation of the goals and objectives of the reserve. Changes in the administrative structure of the reserve, a boundary expansion, new facility and land acquisition plans, and updated programmatic objectives are notable revisions to the 1993 approved management plan.

When the Delaware National Estuarine Research Reserve was designated, it was managed jointly by three divisions within the Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control. Since that time, the Division of Soil and Water has become the sole state agency administering reserve activities. The revised management plan outlines the administrative structure; the education, stewardship, and research goals of the reserve; and the plans for future land acquisition and facility development to support reserve operations.

One hundred and forty seven (147) acres adjacent to the Blackbird Creek component site are incorporated through the boundary amendment in the management plan revision. The previous reserve boundary around Blackbird Creek did not include an access point to the estuarine habitat. The expansion adds land that was acquired in fee simple from willing sellers. The new boundary and will provide direct access to the Blackbird

Creek for reserve related research and education programs. These parcels also provide excellent passive recreation and educational opportunities in an area that was previously not accessible to the public. Forested uplands, wetlands and marsh habitat will be protected through this expansion to ensure the Blackbird Creek component is an appropriate site for long term research and education.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cory Riley at (301) 563-7222 or Laurie McGilvray at (301) 563-1158 of NOAA's National Ocean Service, Estuarine Reserves Division, 1305 East-West Highway, N/ORM5, 10th floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910. For copies of the Delaware Management Plan revision, visit <http://www.dnrec.state.de.us/DNREC2000/Divisions/Soil/DNERR/>.

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Director, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Proposed Collection; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of Education requests comments on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) that the Secretary proposes to use for the 2006-2007 award year. The FAFSA is completed by students and their families and the information submitted on the form is used to determine the students' eligibility and financial need for financial aid under the student financial assistance programs authorized under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (Title IV, HEA Programs). The Secretary also requests comments on changes under consideration for the 2006-2007 award year FAFSA.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before May 9, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted electronically through e-mail to FAFSAComments@ed.gov. Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Joseph Schubart, Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW., Potomac Center, 9th Floor, Washington, DC 20202-4700.

In addition, interested persons can access this document on the Internet:

(1) Go to IFAP at <http://ifap.ed.gov>;

(2) Scroll down to "Publications".

(3) Click on "FAFSAs and Renewal FAFSAs";

(4) Click on "By 2006-2007 Award Year";

(5) Click on "Draft FAFSA Form/Instructions".

Please note that the free Adobe Acrobat Reader software, version 4.0 or greater, is necessary to view this file. This software can be downloaded for free from Adobe's Web site: <http://www.adobe.com>

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Joseph Schubart (202) 245-6566.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 483 of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended (HEA), requires the Secretary, "in cooperation with agencies and organizations involved in providing student financial assistance," to "produce, distribute and process free of charge a common financial reporting form to be used to determine the need and eligibility of a student under" the Title IV, HEA Programs. This form is the FAFSA. In addition, Section 483 authorizes the Secretary to include non-financial data items that assist States in awarding State student financial assistance.

FSA has awarded a Front-End Business Integration contract that will re-engineer the front-end student aid application processes, disbursement processes, funds management, and customer service functions into a single integrated business solution. The first implementation activities are scheduled for January, 2007. For this reason, we propose to make minimal changes to the 2006-2007 FAFSA, and will consider recommendations for improving the FAFSA and the application process in the 2007-2008 development cycle.

The draft 2006-2007 FAFSA (posted to the IFAP Web site) does not propose to add or to delete data elements. The questions appear in the same format and the same order as in 2005-2006. Several changes to the working on the 2006-2007 FAFSA are proposed as follows: (1) Page 1, "Using Your Tax Return" is revised to note that applicants required to file a tax return must do so to receive student aid. (2) Page 2, Under Notes for Questions 43-45, two lines referring to filing on the Web are deleted. (3) Page 2, The paragraph beginning "Investments include * * *" is revised to direct applicants to a Web site for further guidance. (4) Pages 4 and 5,