

ADDRESSES: Inquiries about participation in the videoconference should be addressed to the contact below, and received by close of business on Monday, November 10, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cora Dickson, U.S. Department of Commerce, Office of Technology and Electronic Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4327, Washington, DC 20230; *Telephone:* 202-482-6083; *Fax:* 202-482-5834; *E-mail:* cora.dickson@mail.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: U.S. Ambassador to Vietnam Michael Michalak has made education a top priority. The U.S. Embassy in Hanoi hosted an education conference in January as a first step, and expects to hold another one in January 2009. Vietnam currently faces an estimated deficit of \$100 million per year in funding its educational plans, and is trying to close the gap by seeking international support in paying for and helping implement reforms. In the field of ICT, Vietnam is facing a shortage of qualified workers to meet the increasing need for IT skills as it modernizes its infrastructure. U.S. companies also hope to create opportunities for trade and investment as ICT grows stronger in Vietnam.

Dated: October 14, 2008.

Robin Layton,

Director, Office of Technology and Electronic Commerce.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Alaska Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Program Requirements

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 December 19, 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).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, (907) 586-7008 or patsy.bearden@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires the Secretary of Commerce to conduct a Cost Recovery Program to cover the management and enforcement costs of the Alaska Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. This Cost Recovery Program requires IFQ permit holders to submit information about the value of landings of IFQ species and to calculate and submit fees. The Cost Recovery Program also requires Registered Buyers to submit information about the value and volume of landings of IFQ species.

II. Method of Collection

Reports and payments may be submitted online or mailed.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0398.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations; individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 2,726.

Estimated Time per Response: IFQ Permit Holder Fee Submission Form, IFQ Registered Buyer Ex-vessel Value and Volume Report and appeal process, 2 hours each.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 5,452.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$3,000 in recordkeeping/reporting costs.

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: October 15, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Application and Reports for Scientific Research and Enhancement Permits Under the Endangered Species Act

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) imposed prohibitions against the taking of endangered species. Section 10 of the ESA allows permits authorizing the taking of endangered species for