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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, fax number (202) 395-7285 or via the Internet at [David\\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov](mailto:David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov).

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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:* Statement of Financial Interests, Regional Fishery Management Councils.

*Form Number(s):* NOAA Form 88-195.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0648-0192.

*Type of Request:* Regular submission.

*Burden Hours:* 194.

*Number of Respondents:* 332.

*Average Hours Per Response:* 35 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* Section 302(j) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires that Council members appointed by the Secretary, Scientific and Statistical Committee members appointed by a Council, or individuals nominated by the Governor of a State for possible appointment as a Council member disclose their financial interest in any Council fishery. These interests include harvesting, processing, lobbying, advocacy, or marketing activity that is being, or will be, undertaken within any fishery over which the Council concerned has jurisdiction.

*Affected Public:* Individuals or households.

*Frequency:* Annually and on occasion.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Mandatory.  
*OMB Desk Officer:* David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Census Bureau

### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Government Employment Forms

**AGENCY:** U.S. Census Bureau.

**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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** To ensure consideration written comments must be submitted on or before November 13, 2007.

**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 [dynek@doc.gov](mailto:dynek@doc.gov)).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Ellen Thompson, Chief, Employment Branch, Governments Division, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-6800 (301-763-1531) (or via the Internet at [ellen.ann.thompson@census.gov](mailto:ellen.ann.thompson@census.gov)).

## SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

### I. Abstract

The Census Bureau plans to request clearance for the forms necessary to conduct the public employment program which consists of an annual collection of information and a quinquennial collection in a census environment in years ending in "2" or "7." During the upcoming two years, Census plans to conduct the 2008 and 2009 Annual Survey of Government Employment.

Under Title 13, Section 161, of the United States Code, the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to conduct the public employment program, which collects and disseminates data by function for full-time and part-time employees, payroll, and number of part-time hours worked. The number and content of the data items collected are the same in the annual and census cycles.

The burden hours requested are based on the expected 2008 annual survey mail out of 18,160 forms.

The state and local government statistics produced, covered national, state, and local aggregates on various functions with comparative detail for individual governments for the pay period that includes March 12. The public employment program provides the only comprehensive count of employees and payrolls in state and local governments. Government employees constitute approximately one-sixth of the entire U.S. workforce and their salaries are a major source of personal income.

The Census Bureau provides this employment data to the Bureau of Economic Analysis for constructing the functional payrolls in the public sector Gross Domestic Product, payroll being the single largest component of current operations. Other government users include the Bureau of Labor Statistics, as a benchmark for its monthly employment programs, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development, to establish payroll guidelines for local public housing authorities.

The public employment program has increasingly been used as the base for reimbursable programs of other Federal agencies such as: (1) The government portion of the Medical Expenditure Panel Survey commissioned by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality to provide timely, comprehensive information about health care use and costs in the United States, and (2) The Bureau of Justice Statistics (BJS) survey Criminal Justice Expenditure and Employment Survey