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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Planning, Protection or Restoration

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 January 3, 2006.

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 Elaine Vaudreuil, 301-713-3155 ext. 103 or Elaine.Vaudreuil@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The FY 2002 Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations Act directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish a Coastal and Estuarine Land Conservation Program (CELCP) to protect important coastal and estuarine areas that have significant conservation, recreation, ecological, historical, or aesthetic values, or that are threatened by conversion, and to issue guidelines for this program delineating the criteria for grant awards. The guidelines establish procedures for eligible applicants who choose to participate in the program to use when developing state conservation plans, proposing or soliciting projects under this program, applying for funds, and carrying out projects under this program in a manner

that is consistent with the purposes of the program. Guidelines for the CELCP can be found on NOAA's Web site at: <http://www.ocrm.nos.noaa.gov/landconservation.html> or may be obtained upon request via the contact information listed above. NOAA also has, or is given, authority under the Coastal Zone Management Act, annual appropriations or other authorities, to issue funds to coastal states, localities or other recipients for planning, conservation, acquisition, protection, restoration, or construction projects. This information collection enables NOAA to implement the CELCP, under its current or future authorization, and facilitate the review of similar projects under different, but related, authorities.

II. Method of Collection

The Project Application Checklist, paper or electronic grant applications and performance reports, are required from participants. Other supporting information is submitted in accordance with guidance. The information can be submitted in paper or electronic format.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0459.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local, or tribal government; not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 50.

Estimated Time per Response: 35 hours for a CELCP plan; 10 hours for a project application and checklist; and 5 hours for semi-annual and annual reporting.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,007.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$516.

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.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service Alaska Region actively seeks reduction of seabird incidental take in longline (hook-and-line) fisheries off Alaska through the Seabird Avoidance Program. The primary requirements of the Seabird Avoidance Program are: (1) Seabird avoidance gear must be onboard, made available for inspection upon request by specified persons, and must be used while hook-and-line gear is being deployed; (2) Use of a line or lines designed to deter seabirds from taking baited hooks (paired streamer line, single streamer line, or buoy bag line); (3) Offal discharge methods, including removal of hooks from any offal that is discharged;