

carrier injection from the drain-body junction (PN junction at Body-to-Drift-Layer interface) it has slow reverse recovery time and may result in SiC crystal degradation. The concept of inclusion of reverse conducting SIR junction shunts provides substantial benefits by: (1) Bypassing current flow from the inherent internal drain-body junction preventing it from injecting majority carriers and thus preventing slow reverse recovery and crystal degradation, and (2) enabling current to flow for voltages lower than the drain-body junction built in potential (e.g., approximately 3 V for SiC) and thus provides lower on-state losses than a PiN diode for the lower current range condition.

Dated: February 27, 2008.

Richard F. Kayser,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Vessel and Gear Marking

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

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 *May 5, 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 Michael Clark, 301-713-2347 or Michael.Clark@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Under current regulations at 50 CFR 635.6, fishing vessels permitted for Atlantic Highly Migratory Species must display their official vessel numbers on their vessels. Flotation devices attached to certain fishing gears must also be marked with the vessel's number to identify which vessel is responsible for the gear. These requirements are necessary for law enforcement and monitoring purposes.

Specifically, all vessels owners that hold a valid Highly Migratory Species (HMS) permit, other than an HMS angling permit, are required to mark their vessels with their vessel identification number. The numbers should be permanently affixed to, or painted on the port and starboard sides of the deckhouse or hull, and on an appropriate weather deck, so as to be clearly visible from an enforcement vessel or aircraft. Furthermore, fishermen that use longline gear must mark high-flyers and terminal buoys with their vessel identification number. The gillnet fishermen must mark their terminal buoys, and handgear or harpoon fishermen must mark all buoys attached to their gear with their vessel identification number. Buoy gear fishermen must mark all flotation devices attached to certain fishing gears.

II. Method of Collection

There is no form under this requirement. Official vessel numbers issued to vessel operators are marked on the vessel and on flotation devices attached to certain fishing gears, if applicable.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0373.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

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

Estimated Number of Respondents: 7,842.

Estimated Time per Response: 45 minutes to mark a vessel and 15 minutes to mark a flotation device.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,954.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$286,040.

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: February 27, 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; Data Collection on Marine Protected and Managed Areas

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

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 *May 5, 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 Joseph A. Uravitch, 301-563-1195 or joseph.uravitch@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Executive Order 13158 directs the Department of Commerce and the Department of the Interior (DOI) to work with partners to strengthen the

protection of U.S. oceans and coastal resources by developing a national system of marine protected areas. The Departments of Commerce and the Interior plan to work closely with state, territorial, local, and tribal governments, as well as other stakeholders, to identify and inventory the Nation's existing marine protected areas. Toward this end, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and DOI have created a data form, available on a password-protected Web site, to be used as a survey tool to collect and analyze information on these existing sites. This survey will allow NOAA and DOI to better understand the existing protections for marine resources within marine protected areas in the United States. This information also would support activities on marine protected areas by state and local governments, tribes, and other interested parties. The survey contains directed questions regarding the location, management and enforcement authorities, types of protections and restrictions, and the length of time those protections or restrictions are in place for each marine protected area. Basic information about the resources and activities at the sites will also be collected. It is expected that site managers from each marine protected area will fill out the survey. The collected information will be housed in a searchable database that will be made available to the public via the marine protected area Web site at mpa.gov. The survey has been used for the last six years and this notice proposes to extend the data collection OMB approval.

II. Method of Collection

The information will be collected using a data form.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648-0449.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: State, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 500.

Estimated Time per Response: 5 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 2,500.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

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: February 27, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Extension of Application Period for Vacancies on the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMSP), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS) is seeking applicants for the Chumash Community member and alternate vacant positions on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council). Applicants are chosen based upon: their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying, community and professional affiliations, views regarding the protection and management of marine resources, and the length of residence in the communities located near the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve in a volunteer capacity for 2-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

DATES: The applicant period has been extended and applications are now due by April 18, 2008.

ADDRESSES: Application materials are available at: <http://www.channelislands.noaa.gov/sac/news.html>. Completed applications should be sent to

Danielle.lipski@noaa.gov. Application kits may also be obtained from Dani Lipski, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way Suite 150 Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2315.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael Murray, Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary, 113 Harbor Way Suite 150 Santa Barbara, CA 93109-2315, 805-966-7107 extension 464, michel.murray@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The CINMS Advisory Council was originally established in December 1998 and has a broad representation consisting of 21 members, including ten government agency representatives and eleven members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Superintendent. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Superintendent by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Superintendent in achieving the goals of the National Marine Sanctuary Program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. Sections 1431, *et seq.*

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Dated: February 25, 2008.

Daniel J. Basta,

Director, National Marine Sanctuary Program, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Federal Consistency Appeal by G. Walter Swain

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (Commerce).