

secretariat to support the activities of the U.S. side of the CBC. The tasks of the Secretariat shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- A. Maintain the membership list;
- B. Perform organizational matters in connection with the meetings of the CBC and its working groups, if such are formed, including but not limited to, logistics, agendas and reports;
- C. Perform other administrative duties that might arise between meetings; and
- D. Prepare the written report to the Co-Chairs making recommendations on ways to enhance bilateral commercial relations.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in the CBC, and may be responsible for a pro rata share of administrative and communications costs relating to the CBC, including, as appropriate, the costs of a secretariat to manage administrative and logistical matters relating to the operation of the CBC. The private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate, not those of their individual firms. Private sector members are not special government employees.

Objectives: The objectives of the CBC are as follows:

- A. Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments, and issues of concern to the business communities in the U.S. and Korea;
- B. Improving the dissemination of appropriate commercial information on both markets; and
- C. Adopting sectoral approaches to addressing specific problems, and making recommendations to decision-makers.

Membership Criteria: An applicant must be:

- A U.S. citizen residing in the United States; and
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA).

In reviewing eligible applicants, the Department of Commerce will consider:

- Experience in doing business in South Korea;
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for activities in which the CBC will be active; and
- Contribution to CBC diversity (i.e. company size, type, location, demographics and/or traditional under-representation in business).

The Department of Commerce will also give preference to primary companies involved in manufacturing and services.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: (1) Name

and title of the individual requesting consideration; (2) name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; (3) company's product or service line; (4) size of the company; (5) export experience and major markets; (6) a brief statement of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the CBC; (7) the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; (8) a personal resume; and (9) a statement signed by the applicant that he or she is a U.S. citizen residing in the United States and not a registered foreign agent under FARA. Up to two applicants from the same organization can be considered.

DEADLINE: The earlier notice provided that requests needed to be received by the Department of Commerce not later than February 18, 2000. This notice extends the period for the receipt of applications until March 31, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Philip R. Agress, Director, Office of Korea and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2036, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, fax (202) 482-4760.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Droker, Director, Korea and Taiwan Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2323, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-3876, fax (202) 482-3316.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: February 28, 2000.

Franklin J. Vargo,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Southwest Region Family of Permit Forms; Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

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: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Mr. Alvin Katekaru, NMFS Pacific Islands Area Office, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Suite 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814, telephone 808-973-2937; or Jim Morgan, Long Beach Office, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 908022, (562) 980-4036.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Federal permits are required for four fisheries (pelagics, crustaceans, bottomfish, and precious corals) in the western Pacific region and for the coastal pelagics species fisheries off the West Coast. All these fisheries are managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act. This information collection covers the information that must be provided to NMFS to obtain or renew a permit for any of those fisheries. Three types of permits are issued: open access, limited access, and experimental fishing. There are four limited entry fisheries: Northwestern Hawaiian Islands (NWHI) bottomfish (Hoomalu Zone and Mau Zone), NWHI crustaceans, and Hawaii longline. The open access fisheries for which NMFS permits are required are western Pacific longline other than Hawaii; crustacean fisheries off the main Hawaiian Islands, American Samoa, and Guam; and western Pacific precious corals fisheries. Experimental fishing permits may be issued in any fishery to allow the harvest of managed species that would otherwise be prohibited by Federal regulations.

The information from this collection generally serves to identify actual or potential participants in the fisheries, determine eligibility for limited access permits, and help measure the impacts of management controls on the participants in the fisheries.

II. Method of Collection

Typically, in the western Pacific, a permit applicant files an OMB-approved application form and, if applicable, a supplemental information sheet that collects basic information on the owner of the fishing vessel, the operator, and the vessel itself. Expiration of the permits is not uniform. Some permits expire annually, others are on a two-year cycle, and still others expire every 5 years. The crustacean limited entry permits have no expiration date and become invalid when they are transferred to another owner through established permit procedures.

The coastal pelagics fishery permit is a new requirement implemented in January 2000. Permits are valid indefinitely until either the holder transfers the permit or surrenders it.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0204.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 230.

Estimated Time Per Response: In the coastal pelagic fishery, 30 minutes for a permit or permit transfer application, 1 hour for additional information that may be required to support a permit request, and 2 hours for an appeal of a permit denial; in the bottomfish fishery, 45 minutes for a Mau Zone limited access permit application, 2 hours for a Ho'omalulu Zone limited access permit application, 1 hour for a Ho'omalulu Zone limited access permit renewal application, 2 hours for an appeal of a permit denial, and 1 hour for a Mau Zone exemption request; in the longline fishery, 30 minutes for general permit applications or limited entry permit transfer requests, 2 hours for an appeal of a permit action, and 2 hours for a closed area exemption request; in the crustacean fishery, 30 minutes for any limited entry permit action; in the precious coral fishery, 30 minutes for a permit application; and 2 hours for any experimental fishing permit application.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 119.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$1,000.

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 29, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030100B]

Submission for OMB Review; Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted 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: Designation of Fishery Management Council Members and Application for Reinstatement of State Authority.

Agency Form Number(s): n/a

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0314

Type of Request: Reinstatement, without change, of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired.

Burden Hours: 4,695

Number of Respondents: 54

Avg. Hours Per Response: Ranges between 1 hour and 120 hours depending on the requirement.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended in 1996, provides for the nomination for members of Fishery Management Councils by state governors and Indian treaty tribes, for the designation of a principle state fishery official for the purposes of the Act, and for a request by a state for reinstatement of state

authority over a managed fishery. The information submitted with these actions will be used to ensure that the requirements of the Act are being met.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5027, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

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, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated February 28, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Department Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Secretary of Energy Advisory Board; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: This notice announces an open meeting of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board's Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union. The Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), requires that agencies publish these notices in the **Federal Register** to allow for public participation. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Task Force's review of the Department of Energy's programs in and with the Former Soviet Union (FSU).

NAME: Secretary of Energy Advisory Board—Task Force on the Department of Energy's Nonproliferation Programs in the Former Soviet Union.

DATES: Monday, March 13, 2000, 9:00 am-3:15 pm, Eastern Standard Time.

ADDRESSES: U.S. Department of Energy, Program Review Center (Room 8E-089), Forrestal Building, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20585.

Note: Members of the public are requested to contact the Office of the Secretary of Energy Advisory Board at (202) 586-7092 in advance of the meeting (if possible), to expedite their entry to the Forrestal Building