

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 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: June 13, 2012.

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; Socioeconomic Assessment of Gulf of Mexico Fisheries Under the Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), 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 August 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW.,

Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at Jjessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Dr. Larry Perruso, (305) 361-4278 or Larry.perruso@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) proposes to collect demographic, cultural, economic and social information about Gulf of Mexico fisheries managed under the Grouper-Tilefish Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. The survey also intends to inquire about the industry's perceptions, attitudes and beliefs about the performance of the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program. The data gathered will be used to describe the social and economic changes brought about by the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program, assess the economic performance of the industry under the Grouper-Tilefish IFQ Program, and evaluate the socioeconomic impacts of future federal regulatory actions. In addition, the information will be used to strengthen and improve fishery management decision-making, satisfy legal mandates under Executive Order 12866, the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (U.S.C. 1801 et seq.), the Regulatory Flexibility Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Environmental Policy Act, and other pertinent statutes.

II. Method of Collection

The socioeconomic information sought will be collected via in-person surveys.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission (request for a new information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 120.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hrs.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 240.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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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: June 13, 2012.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Information Collection; Submission for OMB Review, Comment Request

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted a public information collection request (ICR) entitled Senior Corps Performance Measurement Surveys Parts A, B, and C for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13, (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of this ICR, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, Angela Roberts, at (202) 606-6822 or email to aroberts@cns.gov. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY-TDD) may call 1-800-833-3722 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted, identified by the title of the information collection activity, to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, by any of the following two methods within 30 days from the date of publication in the **Federal Register**:

(1) *By fax to:* (202) 395–6974.
Attention: Ms. Sharon Mar, OMB Desk
Officer for the Corporation for National
and Community Service; and

(2) *Electronically by email to:*
smar@omb.eop.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of CNCS, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Propose ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and
- Propose ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.

Comments

The 60-day Notice soliciting comments was published on Thursday, December 8, 2011 on page 76697. A total of 278 comments were received from 87 commenters. Most individuals providing comments submitted more than one comment each. The commenters represented all three Senior Corps programs in the following proportions: 65 Individuals, or 75 percent from RSVP; 2 individuals, or 2 percent from the Foster Grandparent Program; 2 individuals or percent from the Senior Companion Program; 12 individuals, or 15 percent had no program identified; and the remaining 6 individuals, or 6 percent represented a combination of programs. In all cases, the majority of comments were from RSVP, which accounted for a total of 237 comments, or 85 percent of the total comments. Comments were broken out into eleven discrete categories, as follows:

(1) The survey is partially or entirely unnecessary: 33 comments or 11 percent of the total. Of the 33 comments, 30 or 91 percent were from RSVP.

(2) The survey is duplicative of a tool or process already used by respondents: 17 comments or 6 percent of the total. Of the 17 comments, 13 comments or 76 percent were from RSVP.

(3) The survey places a particularly high burden on RSVP program grantees:

23 comments, or 8 percent of the total. Of the 23 comments, 100 percent were from RSVP.

(4) The survey is too long, and contains too many questions: 19 comments, or 6 percent of the total. Of the 19 comments, 17 or 89 percent were from RSVP.

(5) The survey is partially or entirely irrelevant: 20 comments, or 7 percent of the total. Of the 20 comments, 17 or 85 percent were from RSVP.

(6) The survey represents too great a time burden: 40 comments or 14 percent of the total. Of the 40 comments, 72 percent were from RSVP.

(7) The survey should be conducted as a sample, rather than the proposed census: 15 comments or 5 percent of the total. Of the 15 comments, 14 or 93 percent were from RSVP.

(8) The survey is too costly: 47 comments or 16 percent of the total. Of the 47, 41 comments or 87 percent were from RSVP.

(9) The survey contains invasive questions that would be perceived as encroaching on the privacy of the respondents: 29 comments or 10 percent of the total. Of the 29 comments, 24 or 83 percent were from RSVP.

(10) The program model makes it difficult to reach the clients in order to conduct the survey: 32 comments or 12 percent of the comments. Of the 32 comments, 29 or 91 percent were from RSVP. The Senior Companion Program grantees did not raise this as a core issue, and the model supports access to the assigned clients and volunteers.

(11) The condition of clients, such as Alzheimer's Disease or dementia, would make it difficult to survey some number of clients: 3 comments or 1 percent of the total. All three of the comments were from representatives of the Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion programs.

In summary, 85 percent of the comments were submitted by individuals representing the RSVP program. The comments from RSVP reflected concerns in every category, with particularly emphasis on time burden, cost, and direct client contact due to the program model.

CNCS concurs that, due to the scope, magnitude, and decentralized volunteer placement structure of RSVP, the survey is less aligned with RSVP than with the Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion programs.

Based on the comments received, CNCS will exempt RSVP grantees from a mandatory requirement to use the survey as a means to collect client performance data and volunteer benefit data. CNCS will offer RSVP the opportunity to participate solely on a

voluntary basis. CNCS believes that this exemption addresses the concerns of the majority of commenters. The survey will be required of Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion program grantees.

CNCS will make the following modifications in response to the comments:

(1) The survey is partially or entirely unnecessary: 33 comments or 11 percent of the total. Of the 33 comments, 30 or 91 percent were from RSVP. Response: CNCS believes the survey will yield significant data in the FGP and SCP programs. RSVP grantees will not be required to participate.

(2) The survey is duplicative of a tool or process already used by respondents: 17 comments or 6 percent of the total. Of the 17 comments, 13 comments or 76 percent were from RSVP. Response: CNCS believes the survey will provide new data to demonstrate national outcome data in the FGP and SCP programs. RSVP grantees will not be required to participate.

(3) The survey places a particularly high burden on RSVP program grantees: 23 comments, or 8 percent of the total. Of the 23 comments, 100 percent were from RSVP. Response: Due to the scope and decentralized placement of RSVP volunteers, CNCS concurs and will exempt RSVP from required participation in the survey.

(4) The survey is too long, and contains too many questions: 19 comments, or 6 percent of the total. Of the 19 comments, 17 or 89 percent were from RSVP. Response: CNCS modified the survey tools by dividing one consolidated tool into three separate instruments. The Independent Living Surveys—comprising one instrument for clients (primarily frail seniors) served by Senior Companions and one instrument for caregivers of clients served by Senior Companions, were restructured to contain a total of ten questions each. The survey is formatted for ease of use, with the client or surrogate circling the correct response to each question. The Benefits to the Volunteer Survey is now a separate instrument in a similar format. Additionally, the Benefits to the Volunteer Survey frequency of use was changed from annual to one-time. The Independent Living Surveys will remain annual.

(5) The survey is partially or entirely irrelevant: 20 comments, or 7 percent of the total. Of the 20 comments, 17 or 85 percent were from RSVP. Response: CNCS believes the data to be collected through the survey is relevant to both the volunteer experience and the outcomes to clients and caregivers

receiving respite. RSVP will not be required to participate in the survey.

(6) The survey represents too great a time burden: 40 comments or 14 percent of the total. Of the 40 comments, 72 percent were from RSVP. Response: comments about the length of the survey, CNCS reformat the survey into individual instruments that each focus on one discrete dimension of performance.

(7) The survey should be conducted as a sample, rather than the proposed census: 15 comments or 5 percent of the total. Of the 15 comments, 14 or 93 percent were from RSVP. Response: The method original envisioned is that all clients and caregivers receiving independent living support and/or respite, and all volunteers would participate. While RSVP will not be required to participate in the survey, there may be some opportunity to engage in a separate evaluation-focused activity that would use a sampling model.

(8) The survey is too costly: 47 comments or 16 percent of the total. Of the 47, 41 comments or 87 percent were from RSVP. Response: CNCS determined that RSVP would be exempt from participating in the survey process.

(9) The survey contains invasive questions that would be perceived as encroaching on the privacy of the respondents: 29 comments or 10 percent of the total. Of the 29 comments, 24 or 83 percent were from RSVP. Response: CNCS will eliminate or de-identify the data received so that individual responses cannot be linked back to specific respondents.

(10) The program model makes it difficult to reach the clients in order to conduct the survey: 32 comments or 12 percent of the comments. Of the 32 comments, 29 or 91 percent were from RSVP. The Senior Companion Program grantees did not raise this as a core issue, and the model supports access to the assigned clients and volunteers. Response: CNCS will not require RSVP grantees to participate in the survey.

(11) The condition of clients, such as Alzheimer's Disease or dementia, would make it difficult to survey some number of clients: 3 comments or 1 percent of the total. All three of the comments were from representatives of the Foster Grandparent or Senior Companion programs. Response: CNCS will incorporate alternative protocols or methods, such as observation, to collect survey data.

Description: CNCS is seeking approval of the Senior Corps Performance Measures Surveys that are used by Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion Program grantees (required)

and by RSVP grantees (voluntary/optional) to collect performance data related to independent living and benefits to the volunteers who serve.

Type of Review: New.

Agency: Corporation for National and Community Service.

Title: Senior Corps Performance Measures Surveys.

OMB Number: None.

Agency Number: None.

Affected Public: Clients served by Senior Companions, caregivers served by Senior Companions, Foster Grandparent and Senior Companion volunteers.

Total Respondents:

Independent Living Surveys for Clients and Caregivers: 74,000.

Benefits to Volunteer Survey: 46,000.

Frequency: Independent Living Surveys for Clients and Caregivers: Annual.

Benefits to the Volunteer Survey: One-time.

Average Time per Response:

Independent Living Surveys for Clients and Volunteers: 30 minutes per survey.

Benefits to Volunteer Survey: 30 minutes per survey.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 60,000 hours.

Total Burden Cost (capital/startup): None.

Total Burden Cost (operating/maintenance): None.

Dated: June 12, 2012.

Erwin J. Tan,

Director, Senior Corps.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests; Office of Postsecondary Education; Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Title II Reporting Forms on Teacher Quality and Preparation

SUMMARY: The Higher Education Opportunity Act of 2008 calls for annual reports from states and institutions of higher education (IHEs) on the quality of teacher preparation and state teacher certification and licensure (Pub. L. 110-315, sections 205-208). The purpose of the reports is to provide greater accountability in the preparation of the nation's teaching forces and to provide information and incentives for its improvement.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Written comments regarding burden and/or the collection activity requirements should be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or mailed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Copies of the proposed information collection request may be accessed from <http://edicsweb.ed.gov>, by selecting the "Browse Pending Collections" link and by clicking on link number 04871. When you access the information collection, click on "Download Attachments" to view. Written requests for information should be addressed to U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue SW., LBJ, Washington, DC 20202-4537. Requests may also be electronically mailed to ICDocketMgr@ed.gov or faxed to 202-401-0920. Please specify the complete title of the information collection and OMB Control Number when making your request.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that Federal agencies provide interested parties an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. The Director, Information Collection Clearance Division, Privacy, Information and Records Management Services, Office of Management, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests at the beginning of the Departmental review of the information collection. The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology. Please note that written comments received in response to this notice will be considered public records.

Title of Collection: Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Title II Reporting Forms on Teacher Quality and Preparation.

OMB Control Number: 1840-0744.

Type of Review: Revision.