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AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Board for International Food and Agricultural Development; Notice of Meeting

Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given of the public meeting of the Board for International Food and Agricultural Development (BIFAD). The meeting will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at the Downtown Des Moines Marriott located at 700 Grand Avenue, Des Moines, Iowa. The central theme of this year's meeting will be "*The Nexus of Agriculture, Nutrition and Human Health*".

Dr. Brady Deaton, BIFAD Chair and Chancellor of the University of Missouri at Columbia, will preside over the meeting.

The public meeting will begin promptly at 8:45 a.m. with opening remarks by BIFAD Chair Brady Deaton. The Board will address both old and new business during this time and hear from USAID and the university community on progress and mechanisms for advancing programming in agriculture, with a focus on health and nutrition. There will be two panels on this topic, one in the morning and the other in the afternoon. Two board members will provide comments on a recent visit to Haiti to assess the impact of their recommendations to strengthen agricultural research and capacity building. The Board will also hear updates on Feed the Future and the G8 New Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition and will present their findings from a review of the Collaborative Research Support Program (CRSP) model, with a USAID response. Time will then be allowed for public comment.

In the afternoon, the BIFAD chair will present the reinstated 'BIFAD Award for Scientific Excellence in a USAID

Collaborative Research Support Program.' Additional time for public comment will be allowed in the afternoon. At 3:30 p.m., the public meeting of the BIFAD will adjourn.

Those wishing to attend the meeting or obtain additional information about BIFAD should contact Susan Owens, Executive Director and Designated Federal Officer for BIFAD. Interested persons may write to her in care of the U.S. Agency for International Development, Ronald Reagan Building, Bureau for Food Security, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue NW., Room 2.12-001, Washington, DC 20523-2110 or telephone her at (202) 712-0218.

Dated: September 20, 2012.

Susan Owens,

USAID Designated Federal Officer, BIFAD.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Government in the Sunshine Act Meeting Notice

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, October 11, 2012, 1:15 p.m. EDT.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave. SW., Washington, DC 20237.

SUBJECT: Notice of Meeting of the Broadcasting Board of Governors.

SUMMARY: The Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will be meeting at the time and location listed above. At the meeting, the BBG will recognize the David Burke Distinguished Journalism Awards winners. The BBG will receive and consider proposed BBG meeting dates in 2013 and consider a resolution honoring an employee for his service. The BBG will recognize the anniversaries of Agency language services, receive a Middle East trip report, receive a distribution/technology initiatives update, receive a budget update, and receive reports from the International Broadcasting Bureau Director, the Technology, Services and Innovation Director, the Communications and External Affairs Director, the VOA Director, the Office of Cuba Broadcasting Director, and the Presidents of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Radio Free Asia, and the Middle East Broadcasting Networks.

The public may attend this meeting in person at BBG headquarters in DC as seating capacity allows. Member of the public seeking to attend the meeting in person must register at <http://bbgboardmeetingoct2012.eventbrite.com> by 12 p.m. (EDT) on October 10. For more information, please contact BBG Public Affairs at (202) 203-4400 or by email at pubaff@bbg.gov. This meeting will also be available for public observation via streamed webcast, both live and on-demand, on the BBG's public Web site at www.bbg.gov. The public is advised to check the Web site for updated information on the starting time of the meeting.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Paul Kollmer-Dorsey at (202) 203-4545.

Paul Kollmer-Dorsey,

Deputy General Counsel.

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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: Northeast Multispecies Days-At-Sea Leasing Program.

OMB Control Number: 0648-0475.

Form Number(s): NA.

Type of Request: Regular submission (extension of a current information collection).

Number of Respondents: 500.

Average Hours per Response: Days at Sea Lease Transfer, 5 minute per party; downgrade vessel specifications baseline request, 1 hour.

Burden Hours: 88.

Needs and Uses: This request is for an extension of this information collection.

National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) Northeast Region manages the Northeast (NE) Multispecies Fishery of the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) of the Northeastern United States through the NE Multispecies Fishery

Management Plan (FMP). The New England Fishery Management Council prepared the FMP pursuant to the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (MSA). The regulations implementing the FMP are specified at 50 CFR part 648 Subpart F. The NE multispecies DAS leasing requirements at § 648.82(k) form the basis for this collection of information.

The NE Multispecies Days-at-Sea (DAS) Leasing Program was implemented in 2004 as a result of Amendment 13 (69 FR 22906) which substantially reduced the number of DAS available for the NE multispecies vessels. To mitigate some of the adverse impact associated with the reduction in DAS, the NE Multispecies Leasing Program was developed to enable vessels to increase their revenue by either leasing additional DAS from another vessel to increase their participation on the fishery, or by leasing their unused allocated DAS to another vessel.

NMFS requests DAS leasing application information in order to process and track requests from allocation holders to transfer DAS to another vessel. This information, upon receipt, results in an increasingly more efficient and accurate database for management and monitoring of fisheries of the Northeastern U.S. EEZ. The DAS leasing downgrade information is collected to allow vessel owners that are eligible to lease NE Multispecies DAS a one-time downgrade in their baseline specifications to their current vessel specifications. This one-time downgrade provides greater flexibility for vessel to lease their DAS.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion, one time.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or maintain benefits.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to *OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov*.

Dated: October 2, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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: Puget Sound Recreational Shellfish Harvesting Survey.

OMB Control Number: None.

Form Number(s): NA.

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

Number of Respondents: 1,974

Average Hours per Response: Initial telephone contact, 3 minutes; survey, 30 minutes.

Burden Hours: 538.

Needs and Uses: This request is for a new collection of information.

The Puget Sound estuary provides one of the most valuable shellfish habitats in the Pacific Northwest. Shellfish are important economically, ecologically, and socially to the Puget Sound basin. While shellfish bed closures have decreased area-wide, persistent closures continue in certain locations, affecting local growers and restricting commercial and recreational harvest opportunities. The Puget Sound Partnership (Partnership), a Washington State agency established to facilitate the conservation and restoration of Puget Sound, has set a priority to reduce the risks of shellfish growing area closures and adverse effects on human health. The Partnership's Action Agenda, the blueprint for action to restore and protect Puget Sound, has set a goal for a net increase of 10,800 harvestable shellfish acres by 2020.

In support of the Partnership's pursuit of this goal, the Northwest Fisheries Science Center is undertaking an economics research project to assess the behavior of individual shellfish harvesters in response to the opening and closing of individual shellfish beaches for human health reasons, and how these actions affect the value of shellfish harvesting. The Puget Sound Recreational Shellfish Harvesting

Project (PSRSHP) will provide critical economic data related to recreational shellfish harvesting. More specifically, the PSRSHP will collect data needed to assess (1) the socioeconomic characteristics of recreational shellfish harvesting participants; (2) the economic value of access to Puget Sound beaches for recreational shellfish harvesting through statistical estimation of models; and (3) the potential changes in these values stemming from possible changes in management policies related to human health that affect the status of particular shellfish harvesting areas.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One time.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer:

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0336, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at *Jjessup@doc.gov*).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to

OIRA_Submission@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: October 3, 2012.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Performance Review Board Membership

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Below is a listing of individuals who are eligible to serve on the Performance Review Board (PRB) in accordance with the Economics and Statistics Administration's Senior Executive Service and Senior Professional Performance Management Systems:

Kenneth A. Arnold
William G. Bostic, Jr.
Joanne Buenzli Crane
Justin R. Ehrenwerth
Ron S. Jarmin
Theodore A. Johnson
Steven J. Jost