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The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) has approved the information collection requirements of the application to this program (0625–0151) under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) (OMB Control No. 0625–0151). Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

For further information please contact: Vidya Desai, Acting Director, International Buyer Program (*IBP2016@trade.gov*).

Frank Spector,

Trade Promotion Programs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA Restoration Center Performance Progress Report

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. The draft revised information collection form and guidance not yet approved by OMB can be reviewed at <http://www.habitat.noaa.gov/restoration/programs/crp.html>.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 7, 2015.

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 Julia Royster, Office of Habitat Conservation, Restoration Center, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, 20910, (301) 427–8686, or Julia.Royster@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for revision and extension of a currently approved information collection.

The NOAA Restoration Center (NOAA RC) provides technical and financial assistance to identify, develop, implement, and evaluate community-driven habitat restoration projects. Awards are made as grants or cooperative agreements under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act of 2006, 16 U.S.C. 1891a and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act, 16 U.S.C. 661, as amended by the Reorganization Plan No. 4 of 1970.

The NOAA RC requires specific information on habitat restoration projects that we fund, as part of routine progress reporting. Recipients of NOAA RC funds submit information such as project location, restoration techniques used, species benefited, acres restored, stream miles opened to access for diadromous fish, volunteer participation, and other parameters.

The required information enables NOAA to track, evaluate and report on coastal and marine habitat restoration and demonstrate accountability for federal funds. This information is used to populate a database of NOAA RC-funded habitat restoration. The database, with its robust querying capabilities, is instrumental to provide accurate and timely responses to NOAA, Department of Commerce, Congressional and constituent inquiries. It also facilitates reporting by NOAA on the Government Performance and Results Act “acres restored” performance measure. Grant recipients are required by the NOAA Grants Management Division to submit periodic performance reports and a final report for each award; this collection stipulates the information to be provided in these reports.

Since the last extension of this collection approved by OMB, the database used to track and report on restoration projects has been updated and redesigned. The NOAA RC is revising and streamlining the progress

report form to ensure it aligns with the updated database and collects only the information we need to effectively track, evaluate, and report on restoration projects completed with federal funds. The NOAA RC has also divided the information collected into two forms for simplicity. The Performance Report Form focuses on tracking project implementation, milestones, performance measures, monitoring, and expenditures. The Administrative Form only applies to recipients with an award that will implement multiple projects. It collects information on the administration of the award, the number of projects supported by the award, and award expenditures.

II. Method of Collection

NOAA’s preferred method of collection is submission of electronic fillable forms attached to an award file in Grants Online, NOAA’s award management system. If the recipient does not have electronic access to submit the form, mailed paper forms will be accepted.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0472.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Review: Regular (revision and extension of currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions; state, local, or tribal government; business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 130.

Estimated Time per Response: Performance Interim reports, 4 hours, 30 minutes; final reports, 7 hours, 45 minutes and Administrative Interim reports, 4 hours; final reports, 7 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,475.

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: May 4, 2015.

Sarah Brabson,

NOAA PRA Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XD938

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice; public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a joint public meeting of its Monkfish Committee and Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from this group will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: This meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at 9 a.m.

ADDRESSES: *Meeting address:* The meeting will be held at the Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000; fax: (401) 732-9309.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Monkfish Committee and Advisory Panel will meet to review Plan Development Team work on alternatives under consideration and impacts of these alternatives in Framework Adjustment 9 and select preferred alternatives. The Committee and Advisory Panel will also address other business as necessary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal

action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Thomas A. Nies, Executive Director, at (978) 465-0492, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: May 5, 2015.

Tracey L. Thompson,

Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Western Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Western Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold the Second Meeting of its Protected Species Advisory Committee (PSAC) in Honolulu, HI. The PSAC will receive updates on fishery management actions and protected species activities, review protected species interactions in the Hawaii longline fishery, discuss monitoring of Fishery Ecosystem Plans (FEP) through annual reports, and review the Council's research priorities related to protected species. The PSAC may make recommendations on these topics.

DATES: The PSAC meeting will be held between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. on May 27-28, 2015.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Council Office Conference Room, 1164 Bishop Street, Suite 1400, Honolulu, HI; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kitty M. Simonds, Executive Director; telephone: (808) 522-8220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public comment opportunity will be provided. The order in which agenda items are addressed may change. The meetings will run as late as necessary to complete scheduled business.

Agenda:

9 a.m., Wednesday, May 27, 2015

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Status of the First Protected Species Advisory Committee Meeting Recommendations
4. Fishery Management Updates
 - A. Recent Council Actions
 - i. American Samoa Large Vessel Prohibited Area Temporary Exemption
 - ii. Other Pelagic Fisheries Actions
 - iii. Insular Fisheries Actions
 - iv. Discussion
 - B. Endangered Species Act (ESA) Section 7 Consultations
 - i. Overview of Section 7 Consultations
 - ii. Biological Opinion for the Hawaii Deep-set Longline Fishery and Related Marine Mammal Protection Act Permit
 - iii. Consultation for the American Samoa Longline Fishery
 - iv. Consultations on Corals and Scalloped Hammerhead Shark
 - v. Discussion
5. Protected Species Updates
 - A. Council Protected Species Activities Update
 - B. NMFS Protected Species Activities Update
 - C. Green Turtle Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - D. Humpback Whale Status Review and Proposed Rule
 - E. Discussion
6. Review of Protected Species Interactions in the Hawaii Longline Fishery
 - A. Overview of Protected Species Interactions
 - B. Fishing Effort and Spatial Trends
 - C. Sea Turtle Interactions
 - i. Observed and Expanded Interactions
 - ii. Sea Turtle Abundance Trends
 - iii. ESA Consultation Analyses
 - iv. Discussion
 - D. Seabird Interactions
 - i. Observed and Expanded Interactions
 - ii. Albatross Abundance Trends
 - iii. Ongoing Research to Assess Seabird Catch Rates
 - iv. Discussion
 - E. Discussion on Interaction Trends and Analysis Needs
7. Public Comment

9 a.m., Thursday, May 28, 2015

8. Monitoring the Fishery Ecosystem Plans (FEP) through Annual Reports