

U.S.-Turkey Business Development Council: Membership

ACTION: Notice of membership opportunity.

SUMMARY: As part of its Big Emerging Market Strategy for Turkey, the Department of Commerce is establishing a Business Development Council (BDC) in cooperation with the Turkish Government. The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of outstanding individuals to serve on the U.S. section of the BDC as representatives of their particular industry sector. The purpose of the BDC will be to provide a forum through which U.S. and Turkish private sector representatives can engage in constructive exchanges of information on commercial matters, and in which governments can exchange information, solve problems, and more effectively work together on issues of mutual concern relating to the following:

- Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments, and issues of concern to the U.S. and Turkish business communities;
- Addressing obstacles to trade and investment;
- Improving the dissemination of information on U.S.-Turkey market opportunities;
- Developing sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities;
- Implementing trade/business development and promotion programs, including trade missions, exhibits, seminars, and other events; and
- Identifying further steps to facilitate and encourage the development of commercial expansion and cooperation between the two countries.

The inaugural meeting of the BDC is expected to take place during early 1997 in either Washington, DC or Ankara, Turkey with government and private sector members from both countries in attendance.

Obligations

Private sector members will be appointed for a two (2) year term and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Private sector members shall serve as representatives of the business community and the industry their business represents. Private sector members are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Council and in implementing its work program. It is expected that private sector members chosen for BDC membership will attend at least seventy-

five percent (75%) of the BDC meetings which will be held in the United States and Turkey.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in the BDC. The private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate; private sector members are not special government employees.

It is anticipated that the private sector members of the BDC will form a steering committee to guide overall private sector participation. It is further anticipated that the steering committee will arrange for staff support for the BDC activities at the expense of the steering committee members.

Criteria

The Council will be composed of two sections, a U.S. section and a Turkish section. The U.S. Section will be chaired by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce, or designee, and will include approximately 20 members from the U.S. private sector.

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates must be:

- A U.S. citizen or permanent U.S. resident;
 - A CEO or other senior management level employee of a U.S. company or organization involved in trade with and/or investment in Turkey; and
 - Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agent Registration Act of 1938, as amended (FARA).
- In reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:
- Depth of experience in the Turkish market;
 - Export/investment experience;
 - Industry or service sector represented;
 - Contribution to diversity based on company size, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business; and
 - Stated commitment to actively participate in BDC activities and meetings.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of individual proposed for consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's or organization's product or service line; size of the company or organization; export experience/foreign investment experience; a brief statement (not more than 2 pages) of why each candidate

should be considered for membership on the Council; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; a personal resume; and a statement that the applicant is not a registered Foreign Agent under FARA.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than December 27, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Mr. Boyce Fitzpatrick, Turkey Desk Officer, Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, by fax on 202/482-2897 or by mail at Room 3045, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Boyce Fitzpatrick, Turkey Desk Officer, Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, Room 3045, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202/482-2177.

Authority: Act of February 14, 1903, c. 552, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1501 et seq, 32 Stat. 825; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979, 19 U.S.C. 2171 Note, 93 Stat. 1381.

Dated: November 20, 1996.

William W. Ginsberg,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance.

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Submission For OMB Review; Comment Request

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: Bureau of the Census.

Title: 1997 Annual Demographic Survey – Supplement to the Current Population Survey.

Form Number(s): CPS-580 & 580(SP), CPS-676 & 676(SP).

Agency Approval Number: 0607-0354.

Type of Request: Reinstatement, with change, of an expired collection.

Burden: 20,410 hours.

Number of Respondents: 50,500.

Avg Hours Per Response: 24 and a half minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Bureau of the Census conducts the Annual Demographic Survey (ADS) every year in March as a supplement to the Current Population Survey (CPS). The Bureau of the Census, the Bureau of Labor Statistics, and the Department of Health and Human Services sponsor this supplement. In the ADS, we collect

information on work experience, migration, personal income and noncash benefits, household noncash benefits, and race. The work experience items in the ADS provide a unique measure of the dynamic nature of the labor force as viewed over a one-year period. The income data from the ADS are used by social planners, economists, Government officials, and market researchers to gauge the economic well-being of the Nation as a whole, and selected population groups of interest. Researchers evaluate March income data not only to determine poverty levels, but also to determine whether Government programs are reaching eligible households. The questions for the 1997 supplement will be the same as those asked in 1996 with some new items and some changes to existing items.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

Legal Authority: Title 13 USC, Section 182 & Title 29 USC, Sections 1-9.

OMB Desk Officer: Jerry Coffey, (202) 395-7314.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, Acting DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, room 5312, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Jerry Coffey, OMB Desk Officer, room 10201, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: November 20, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Northwest Region Federal Fisheries Permits

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

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 January 27, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to William L. Robinson, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, Seattle WA 98112, 206-526-6140.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Three data collections dealing with Federal fishery permits affect participants in the groundfish fishery off Washington, Oregon, and California (WOC). The three data collections involve: (1) Exempted fishing permits (previously called experimental fishing permits); (2) limited entry permits for commercial fishermen; and (3) Federal permits for groundfish processing vessels over 125' in length.

Exempted (experimental) fishing permits are issued to applicants for fishing activities that would otherwise be prohibited. The information provided by applications allows NMFS to evaluate the consequences of the exempted fishing activity and weigh the benefits and costs. Permittees are required to file reports on the results of the experiments, so that NMFS can evaluate the techniques used and decide if management regulations should be changed.

A Federal permit is required to commercially catch groundfish, and permits are endorsed for one or more of three gear types (trawl, longline, and fish pot). Participation in the fishery and access to permits have been limited as a way of controlling the overall fleet harvest capacity. Limited entry permits must be renewed annually and are transferable.

NOAA is also considering the implementation of a requirement that fish processing vessels over 125' in length obtain a federal fisheries permit to process groundfish in the WOC fishing area. Such a requirement may be needed to obtain adequate information on which to base both in-season and

between-season management decisions affecting the Pacific groundfish resource, to know the number of vessels operating for the purpose of deployment of observers, and for enforcement monitoring.

II. Method of Collection

These are written data collections that are prepared and submitted by the vessel owner or operator to the National Marine Fisheries Service, Northwest Regional Office, by mail, fax, electronic mail, or in person.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0203.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: This data collection involves owners and operators of vessels that fish for or process groundfish in ocean waters 0-200 nautical miles offshore Washington, Oregon, and California.

Estimated Number of Respondents:

Approximately 956 respondents are expected: 9 for exempted (previously called "experimental") fishing permits, 930 for limited entry permit renewals or transfers, and 17 for at-sea processing permits for vessels over 125 feet (38.5 meters) in length.

Estimated Time Per Response: This is variable depending on the action taken. An average of 60 minutes is expected for applications for an exempted fishing permit, and 30 minutes to prepare subsequent reports. An average of 20 minutes is expected to renew or transfer a limited entry permit. An average of 20 minutes is estimated to prepare data required of at-sea processing vessels.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: The public is expected to spend a total of 406 hours complying with these data collections: 90 hours for exempted fishing permits, 310 hours for limited entry permits, and 6 hours for at-sea processing permits.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: The direct cost to the public is estimated to be less than \$17,200 annually, derived as follows: less than \$16,000 for transfer, registration and replacement fees and underutilized species permit application fees; less than \$500 for vessel documentation; about \$500 to have documents notarized; and about \$200 for mailing. These estimates do not include time spent preparing submissions.

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