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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Office of the Secretary

#### Committee on Scientists; Appointment of Committee Members

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Agriculture has appointed 13 persons to serve on the Committee of Scientists, which is chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements to the Forest Service land management planning process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jonathan Stephens, Ecosystem Management Coordination Staff, Forest Service, telephone: (202) 205-0948.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Notice of establishment of the Committee of Scientists, along with a request for nominations, was published August 15, 1997 (62 FR 43691). The following individuals have been appointed to serve on the Committee:

1. Committee Chair: Dr. Norman Johnson, Professor, Department of Forest Resources, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
2. Dr. James Agee, Professor, Forest Ecology, University of Washington, Seattle, WA.
3. Dr. Virginia Dale, Senior Scientist, Environmental Sciences Division, Oak Ridge National Laboratory, Oak Ridge, TN.
4. Dr. Roger Sedjo, Senior Fellow, Resources for the Future, Washington, D.C.
5. Dr. Bob Beschta, Professor, Forest Hydrology, Oregon State University, Corvallis, OR.
6. Dr. Larry Nielsen, Professor and Director, School of Forest Resources, The Pennsylvania State University, University Park, PA.

7. Dr. Barry Noon, Associate Professor, Department of Fish and Wildlife, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO.

8. Dr. Ron Trosper, Professor and Director, Native American Forestry Program, Northern Arizona University, Flagstaff, AZ.

9. Dr. Julia Wondollock, Assistant Professor, School of Natural Resources and Environment, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI.

10. Dr. Linda Hardesty, Associate Professor, Forest and Range Management, Washington State University, Pullman, WA.

11. Charles Wilkinson, Professor of Law, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO.

12. Dr. James Long, Professor, Department of Forest Resources, Utah State University, Logan, UT.

13. Dr. Margaret Shannon, Associate Professor, Department of Public Administration and Center for Environmental Policy and Administration, Syracuse, New York.

The first meeting of the Committee of Scientists is scheduled for December 19, 1997, at the Holiday Inn O'Hare International, 5440 North River Road, Rosemont, Illinois (62 FR 64195, December 4, 1997).

Dated: December 12, 1997.

**Brian Eliot Burke,**

*Deputy Under Secretary, Natural Resources and Environment.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; 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 provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This collection has been submitted under the emergency Paperwork Reduction Act procedures.

*Agency:* National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

*Title:* Atlantic Bluefin Tuna Mandatory Catch Reporting.

*Agency Form Number:* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* None.

*Type of Request:* New collection—Emergency Review.

*Burden:* 117 hours.

*Number of Respondents:* 700.

*Avg. Hours Per Response:* 10 minutes.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Marine and Fisheries Service in cooperation with the North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries will implement a pilot mandatory reporting program to conduct a census of the Recreational Winter Bluefin Tuna Harvest in North Carolina. Information on catch levels will be reported to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas and will be used for stock assessment and in developing international catch sharing agreements. Anglers that currently report through an automated phone system will be exempted from this requirement during this pilot program.

*Affected Public:* Individuals.

*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 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Officer building, 725 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20503. A clearance has been requested by December 19, 1997.

Dated: December 10, 1997.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of the Census

#### Current Population Survey (CPS) Fertility and Birth Expectation Supplement; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general