

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Institute of Standards and Technology**

[Docket No. 980107004-8004-01]

**Proposed Withdrawal of Nineteen Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications****AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.**SUMMARY:** The following Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS) Publications are proposed for withdrawal from the FIPS series:

- FIPS 41, Computer Security Guidelines for Implementing the Privacy Act of 1974
- FIPS 69-1, FORTRAN (ANSI X3.9-1978/R1989)
- FIPS 100-1, Interface Between Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) and Data Circuit-Terminating (DCE) for Operation with Packet-Switched Data Networks (PSDN), or Between Two DTEs, by Dedicated Circuit (ANSI X3.100-1989)
- FIPS 120-1, Graphical Kernel System (GKS) (ANSI X3.124-1985/R1991; X3.124.1-1985/R1991; X3.124.2-1988/R1994; X3.124.3-1989; and ISO/IEC 8651-4:1991)
- FIPS 125-1, MUMPS (ANSI/MDC X11.1-1990)
- FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile (CGM) (ANSI/ISO 8632.1-4:1992[1994]; 8632:1992/Amd.1:1994 & Amd.2:1995; MIL-D-28003A+Amd.1; and ATA Spec. 2100, Version 2.1)
- FIPS 138, Electrical Characteristics of Balanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits
- FIPS 142, Electrical Characteristics of Unbalanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits
- FIPS 143, General Purpose 37-Position and 9-Position Interface Between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (EIA-RS-449)
- FIPS 146-2, Profiles for Open Systems Internetworking Technologies (POSIT)
- FIPS 148, Procedures for Document Facsimile Transmission
- FIPS 153-1, Programmer's Hierarchical Interactive Graphics System (PHIGS) (ANSI/ISO 9592.1,2,3:1989; 9592.1a,2a,3a,4:1992; 9593.1:1990; 9593.3-1990; 9593.4:1991; and 9593.1/AM1,3/AM1,4/AM1:1991)
- FIPS 154, High Speed 25-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-

Terminating Equipment (EIA-530-1987)

- FIPS 160, C (ANSI/ISO 9899:1992)
- FIPS 177-1, Initial Graphics Exchange Specification (IGES) (ANSI/US PRO-100-1993, Version 5.2, LEP Application Protocol, IP-110-1994, and Engr. Dwg. (Class II) Subset (MIL-D-28000A), Dec. 1992 Version)
- FIPS 178, Video Teleconferencing Services at 56 to 1,920 kb/s (ITU-T Recommendations H.221-1993, H.230-1993, H.242-1993, H.261-1993, and H.320-1993)
- FIPS 179-1, Government Network Management Profile (GNMP)
- FIPS 183, Integration Definition for Function Modeling (IDEFO)
- FIPS 184, Integration Definition for Information Modeling (IDEF1X)

Many of these FIPS adopt voluntary industry standards for Federal government use, but the FIPS documents have not been updated to reference current or revised voluntary industry standards. Others of these FIPS provide advisory guidance to Federal agencies with no requirements for compulsory and binding use. Federal agencies and departments are directed by the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act of 1995, Public Law 104-113, to use technical standards that are developed in voluntary consensus standards bodies. Consequently, there no longer is a need for FIPS that duplicate voluntary industry standards.

Prior to the submission of this proposed withdrawal to the Secretary of Commerce for review and approval, it is essential to assure that consideration is given to the needs and views of industry, the public, and State and local governments. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views.

Interested parties may obtain copies of these standards and guidelines from the National Technical Information Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, Springfield, VA 22161, telephone (703) 605-6000.

**DATES:** Comments on this proposed withdrawal of these FIPS must be received on or before May 26, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the withdrawal should be sent to: Director, Information Technology Laboratory, ATTN: Proposed Withdrawal of 19 FIPS, Technology Building, Room A-216, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Electronic comments should be sent to: fips.comments@nist.gov

Comments received in response to this notice will be made part of the public record and will be made

available for inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Herbert C. Hoover Building, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Ms. Shirley M. Radack, telephone (301) 975-2833, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

**Authority:** Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 and the Computer Security Act of 1987, Public Law 104-106.

Dated: February 17, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,***Acting Deputy Director.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Proposed Collection; Comment Request****TITLE:** Certificate of Exemption Renewal.

**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 April 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 Steven Springer, National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Enforcement, 8484 Georgia Ave., Suite 415, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910, Telephone (301) 427-2300.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

This information is collected to (1) grant certain members of the public an exemption under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 to which they would not otherwise be entitled, and (2) to manage the program and provide for effective law enforcement. The exemption allows holders to engage in interstate or foreign commerce in otherwise prohibited endangered species parts as long as those parts were part of the holder's inventory prior to the effective date of the Act. Exemption holders must submit quarterly reports, usually just invoices of an sale or transfer of items

**II. Method of Collection**

Respondents will meet the requirements set forth in the regulation. No forms will be used.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0078.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit organizations.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10.

*Estimated Time Per Response:* .5 hrs for renewal requests, 1 hour for a quarterly report.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 41.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$0 (no capital expenditures are required).

**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: February 18, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration****Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request**

*Title:* U.S. Fishermen Fishing in Russian Waters.

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**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, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before April 27, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, 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 Bob Dickinson, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, International Fisheries Division, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2337.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****I. Abstract**

Regulations at 50 CFR Part 300 Subpart J govern U.S. fishing in the Russian Federation Economic Zone, and implement provisions of the "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation on Mutual Fisheries Relations." Under the Agreement, Russian authorities may permit U.S. fishermen to fish for allocations of surplus stocks in the Russian Economic Zone, a zone extending up to 200 nautical miles off

the coast of the Russian Federation. Collection of information from permitted U.S. vessels is necessary to monitor their activities and whereabouts in Russian and U.S. waters and to ensure that permitted U.S. vessels are adhering to relevant Russian and U.S. fishery management regulations.

**II. Method of Collection**

Permit applications and copies of permits are mailed. Vessel abstract reports, and depart and return messages, are faxed to NOAA.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0228.

*Form Number:* None.

*Type of Review:* Regular Submission.

*Affected Public:* Businesses and other for-profit (commercial fishing companies).

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 10 (multiple responses).

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 30 minutes.

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 75.

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* 0 (no capital expenditures are required).

**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: February 18, 1998.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

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