

Room 5327, 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 David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: August 19, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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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 the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 USC Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Cooperative Charting Program.

Agency Form Number(s): NOAA Form 77-4 and 77-5.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0022.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Burden: 45,000 hours.

Number of Respondents: 3,000 (multiple responses).

Avg. Hours Per Response: 3 hours.

Needs and Uses: The National Ocean Service (NOS) produces the official nautical charts of the United States. Of prime concern is the safe navigation on our nation's waterways, of both commercial and recreational vessels. NOS has partnered with the United States Power Squadrons and the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary to request that their members provide chart correction data since both nature forces and the activities of man cause periodic changes. The information is used by NOS cartographers to maintain and prepare new editions of its charts.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions, individuals.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

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, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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RIN 0648-ZA46

Financial Assistance for a National Ocean Service Intern Program

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Ocean Service announces the availability of Federal Assistance to conduct an intern program. The need for wise stewardship of the coastal environment is increasing and with it a need to enlarge the pool of skilled environmental scientists and managers and at the same time increase the diversity of this pool. The National Ocean Service (NOS) recognizes that there is a shortage of skilled environmental scientists and managers who are aware of and utilize the techniques and technologies required by NOAA's stewardship programs and is trying to remedy the situation through an Intern program. The programmatic objective of this intern program is to provide unique opportunities for cooperative study, research, and development that would be of major benefit in advancing the number and diversity of skilled engineers, scientists, and managers in the environmental arena who are familiar with the techniques and technologies used by NOS. This solicitation is to find a partner to assist NOAA in cooperatively managing this intern program. This partner would be responsible for locating candidate Interns, assistance in their selection, and administration of the awards to the Interns. NOAA would identify the intern opportunities, assist in the final selection of the candidate interns, and provide space, technical

guidance and training to the Interns during their period of internship at government facilities. This program will start in FY99 using initial funding from FY98. It is anticipated that additional FY99 funds will be used to expand the program to increase the number of interns.

DATES: Applications must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, October 9, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application including all information required by the application kit. Applications must be mailed to: NOS Special Projects Office, ATTN: NOS Intern Program, ORCA1, 1305 East-West Highway 9th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Peter L. Grose, NOAA—ORCA1, 1305 East-West Highway 9th Floor, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 713-3000 x132.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Ocean Service (NOS) is expanding its institutional commitment to Coastal Stewardship. NOS also desires to continue its science and technology leadership with respect to addressing coastal environments and issues. NOS has identified several areas of interest that will be pursued in environmental management, research and development in the coastal zone, and mensuration of the environment which are necessary to support active stewardship. These areas include, but are not limited, to:

Integrated coastal zone management, resource protection and restoration, remote sensing of coastal and benthic habitats, shallow water and coastal mapping, geodesy, marine navigation, delineation of essential habitats, determination of environmental degradation and damage, habitat remediation, and applied research and development on environmental, economic, and demographic issues.

A primary objective of NOS is to plan and support active Stewardship of coastal and marine resources at a time of increased pressures on these resources and decreasing funds for programs. NOS does not have the staff nor resources to accomplish this objective in a closed bureaucracy. Thus, part of the strategy is to transfer NOS's technologies, techniques, and methods to the community-at-large, especially the next generation of resource scientists and managers both to increase their capability and to increase their